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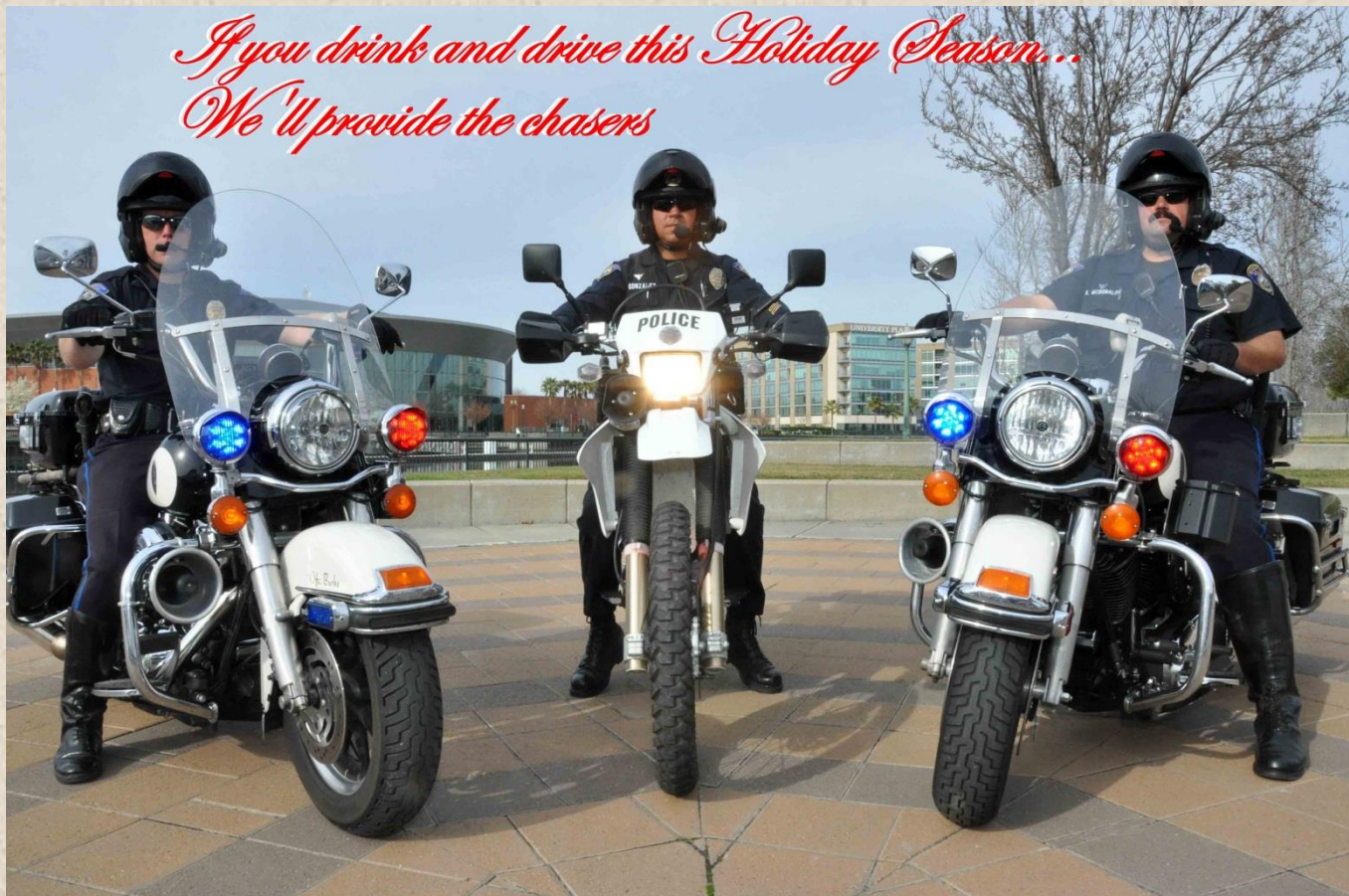


