

## I Remember When...

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Our '39 Ford panels were equipped with large bell-shaped electric sirens bolted on top of the right front fenders. Due to the bell shape, full force of air made it very loud. In the winter, snow or ice would plug the rotor and it would jam, or short out lights.

A small red dome-shaped blinker light was mounted on the upper left top on the driver's side. At night this indicated a patrol car on patrol to the public, should they want a patrolman. This was a very unpopular device with patrolmen because of the giveaway effect, so naturally on a pace we'd turn it out. This was used for about four years, and then discontinued.



The large single emergency red light was mounted on the front center of the top and was a steady red light.

The panels, since about 1935, were our ambulance and we'd rush the injured to a hospital. Many times the serious ones would die on the way, and these unpleasant memories remained a long time.

By the time it took to return to the accident scene, everything and every one were gone, which made it more difficult to investigate, especially on the outlying beats.