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New Mexico PD Disbanded Over Badges

Lake Arthur Police Department in New Mexico is no more. The village disbanded the department after the chief resigned over a “pay to play” badge scheme that garnered national attention. The chief exchanged police officer commissions for \$400 annual donations of cash or equipment.

By Mike R. Bondarenko, Editor

LAKE ARTHUR, N.M. – The tiny New Mexico town of Lake Arthur disbanded its police department in the aftermath of a controversial police officer badge scheme that garnered nationwide scrutiny.

Chief Will Norwood resigned and the town council closed the police department following investigative newspaper and television news reports that the chief operated an ongoing “pay to play” badge program.

The chief issued dozens of police officer commissions to volunteers across the country in exchange for cash and equipment donations to his department and a private organization. The commissions came with full color identification cards and authentic serially-numbered badges.

Lake Arthur has a population of 433. The chief was the tiny hamlet’s only paid police officer. He worked part-time.

When the department was disbanded, officials found 84 current officer commissions and 112 officers on their roster! Records showed the number of officers was more than 150 as recently as 2017. None lived in Lake Arthur and most lived outside New Mexico.

A police officer commission allowed the volunteer to carry a concealed weapon anywhere in the United States as well as access to weapons, magazines and ammunition available only to law enforcement personnel.

The Lake Arthur reserve officer program was created in 2005.

“We started it out as a way to have more law enforcement here in town. Our community is so small that we can’t afford to pay a police officer a lot of money,” longtime Mayor Ysidro Salazar said.

The mayor explained Chief Norwood came to him with a suggestion to help the village increase police presence. “He came up with the idea that maybe we could have some reserves and they’d help us out,” he said.

New Mexico law dictates that reserve officers do not have law enforcement authority to act on their own. They cannot make arrests. However, even though the officers were casual, occasional unpaid employees, the commissions that Chief Norwood issued were the same as full-time officers and authorize full police powers in New Mexico.

Mayor Salazar said reserves sometimes rode with Chief Norwood and occasionally patrolled alone.

Reportedly, Chief Norwood required reserve officers to patrol the village six days a year and qualify with their weapons once a year. However, no hours worked or training records were made available to the media despite open records requests. The chief refused media interviews or access to the department.



A recent Lake Arthur Police Department patrolman (note the use of the long-obsolete word patrolman) badge is superimposed over a picture of an agency pistol shoot taken by clandestinely by a media photographer. The silver eagle-topped shields have cut out numbers. *Contributed photograph*



The former Lake Arthur Police Department headquarters is closed and the windows are boarded. Mayor Ysidro Salazar shut down the department last year after Chief Will Norwood’s 13-year “pay to play” badge scheme came to light. Now, the hamlet is now patrolled by the sheriff. *Contributed photograph*

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After Bloomberg Business Week published results of its initial investigation, Chief Norwood instructed reserve officers not to speak to reporters and called the investigation a "witch hunt by the far left liberal media" in an email circulated to 275 current and former officers.

Reserves were required to make a \$400 annual donation to the Lake Arthur Police Reserve Association to keep their commissions active. The private group has disbanded. No accounting of its funds have ever been made available to the village, according to Mayor Salazar.

"Because of the notoriety that this was bringing, I decided to go ahead and disassemble the unit. The story didn't put us in a very good light," the mayor said.

Mayor Salazar told reporters he had no idea where the \$400 annual donations went.

Shortly afterward, he placed Chief Norwood on administrative leave. The chief subsequently resigned. The whereabouts of many records required by the state agency that regulates police departments remains unknown.

Mayor Salazar said the reserve program was started with good intentions. "It wasn't run very well. I guess it got out of hand," he said.

The former reserve officers were asked to return their credentials and badges. Their commissions have been canceled.

Rather than replace Chief Norwood with another part-time chief, the town council voted to disband the police department.

The village is now patrolled by the Chaves County Sheriff's Office headquartered in Roswell.

California, Colorado and New York Lake Arthur reserve officers were scattered across the country as far away as California, Colorado, New York and New Jersey.

