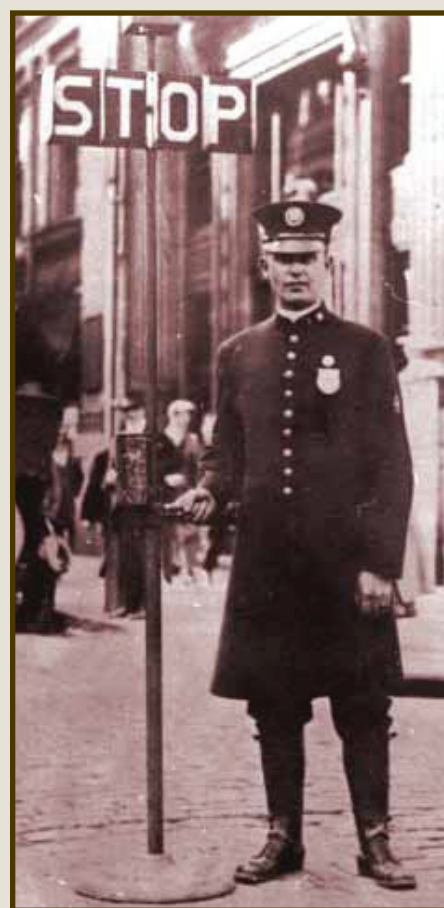


# THE TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

## *A solemn obligation*



**Patrolman Fred "Fritz" Bacon  
E.O.W. August 13, 1922**



A Toledo Police Officer  
operating a semaphore.

On August 10, 1922, Lieutenant Frank J Reilly filed this report: "At 3:00 p.m. today, while Officer F. Bacon was directing traffic at Front and Main Streets, he was run down by an automobile driven by Robert O. Saxton of 130 Melrose Avenue. Saxton was intoxicated. There was a man named Albert Conklin of Wyandotte, Michigan, who was talking to the officer and also was run down."

"No. 2 Automobile men took the officer and Conklin to St. Vincent's Hospital. Officers Sommers and Gulch arrested the driver of the automobile and sent him in and charged him with Suspicion. Officer Bacon was hurt quite bad, but Conklin was not hurt so bad. I went to St. Vincent's Hospital with Sergeant Koke and I sent Sergeant Koke after Officer Bacon's wife and notified the Chief's office about the accident and the condition the officer was in."

On August 13, 1922, Officer Fred "Fritz" Bacon died from a brain concussion. He had been a police officer for four years and left behind a wife and two daughters, Mary, 10, and Victoria, 5. He had resided at 1420 Dorr Street.

Officer Bacon had been controlling a semaphore at the time of the accident. These devices were operated manually at an intersection and would usually contain the words "Stop" and "Go" to control traffic.

## *Fritz Bacon*

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