

POLICE ACT TO END RUNAWAY CAR DANGERS

Illegally Parked Autos Tagged
As Crackdown Is Enforced

A special police traffic unit returned to the scene of Thursday's runaway truck accident yesterday to enforce a renewed crackdown on vehicles dangerously parked.

Under direct orders from Acting Police Chief George Healy the traffic detail toured portions of Leavenworth, Taylor and Mason Streets and issued fifteen citations for improperly parked vehicles.

Healy acted after receiving complaints about dangerously parked automobiles and trucks from residents near where the runaway truck free wheeled down a sidewalk on Leavenworth Street Thursday.

The heavy van sideswiped a parked auto, struck two more cars and an elderly woman and narrowly missed a group of playing children before it halted its roll between Jackson and Washington Streets.

The traffic detail issued four citations on Leavenworth, between California and Bay Streets; eight on Taylor, between California and Bay Streets; one on Mason, between California and Market Streets, and two on Taylor, between California and Market Streets.

The citations were issued under traffic regulations which require automobiles to be parked with wheels cramped to the curb, handbrakes set, and the vehicle in gear. The citations carry a \$10 fine.

The crackdown first was ordered after a runaway moving van ran wild on Clay Street on May 27, killing seven persons including the driver. Since then there have been a number of instances of runaway vehicles on hills in which several persons were injured.