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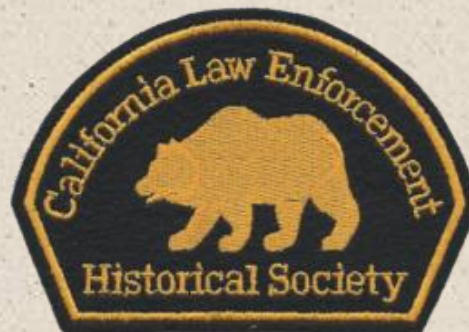


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From John Basalto,

“Recently, I was looking at a series of police magazines from the 1950s called the Pacific Coast International when I came across this article in the January 1952 edition .“

Record Book Number One of the San Francisco Police

Research by Robert O'Brien of the Chronicle San Francisco

It was a heavy volume of legal size, bound in sheepskin. Lettered across its strong ribbed spine was, “Journal.” Its lined pages were filled with writing in faded black ink and in a fine copper plate hand.

Inspector Ed Comber, of the office of Police Chief Michael Gaffey, showed me this book. It is Record Book Number One of the San Francisco Police Department. It was buried in Portsmouth Square by the late Police Captain Charles Skelly, to save it from destruction by the 1906 fire, and now it rests safe in the police department files, spanning back the years to the turbulent Gold Rush San Francisco of the 1850s.

With the thought that you might be interested in the first formal records of the police department, I copied several of the earliest entries. They speak pretty much for themselves.

Record Book Number One (continued)

The first entry follows “Oath of a Policeman – I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Policeman, according to the best of my ability, and that I will execute and obey all ordinances that have been or may be passed by the Common Council, and approved by the Mayor, for the regulation and government of the Police Department. Sworn before me this 26th day of July, 1851. (signed) C.J. Brenham, Mayor”

Beneath were the signatures of the first 20 policemen to take this oath. They were Captain Phineas M. Blunt and his assistant D.H. Moss, Captain Thomas Eadie and his assistant W. Treanor, William C. Byrne, Charles A. Howard, Richard Robinson, William Gardiner, E.F. Arpeplitt (this signature was not clear), S.G. Phillips, Peter Sherry, Wilson T. Worthy, James Adams, J.H. Fundy, A. Dorkin, William Woodward, James Leonard, H.G. Lord, James Patterson and D.H. Lindbeyers.

There followed the names of another score or more who were sworn into the force on August 2, the following week. Then began the reports of the city marshal, as the police chief was then called. (The first of these is dated July 5, 1854. There is no explanation of the lapse of three years, but it appeared both to Inspector Comber and to me that if records had been kept by the city marshal during that period, they would have been entered in this journal.)

Record Book Number One (continued)

Here are the first three:

City of San Francisco

Marshal's Office

July 5, 1854

Mssrs. McNeil and Wolcott

Attornies, Sonora, Calif.

Your favor of the first instant came to hand this morning. In the case of the People vs. De Longais and Gournet the carpet bag was not handed to the complainant by the writer nor yet in his presence, but was delivered by Mr. Fletcher at that time clerk and who is now absent in the Atlantic States, nor do I know of any one who could make the affidavit required. There is now in this office a package containing a receipt book and papers marked in the name of Leon Gournet subject to his order. May this not contain the documents necessary to your trial? Respectfully, (signed) B. Segnim, City Marshal, by D.H. Moss.

Record Book Number One (continued)

Report Two:

City of San Francisco

Marshal's Office

July 14, 1854

Hon. C.K. Garrison, Mayor:

Daniel O'Regan late a policeman has not returned his badge to this office and has declined to do so unless ordered by the mayor. Your obt. Servant, (signed) B. Segnim, City Marshal.

Report Three:

City Marshal's Office

July 15, 1854

Capt: Police:

Mr. Lewis has given information at this office that between eleven and twelve o'clock last night a bag of shavings was conveyed under house No. 238 Kearny Street between Pacific Street and Broadway and fired with the intent evidently to set fire to the building, which was only frustrated by the fortunate wakefulness of some ladies of the neighborhood who gave the alarm immediately, and the speedy application of a few buckets of water prevented a conflagration which might have been very extensive and disastrous.