Among the most prominent "officers" were billionaire computer scientist and hedge fund manager Robert Mercer, "Lone Survivor" author and military hero Marcus Luttrell, ex-Navy Seal Robert O'Neil, who claimed to have killed Osama Bin Laden, mixed martial arts legend Royce Gracie and Jiu-Jitsu guru David Adiv, who lives in New Jersey.

Chief Norwood also provided commissions, badges and IDs to friends he made in the military as well as Texas actor Will Rivers and other celebrities.

Reserve officers in New Mexico have limited law enforcement powers and only while on duty in the corporate limits of their jurisdictions. They have no off-duty authority. However, the reserve officer program was set up like a legitimate police department. It even had its own training division.

An Albuquerque television station obtained a copy of Lake Arthur's police roster. It listed 112 people as officers in 2018.

Reporters found a common thread among the reserves: an interest in weapons, especially assault weapons and tactical training.

Mercer reportedly built a gun range under his Suffolk County estate and is part owner of a firearms company that makes weapons for the television and motion picture industries. Media reports indicated his involvement with overseas arms sales as well.

The Koch Industries Incorporated security unit obtained commissions and badges for dozens of people over the years, including at least eight personal bodyguards for billionaire owners Charles and David Koch and a private security contractor for the firm. A spokesperson for the Wichita, Kans.-based conglomerate would not comment.

Las Cruces businessman Oliver Brooks called himself "Captain Brooks" and kept a fully-marked Lake Arthur take-home police car in the driveway to his estate north of Albuquerque. He lives 242 miles from Lake Arthur. He owned the car.

Jordan Nighbert, who owns a self-defense training school in Albuquerque, had a Lake Arthur commission and falsely claimed on his resume that he is a certified police officer.

Charles Pressburg flashed his Lake Arthur police credentials after he was busted for shooting his brother-in-law in Oregon 2017. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 18 months probation. Only then was he removed from the police roster.

When ex-Navy Seal James Dennis "JD" Smith was charged with drug smuggling by the Drug Enforcement Administration in North Carolina last year, he carried Lake Arthur police credentials. Smith is still awaiting trial.

Dan Bilzerian, an actor who played the villain in the film *Free Willy 3*, was a Lake Arthur reserve officer. He is best known as the King of Instagram for cavorting with topless models and machine guns on the social media site. He posed for a picture with Chief Norwood and two clothed models in a room filled with assault weapons in 2016.

Albuquerque attorney and former Bernalillo County commissioner Simon Kubiak ran the Lake Arthur Reserve Police Officers Association. Although he has no police training, he was listed in police records as a lieutenant. He collected the \$400 annual payment from each officer. He refused to release an accounting of the funds.

State and federal authorities are investigating former Chief Norwood and the badge program. There is a possibility that the program violated state and federal laws that govern the issuance of law enforcement badges to people not qualified to carry them.

Universal condemnation After it came to light after 13 years in the shadows,



Billionaire hedge fund manager Robert Mercer, who lives in Suffolk County, N.Y., held a Lake Arthur police officer commission. He and his various companies donated thousands in grants to the department that was spent to send "officers" to assault weapons training. *Contributed photograph*

the Lake Arthur "pay for play" police reserve badge program has been universally condemned by legislators and state officials.

"It looks to me its like a fraternity that wants to carry concealed guns," said State Representative William Rehm (R-Albuquerque), who represents Bernalillo County. He is a retired county sheriff's captain.

"It's a step back to the days of the Wild West. They're not following any of the procedures prescribed by the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy. Their documentation is inadequate to even be a police agency," he said.

State training academy Executive Director Steve Marshall said Lake Arthur's training program was not accredited. "Basic police officer training has to be through a certified academy. They were not certified. There is no way around it," he said.

When State Police Chief Pete Kassetas found out what was going on in Lake Arthur, he said, "It makes absolutely no sense. It's dangerous. It's inexcusable."

Chief Kassetas called the reserve badge officer program a "complete sham" and Chief Norwood needs to be held responsible. The chief sits on the board that runs the academy and certifies officers.

New Mexico Municipal League Executive Director Bill Fulginiti was even more blunt. "When I first looked at it, I went, 'Oh my God!' I couldn't believe it," he said.

