

CHIEF OF POLICE OF KIRKWOOD DIES

Patrick J. O'Donnell, 68,
Was on Force There for
Ten Years.

Chief of Police Patrick J. O'Donnell of Kirkwood died last night in St. Mary's Hospital of septic meningitis and an abscess of the ear.

He was 68 years old, and had been on the Kirkwood police department ten years, the last five years as chief. This is an elective position in Kirkwood and Chief O'Donnell was serving his third two-year term.

He had been in ill health about a month, but his condition did not become serious enough to force his retirement from active duty until Sunday. He was removed to the hospital Monday. He was in an unconscious condition most of the time from then until his death.

Born in Kentucky in 1861, Chief O'Donnell's first occupation was as a railroad man. He came to Kirkwood about twenty-seven years ago and for fifteen years before joining the Police Department, was in the saloon business there.

He was a member of the Association of Chiefs of Police of Missouri and of the Kirkwood Council of the Knights of Columbus.

He lived at 419 West Woodbine avenue, Kirkwood, with his wife, Mrs. Bridget O'Donnell, and niece, Miss Ada Smith, who survive him. Other survivors are Mrs. James Paul, sister, and James O'Donnell, brother, both of Ludlow, Ky.

Alex T. Lewis, Chief O'Donnell's assistant for the last three years, is Acting Chief of Kirkwood police pending a special election to fill the vacancy.

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St Peter Cemetery

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TO THE MEMORY OF
P. J. (PAT) O'DONNELL
CHIEF OF POLICE
BY THE
CITIZENS OF KIRKWOOD.

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