Record Book Number One (continued)

You will please instruct the officers assigned to the beat on Kearny Street north from the Plaza to be vigilant and if possible to detect any person who shall make a like attempt in the future.

Your obt. Servant (signed) B. Segnim,

City Marshal, per Moss.





Upcoming Events

Porky D. Swine Patch & Badge Collectibles Swap Meet

January 17, 2015

Taylor Hall

1775 N. Indian Hill Blvd

Claremont, CA

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Tables \$35 each

Hosts

**Dennis Smith, Gene Gianuzzi, Bill Selonick, Nick Cardaras,
Dan Gurule, Gerry Skinner**

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[Porky D Swine](#)

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Upcoming Events

***Doug Messer 49er Law Enforcement and Military
Collectors Show***

February 21, 2015

Roseville Veterans Memorial Hall

110 Park Drive

Roseville, CA

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Tables \$30 each

Hosts Mike Lynch and Brian Smith

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Upcoming Events

***California Law Enforcement Historical Society Police
Memorabilia Collector's Show***

July 11, 2015

San Luis Obispo Veteran's Memorial Hall

801 Grand Avenue

San Luis Obispo, CA

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Tables \$40.00 each, \$35.00 for members

Host Gary Hoving

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Upcoming Events

***Northern California Law Enforcement Collectors Show
& Ripon Police/Emergency Vehicle Show &
Recruitment Fair***

October 3, 2015

Ripon Community Center

334 W. 4th Street

Ripon, CA

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Tables \$25 each, \$10 for display tables

Hosts Mike Lynch and Brian Smith

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Donation to the CLEHS Museum

By Russ Snow

On 12-27-74 at 1700 hours two armed suspects entered the Wells Fargo Bank located at 8777 Main Street, San Joaquin, CA. A third suspect remained with a car parked in front of the bank. The two suspects forced the manager, employees, and bank customers into the vault however failed to lock the vault. Prior to being forced into the vault one of the bank employees activated a silent alarm twice.

At approximately 1705 hours San Joaquin Police Lieutenant Mike Paulauskas was dispatched to the silent alarm and responded from Main and Nevada, about a block away. San Joaquin is a small farming town located 35 miles southwest of Fresno. In 1974 the population was approximately 1200 people and the police department consisted of four officers. Paulauskas requested backup and was told none was available.

Upon arrival he immediately came under fire from the suspect waiting with the car. He shot at Paulauskas with a shotgun. The other two suspects, exiting the bank, also began firing at Paulauskas with a .44 magnum and a .357 magnum. Paulauskas radioed an 11-99 for help.

Paulauskas was shot during this brief exchange of gunfire. The unmarked police car had been hit several times. The mirror on the driver's door was shot off, both rear tires flattened, windshield and other windows shot out, and the left side of the car hit several times. Paulauskas radioed a second 11-99 and that he had been hit.

Donation to the CLEHS Museum (continued)

The suspect at the car emptied the shotgun and began shooting at Paulauskas with a .38 revolver. Paulauskas returned fire and hit the getaway car twice. At this point the suspect of the getaway car fled the area in the car leaving the other two suspects. Paulauskas shot one of the two remaining suspects three times. The third suspect continued firing at Paulauskas. During the gun battle Paulauskas reloaded his 9mm automatic three times. He later said that he felt he only survived because the one suspect fled and he was able to keep up with the other two suspects by being able to reload so quickly. In 1974 only a few police agencies had started switching from revolvers to automatics.

Paulaukas was able to move from crouched behind the left door to the right side of the police car. The third suspect picked up two bags of money that had been dropped when the shooting started. An unarmed citizen moved forward and took the gun away from the wounded suspect lying on the sidewalk in front of the bank. As the third suspect fled he confronted the citizen however neither subject fired. It was later learned that the gun picked up by the citizen was empty.