Fulginiti has been with the league for 40 years. He said he has never seen anything like it. "It actually just blew me away," he said.

"People from outside the state and some inside the state were taking advantage of a small village and their ability to issue commission cards and use them to get concealed carry authorization and further their own interests. It had nothing to do with policing the community," Fulginiti said.

Juice badges and badge factories Pat Olvey, Ray Sherrard and many others have written about so-called "juice badges" numerous times on these pages numerous times over the years.

Juice badges are issued by some police chiefs and county sheriffs to local politicians, businessmen, campaign contributors and celebrities, which many are more than happy to flash on a traffic stop or another law enforcement contact. However, thankfully, the practice is in decline, especially among large departments.

I got my one and only juice badge in 1973 when I was the news director at the radio station in Black River Falls, Wis. I had been on numerous ride-alongs with Jackson County sheriff's deputies since I was in high school and was pretty well known and liked (I hope!) at the sheriff's office.

I was in the late Sheriff George Johnson's office one day gathering news stories when he said, "If you're going to ride with my guys, you might as well be a one of them," he said.

Sheriff Johnson handed me a special deputy card and silver five-point special deputy star. It had seen its share of wear over the years, but it was real! I took the ID and badge, thinking, "Wow! This is pretty cool!" and thanked him.

Paula and I lived in Black River Falls, and I was a wannabe law enforcement officer, so I thought this was my ticket to ride if I ever decided to get out of radio, which I did four years later but in Saint Croix County, Wis. Of course, I didn't know that then.

(Back then, special deputies in Wisconsin did not have to be state certified law enforcement officers. In Jackson County (and many other counties) special deputies transported prisoners, worked fill-in patrol shifts and special events, did court security, served civil papers and whatever else the sheriff told them to do. However, they were not certified officers.)

However, the more I thought about it over the next couple days, the more I thought that perhaps this was a way that Sheriff Johnson could influence my news reporting for the radio station. (He had a knack for getting into trouble...) Damned ethics! I returned the ID and badge and never rode with county deputies again.

Yet, what went on in Lake Arthur was not a chief or sheriff handing out juice badges. This was completely different and absolutely and totally wrong. This was blatantly selling official police officer commissions, IDs and badges in exchange for annual \$400 "donations" to a mysterious private association. It was a badge factory on steroids.

Considering the tiny village had a paid part-time chief and maybe a few real part-time patrol officers on their 112-man police roster, if Chief Norwood issued 100 commissions at \$400 a year, that's \$40,000 a year. (The real number of commissions is probably higher, based on media reports.)

Where did the money go? No one knows.

What happened to hours actually worked and training records? No one knows.

Lake Arthur was a one-man department in a tiny hamlet in eastern New Mexico with an old adobe police building about the size of a garage with one patrol car. No DARE program, no charities, no nothing.

Yet, the chief took donations (in the form of "grants") from billionaires like Robert Mercer and other private organizations to send "officers" to SWAT and sniper training in Las Vegas, machine gun and assault weapons training and who knows what else that had absolutely nothing to do with Lake Arthur or Chaves County law enforcement.

Not one of his so-called "officers" lived in Lake Arthur and eight out of every ten lived out of state as far away as New York and New Jersey. This was an out-and-out badge scam and an off-the-charts abuse of law enforcement authority by the chief of police.

Handing out juice badges to cops, celebrities and even young news reporters like me is one thing. Lake Arthur raised police badge corruption and abuse to a new height that is not only a bad for New Mexico law enforcement but an embarrassment to our entire profession.

What happened in Lake Arthur must never happen again.

Anywhere.

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Swap Meet Calendar

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SPECIAL – These are the latest police insignia show and swap meet announcements.

Collectors interested in attending these events should contact the sponsors at the addresses or telephone numbers listed for additional information, such as driving directions, table availability, hotel or motel accommodations, handicapped accessibility, parking or possible last-minute changes and/or cancellations.

Show sponsors provide "Swap Meet Calendar" listings. We are not responsible for changes after we go to press, nor are we liable for errors or omissions.

These announcements are published at no cost to show sponsors. However, hosts are requested to cooperate in our effort to obtain a follow-up story as soon as possible after each show.

