The charter of 1887 created the Board of Police Commissioners and the designation Captain of Police was changed to Chief of Police. The office of Marshal was retained, but the duties were more of a civil nature and not immediately associated with the Police Department. The operation of the Police Department under the new charter began in April, 1888, when James Hoey was appointed the first Chief of Police. At this time the Police Department was virtually under the control of negroes and it was a situation that had a great deal to do with the legislation of 1889 known as House Bill No. 4, by which the Police Department for the first time since the war became entirely white. The Police Commissioners appointed under the provisions of House Bill No. 4 appointed Paul G. Phillips Chief of Police. Jacksonville's present Police Department really dates from that time, June, 1889.

On October 19, 1895, the first patrol wagon was put into use. It was drawn by Mary and Martha, two fine black mares. This wagon was used until August, 1897, when "Black Maria" was revived and put into service.

*"Black Maria" was bought by the Police Commissioners in 1891. It was built to be pulled by one horse, but at that time the only paving was the old worn-out cypress blocks and it was found that the wagon was entirely too heavy for the work. It was never used to haul a prisoner to the police station and the only time it had ever been seen on the streets was when it was bought and Chief Phillips drove it on Bay Street one day and then put it away in the City Building at the foot of Market Street, where it remained for years entirely forgotten. "Black Maria" was fitted up and covered and put into service August 18, 1897.

The first auto patrol was put into use in 1911. The first mounted police was a bicycle squad that went on duty September 5, 1897. The first regular traffic squad at street intersections went on duty October 1, 1919. The signal lights at street intersections were first used in August, 1924. The Police pension law was passed by the Florida Legislature in 1915.

After the War Between the States and until 1876, Police Headquarters was in the little brick building that blocked the foot of Newnan Street. The Department then moved to a building in the rear of the County courthouse on East For-