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EMERGENCY. By *Norman M. Lobsenz*, David McKay Company, Inc., New York, 1958. Pp. 278. \$3.95

This is a popularized account of the Emergency Service Division of the New York Police Department. While it was written to have a broad general appeal, it also has considerable value for any police officer that might be involved in rescue or similar emergency operations for it is written in a straightforward style with considerable attention to the detail involved in emergency operations.

The chapters each deal with particular types of emergencies such as suicides by jumping, hazards from various sorts of gases, train wrecks, and the many other varied difficulties people get themselves into. The police approach to these problems is covered in considerable detail as is the organization and the operation of this division.

This is not a textbook, but it does contain a great deal of useful material, interestingly presented.

R. L. H.

WITHOUT FEAR, FAVOUR OR AFFECTION. By *Vernon A. M. Kemp*, C. B. E. Longmans, Green and Company, New York, 1958. Pp. 264. \$4.50

The author joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at the age of fifteen in 1910 and retired as Assistant Commissioner in 1945. This book is a very well written and exceptionally interesting account of both his development as a police officer and the development of the Force.

Since this Force is generally regarded as one of the most effective in the world, and one of the most interesting, this book will have an appeal to any law enforcement officer because of its subject matter. At the same time, the author writes extremely well. This is not a dry, highly statistical account of the development of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, but a very human, and often humorous story. At the same time, it

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probably has more real facts packed into it and explains better how the Force developed and actually operates than any scholarly treatment would.

This is a well written book by an author highly qualified to write on his subject.

R. L. H.

CAR CLOUTING. By *Alfred T. Nelson and Howard E. Smith*, Charles C Thomas, Publisher, Springfield, Ill., 1958. Pp. 1956, Illus. 32, \$4.75

This is an outstanding book on the subject of thefts from motor vehicles written by two well qualified men. Nelson is a Captain commanding the auto theft division of the Los Angeles Police Department Detective Bureau, and Smith is a Sergeant in that Division.

Chapters analyze the problem, the type of individuals involved in this activity, responsibilities of officers assigned, surveillance techniques and problems, apprehension problems, and a number of specialized methods of combatting theft from motor vehicles.

While this book treats its special topic well and completely, many of the methods described can be applied equally well to other areas of police work. This is especially true of the excellent material on surveillance which is treated both from the point of detection as well as apprehension. The authors feel, and I agree with them, that there has been a decline in police skill in this method. It appears that many officers are working for volume in contacts, rather than quality. Every police administrator should read this book just for that discussion alone, for he might find the tendency on his own force.

This is a sound, highly practical and well written book. It should be a part of every basic police library. There is much material of value to everyone from the newest patrolman up to the most experienced Chief.

R. L. H.