Because many collectors now use global positioning systems (GPS) to locate shows, street addresses should be included in these announcements.

Bloomington, Ind.

The first Indiana Law Enforcement Patch Collectors Show will be Sat., Aug. 17 from 11:30 am 6:30 pm at the Saint Paul United Methodist Church, 4201 W. Third St., Bloomington, Ind. Kyle Langrebe will host it.

Admission and tables are free. A donation to the church would be appreciated.

The host requests collectors contact him with how many tables they need so he can set up the hall.

Please use the door for the Brashaber Fellowship Hall.

Contact Landgrebe on (812) 360-7641.

Central Ohio

The 2019 "Central Ohio" Police Insignia Collectors Show will be Sat., Aug. 24 from 9

am to 3 pm at the Fraternal Order of Police Hall, 6800 Schrock Hill Court, Columbus, O. JJ Meade and Bruce Muraco will host it.

Admission is free.

Eight-foot tables are available for \$20 each. The hall will open at 8 am for tableholders.

This is a closed show. The hosts want known collectors to vouch for their invited guests or have them bring police ID.

The host hotel is the Ramada Inn North at 6767 Schrock Hill Court. Make reservations directly with the hotel on (614) 890-8111 or (866) 460-7456. There is no block of rooms reserved. Please contact the hosts for other hotel suggestions.

Make table reservations with Meade. Call or text on (614) 598-6169. Make payment to her at 6826 Walnut St., New Albany OH 43054. For additional information, contact Muraco on (614) 578-6986.

Orlando, Fla.

The 2019 "Vacation Capital" Police Collectors Show will be Sat., Sept. 7 from 9 am to 3 pm at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Dr., Orlando, Fla. Doug Sarubbi, Ron Bartholome and John Holmes will host it.

Admission is \$3.

Eighty-five tables are available for \$30 each. Setup begins at 7:30 am.

Awards will be presented for the best displays.

There is free on site parking for attendees and guests.

The Rosen Plaza is offering a special room rate of \$105 on Friday and Saturday nights. Make reservations with the hotel on (800) 627-8258. Please mention the "OCSCO Doug Sarubbi Vacation Capital Police Show" by name.

For more information contact Sarubbi on (407) 883-6959 or email sarubb@aol.com.

Please confirm table reservations by mailing payment to: Doug Sarubbi, 4023 Salmon Dr., Orlando FL 32835.

Saint Paul, Minn.

The Fifth Annual "Capitol City" Law Enforcement Collectors Show will be Sat., Sept. 7 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Saint Paul Police Department Western District Headquarters, 389 N. Hamline Ave., Saint Paul, Minn.

The show will be hosted by the Saint Paul Police Department and collectors Dave Pasiczynk, Jim Hart and Mike R. Bondarenko. It will be sponsored by the Saint Paul Police Historical Society (SPPHS) and *Police Collectors News*.

Admission is free. A donation to the SPPHS is requested.

Forty-five exhibitor tables are available for free. Early reservations are recommended; all previous shows have been sellouts. A donation to the SPPHS is requested. The hall will open at 7:30 am for exhibitor setup.

This show is a fundraiser for the Saint Paul Police Historical Society.

Complimentary coffee, baked goods and soft drinks will be served. A complimentary hot dogs and chips lunch will be served. There are also numerous fast food restaurants in the immediate area.

Please make table reservations with Mike R. Bondarenko on (715) 684-2216 or email mikerbondarenko@baldwin-telecom.net.

Ripon, Calif.

The 34th Annual Northern California Law Enforcement Collectors Show and the Menlo Park and Ripon Police Explorers Police Emergency Vehicle Show and Law Enforcement Recruitment Fair will be held at the Ripon Community Center, 334 West Fourth St., Ripon, Calif. on Sat., Oct. 5 from 9 am to 2 pm. Mike Lynch and Brian Smith will host the insignia show, while Darryl Lindsay will host the outdoor car show.

These shows are fundraisers for the Concerns of Police Survivors, Ripon Police VIPS and Menlo Park Police Cadets.

The shows are sponsored by the International Police Association Region 29 and the Ripon Police Department.