Pauluaskas was able to fire twice at the fleeing third suspect who was running in the alley behind the bank. The third suspect dropped one of the bags of money and grabbed his left leg. A trail of blood was tracked down the alley and up Nevada Street to where a car was stolen. It was recovered later north of town.

Donation to the CLEHS Museum (continued)

Paulauskas attempted to crawl back to the police car but collapsed from loss of blood. Local law enforcement agencies who responded to help Paulauskas included the Fresno Sheriff's Office, California Highway Patrol, Mendota Police, Firebaugh Police, and Kerman Police.

The two suspects who had entered the bank had escaped from Susanville State Prison two weeks prior. The suspect shot three times survived and received a lengthy prison sentence. The suspect shot in the leg was captured about three weeks later and received a lengthy prison sentence. the suspect who fled in the getaway car was never identified but suspected to be a local resident from Tranquility.

On 4-3-75 Paulauskas received a Silver Star for Bravery and Legion of Valor awards from the American Federation of Police at a dinner held in his honor. He was honored by a dinner held by the American Legion Post #509 (Fresno Police Post) for outstanding service to his community and dedication to law enforcement. He was nominated for the J. Edgar Hoover Award by the VFW which is awarded "to a law enforcement officer of the United States who best exemplifies all of the great qualities of J. Edgar Hoover."

Donation to the CLEHS Museum (continued)

On 12-2-75 Paulauskas was selected to be Chief of Police of the San Joaquin Police Department, replacing Dan Childress. His previous law enforcement experience included Lieutenant at Fresno City College Campus Police, Reserve Officer at Mendota Police, and two years with the USMC. He has an AA degree from Fresno City College and a BA from Fresno State.

Paulauskas recently donated to the California Law Enforcement Historical Society Museum two items. First was the radio mic from the unmarked patrol car which shows damage from the gun battle. Secondly, he donated the left front door from the unmarked patrol car which has several bullet holes in it. Upon making the donation he commented that he did so to show the potential for danger to officers everywhere and that many people believe that gun battles only occur in the big cities. This happened in a small town where officers are assumed to have an "Andy of Mayberry" existence. He also felt that citizens should see artifacts like this to remind them of dangers to all law enforcement and it was better to donate these items than have them gather dust in his garage,

We thank Chief Paulauskas for his generous donation to the museum.



2014 Ripon Shows

By Brian Smith

The 29th Annual Northern California Law Enforcement Collectors Show and the Menlo Park Police and Ripon Police Emergency Vehicle Show and Recruitment Fair were held on October 4, 2014 at the Ripon Community Center. The shows are sponsored by the International Police Association, Region 29, and the Ripon Police Department.

Attendance at both shows was 896 and included 52 collector display tables and exhibits. On display were 150 restored and modern emergency response vehicles and one Helicopter!

The shows raised a total of \$1,150, distributed to the California State Parks Anniversary Committee, the California Law Enforcement Historical Society, the Ripon Police Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) and the local chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS).

2014 Ripon Shows (continued)

This year, four Collector Display Awards were presented:

- Best Patch – Gary Hesson for his display of BART Police patches.**
- Best Badge – Nick Kanaya for his display of badges and patches from Santa Clara County agencies.**
- Best Historical – Jess Tovar for his display of photos and badges from Stanislaus County agencies.**
- Best of Show – Mike Bailey for his display of photos, badges and patches from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.**

The 30th Annual Show will take place on October 3, 2015. Go to [Cal Badge Shows](#) for show information.



2015 Membership Renewal:

Have you renewed your 2015 membership in the California Law Enforcement Historical Society? If not, please take a moment to renew your membership with a payment of \$35.00 for one year or \$350.00 for a life membership!

You can make your payment on-line at the **CLEHS web site [Cal Police History](#) On the home page, click on the **MEMBERSHIP** tab on the right margin to renew.**

If you prefer, you can renew by sending a check to:

**California Law Enforcement Historical Society
P. O. Box 254875
Sacramento, CA 95865-4875**

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