Admission is free.

Fifty-two eight-foot by 36-inch tables are available for \$30 each. Display only tables are \$15 each. Tableholders only setup begins at 8 am.

Awards will be presented for the best insignia and vehicle displays.

The host hotel is the Fairfield Inn, 4342 Salida Blvd., Modesto, Calif. The hotel offers a law enforcement show rate. Please mention the rate when making room reservations on (209) 543-7800.

There will be a pre-show gathering at the host hotel on Friday, Oct. 4 from 5 pm to 6:30 pm.

Send checks for table reservations to Mike Lynch, PO Box 3212, Bowman CA 95604-3212. Please make checks payable to Mike Lynch. His telephone number is (530) 613-

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4732. His email is lynch3212@gmail.com.

Questions about the emergency vehicle show should be directed to Darryl Lindsay on inpursuitmppd@yahoo.com or (650) 743-4486.

Lexington, S.C.

The Second Annual First Responder Patch and Collectors Show will be Sat., Sept. 21 from 9 am to 3 pm at the Red Bank Baptist Church Family Life Building, 1357 S. Lake Drive, Lexington SC 29073. Fred Dale will host it.

Admission is free.

Vendor tables are \$15 each. Make reservations with the host on (803) 553-1797 or email fdale_1978@yahoo.com.

This show is open to all police, fire and emergency medical service patch and badge collectors.

Lunch will be available for \$5. The menu is hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, dessert and a drink.

Please see the Web site RedBankChurch.Org for additional information.

Clinton, Tenn.

The Fifth Annual Tennessee Police Collectors Show will be Sat., Sept. 28 from 8 am to 4 pm at the Second Baptist Church, 777 Public Safety Lane, Clinton, Tenn. Derek Setzer, Mike Salisbury and David Jensen are the hosts.

Admission is \$5 for adults. Children under 10 are admitted free.

Table reservations are \$15. The fee includes two adult tickets, an eight foot tables and two chairs.

To purchase tables or for more information, contact: Setzer (865) 659-7562 sirknightsetzer@gmail.com

Salisbury (276) 832-1683 mikesalisbury936@gmail.com

Jensen (903) 212-9795 djensen330@bellsouth.net.

Riverdale, Md.

The next Mid-Atlantic Regional Police Collectors Extravaganza will be Sat., Oct. 5 from 10 am to 3 pm. The host is Andy Ferraro.

Admission is \$5.

Tables are \$23 each. Exhibitor setup is 9 am to 10 am.

An award will be presented for the best display.

Please mail table reservations and payment to Andy Ferraro, PO Box 1, Brentwood MD 20722.

For additional information, contact the host on (240) 723-0507.

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Questions about the emergency vehicle show should be directed to Darryl Lindsay on inpursuitmppd@yahoo.com or on (650) 743-4486.

Fall River, Mass.

The second 2019 "Bay State" Police Collectors Shows will be Sun., Oct. 6 at the Fall River Police PAL Building, 31 Franklin St., Fall River, Mass. The hosts are Gary Smith and Barb Haven.

General admission is \$7.

Eight-foot tables are available for \$17, which includes one admission. Additional tables are \$10 each. Tables not occupied by 10 am will be resold with no refunds. Table space is limited so early reservations are recommended.

Some refreshments will be available for purchase.

Fire, EMS and public safety insignia and memorabilia is welcome.

This show is open to law enforcement officers and known collectors only. Credentials may be checked at the door. The hosts reserve the right to refuse admission to anyone.

For table reservations email the hosts on baystatepolice@gmail.com.

Saint Louis, Mo.

The 34th Annual "Gateway" Police Collectors Show will be Sat., Oct. 26 from 8 am to 2 pm at the Holiday Inn-South County Center, 6921 South Lindbergh Blvd., Saint Louis, Mo. Frank Selvaggio, Bob Shockey and Roger McLean will host it.

Admission is \$5.

Seventy eight-foot tables are available for \$25 each. The hall will open at 7 am for exhibitor setup. Tables will only be reserved when payment is received.

The Holiday Inn-South County Center is located on Highway 55 and South Lindbergh Boulevard. It is very close to the Highway 55 and Highway 270/255 interchange. Make room reservations on (314) 892-3600.

For table reservations and additional information, contact Selvaggio on ftselfaggio@gmail.com or (314) 614-9444..

Fairfax, Va.

The Fairfax Regional Badge and Patch Show will be held on Sat., Nov. 9 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Fairfax County Police Association Hall, 5625 Revercomb Ct., Fairfax, Va. Larry Wilkins will host it.

Admission is \$5.

Tables are \$20 each and must be paid in advance. The fee includes admission for the tableholder and one assistant. Tables will be assigned on a first come basis. Please specify whether a wall or electrical connection are needed. The hall will open at 8 am for exhibitor setup.

The show is a fundraiser for the Fairfax County Police Association.

There will be a "Best of Show" trophy awarded for the best display.

Food and drink will be available for purchase, and there is plenty of free parking.

Please mail checks for table reservations to Larry Wilkins, 154 Abrams Pointe Blvd., Winchester VA 22602.

The show has a Web site at FairfaxRegionalBadgeandPatch.Com.

For more information, contact the hosts on FCPAShow@aol.com.

Allentown, N.J.

The 29th Annual "Central Jersey" Police and Fire Insignia Collectors Swap Meet will be Sun., Nov. 24 from 8 am to 2 pm at the Allentown First Aid Squad Building, 70 Route 526, Allentown, N.J. Dominick Botteri will host it.

Admission is \$5. Wives, girlfriends and children are admitted free.

Six-foot tables are \$20 each and must be paid for in advance. One admission is included. Early reservations are recommended; all previous shows have been sellouts. The hall will open at 7 am for exhibitor setup.

There will be a patch drop and display contest.

Displays are encouraged.

Patch reproductions available for trade must be marked as such. Contact the host with any questions or additional information regarding this policy.

Food and refreshments will be available.

All proceeds benefit the Allentown First Aid Squad.

For table reservations, directions or additional information, contact Botteri on (609) 571-8201 (voice or text) or email LtD104@aol.com.

National Hotel Rates 2019 National Police Collectors Show co-host Rod Janich announced discounted room rates for the third host hotel, the Holiday Inn Express and Suites in Irving, Tex. King bed and double queen bed suites are available for \$114 per night (plus taxes) from Wednesday, July 10 through Sunday, July 14. Additional information is available on the official show Web site, policenational2019.com.

Texas Badge Collector Sheriff Gary Painter Dies

Legendary Midland County, Tex. Sheriff Gary Painter, a longtime badge collector, died unexpectedly at his home on May 26. He was 72 years old. Sheriff Painter had a 50-year career as a Texas law enforcement officer. Sheriff Painter served two distinguished tours of duty with the United States Marine Corps in South Vietnam in the 1960s.

By Mike R. Bondarenko, Editor

MIDLAND, Tex. – Longtime Midland County, Tex. Sheriff Gary Painter died suddenly and unexpectedly on May 26 at his home. He was 72 and had a legendary 50-year Texas law enforcement career.

Sheriff Painter was a Texas sheriff badge collector and attended the one and only "West Texas" law enforcement insignia show that the late Tim Whitfield hosted in Odessa on November 4, 1995. He traded for several Texas badges and handed out his department patch to anyone who wanted one.

"Yeah, I guess you could call me a collector. I like Texas badges, especially sheriffs. I pick up one now and then, mostly when I go to conferences and such," Sheriff Painter told me at the show. He wore his characteristic white cowboy hat.

"I want to put together a badge display for my office, as soon as I get enough of them. I really want sheriff badges from counties in the Permian Basin. I already have a few," he said.

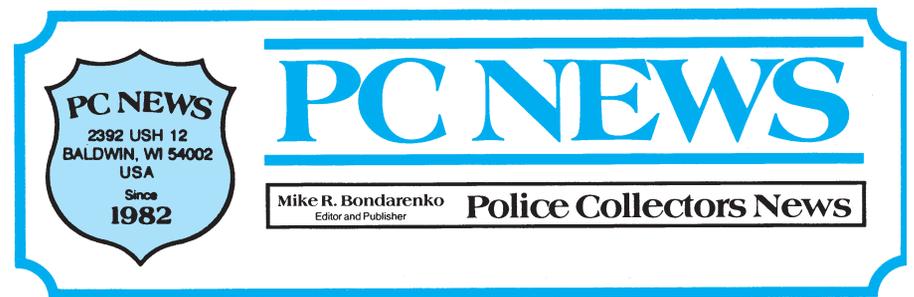
Sheriff Painter started his Midland County career with the Midland Police Department where he was a co-worker and longtime friend of fellow Texas badge and patch collector, the late Joe Miles, who was a Midland police supervisor and attended the show.

"Oh Lord! I've known Joe forever. We're friends. We worked together. He has a helluva badge collection. I'll never have anything that big. He wants all the badges. I only want local ones," he said, pointing at Miles' massive badge display and laughing.

Miles called Painter one of the best officers that he ever worked with. "A helluva cop and a great sheriff. He could walk up here and ask me for any badge in my collection. I



The late Midland County, Tex. Sheriff Gary Painter makes a point during a media interview. A highly decorated United States Marine Corps platoon sergeant during two tours of duty in Vietnam, Sheriff Painter had a legendary 50-year Texas law enforcement career. *Contributed photograph*



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would give it to him gladly," he said.

Sheriff Painter was born in Amherst, Tex. in 1947. He was raised on a cotton and grain farm in Edmonson, Tex. Following his 1965 high school graduation, he enrolled in a business school in Lubbock.

However, he dropped out a year later to join the United States Marine Corps. He served two tours of duty and became a platoon sergeant. He spent most of his career in combat along the demilitarized zone and near Danang. He won numerous battlefield and distinguished service medals.

Sheriff Painter joined the Texas Highway Patrol as a patrolman in 1970 following his Marine Corps discharge. He then became a sheriff's deputy in Culberson and Presidio Counties before he became a Midland police officer.

In 1982, he joined the Midland County Sheriff Department where he worked his way up through the ranks, quickly rising from the detention deputy to criminal investigator to patrol lieutenant.

He ran for county sheriff in 1985 and won. He served as sheriff for nine terms and 34 years until his death. He was one of the longest-tenured sheriffs in the state.

Sheriff Painter was responsible for numerous improvements and innovations, including formation of the first multi-jurisdictional drug task force and creation of a crisis intervention team, among many others. He was very highly regarded for his leadership and administrative skills.

He was also heavily involved in the Midland County community.

Sheriff Painter served a term as president of the Sheriff's Association of Texas. He was also appointed by two governors to two statewide law enforcement supervisory boards.

The sheriff received national notoriety in December 2011 when a private plane crashed into two houses in northeast Midland. Among the first law enforcement officers



The Midland County Sheriff's Department erected a monument to the late Sheriff Gary Painter in his personal parking space at the sheriff's office a few hours after his untimely death. The memorial featured his portrait, a Thin Blue Line flag and several bouquets of fresh flowers. *Contributed photograph*

on the scene, local media captured the sheriff, cowboy hat and all, running into a house almost fully engulfed in flames and calling out for possible survivors.

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John O. Gatton, Sr. Wins "Iron Man" Award At Maryland Show

Andy Ferraro welcomed collectors from as far away as Kentucky to the 35th "Mid-Atlantic" Police Collectors Show in Riverdale, Md. Terry Noye received the "Best Display of the Show" award for his Maryland badge collection. John Gatton Sr. was honored with the "Iron Man" award. He has attended all 35 shows.

By Andy Ferraro, Guest Writer

RIVERDALE, Md. – During the very early hours of April 6, I woke up, got out of bed, dragged a comb across my head and as I looked into the mirror, I saw the blurred distorted facial features of a smiling man. That was me!

I was very happy because I was getting ready to celebrate Maryland's 35th Monster Show and recognize a man for his allegiance, commitment and devotion to this hobby, John O. Gatton, Sr.

I wanted to start this great day off early by setting the hall set up and opening the doors for the tableholders at 6:30 am.

Collectors in the Elk's Lodge parking lot were trading with their flashlights gleaming many hours before the doors opened!

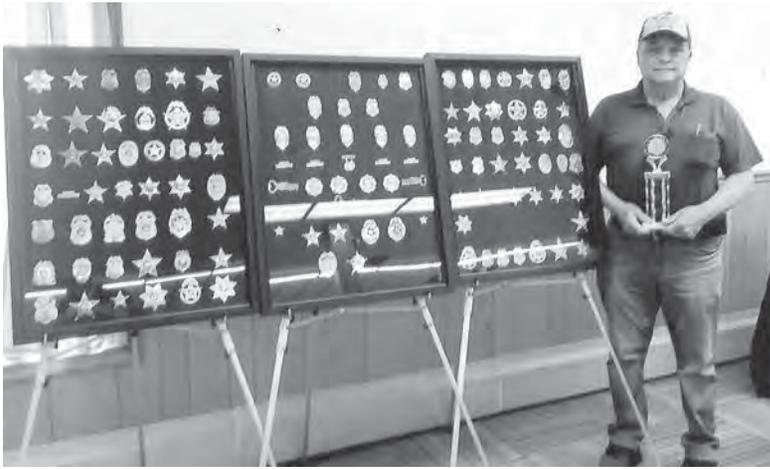
This is Maryland's largest and longest-running police collectors show and attracts collectors from all over the world!

Because of the world-wide circulation of *Police Collectors News*, I have received correspondence from Canada, London, France and Pitcairn Island, just to name a few countries.

I knew this was going to be another fantastic show because of the high volume of



Host Andy Ferraro (left) presents veteran Maryland badge collector Terry Noye (right) with the "Best Display of the Show" award at the Maryland show on April 6. Noye is a retired Harford County sheriff's deputy. Ferraro recognizes the best display at each and every show. *Jon Olivarri photograph*



Terry Noye has a complete collection of Maryland county sheriff's department badges, as well as an extensive collection from Harford County, his former department. Noye has been collecting badges for more than 40 years and has pieces in his collection from the 1860s. *Jon Olivarri photograph*

phone calls and the many cards and letters from people I don't even know.

To celebrate this show, I dressed in costume with a shield as the super hero Captain America. Using invisible wires attached to a harness, I was hoisted 20 feet into the air directing tableholders using various action poses! There was an intense feeling of great interest and appreciation from the very young and very old.



Andy Ferraro (left) and Jack Hall (right) look over a display of rare and unusual United States Marine Corps Military Police bullion patches, most of which were made in the 1970s, on display at the Maryland show. There are always military police items at the show. *Leo Maksymchok photograph*



Ed Sachs (center, facing camera) and Eric Boody (right), two of the hobby's premier badge collectors, talk badges at the Maryland show on April 6. Andy Ferraro welcomed collectors from as far away as Kentucky to his 35th show. The next swap meet is Saturday, October 5. *Jon Olivarri photograph*

I opened the doors to the public at 10 am and collectors enjoyed hunting for treasures in a full house.

At noon I called Gatton to the stage and presented him with the "Iron Man" Award. He has been with me from the beginning and has attended all 35 shows as a tableholder. This is a remarkable record, and I am sure is unbreakable.

Gatton is a longtime patch and badge collector with an emphasis on police patches. He currently holds the largest Maryland police patch collection which includes some of the rare first issues. We all are very proud of him.

Oh, who's the most phenomenal extra special kind of fellow? Iron Man Gatton, that's who!



Steve Rivers (standing, center) works a deal with Larry Wilcox (left) at the Maryland show on April 6. Rivers is a retired federal law enforcement officer and longtime Maryland collector. He is a regular tableholder at the Maryland shows. Phil Jaskot (right) is looking at Rivers' display. *Jon Olivarri photograph*



Steve Petro (left) has one of the largest and complete federal law enforcement emblem collections in the hobby. He will soon launch an online reference library for federal collectors. Bob Speed (far right) is a leading Maryland and state police/highway emblems collector. *Jon Olivarri photograph*

cap and leave with a pocket full of tin!

Thanks to all who made the long trip to attend.

Thanks to all who shared their great collections with others.

This fine old world just keeps spinning around!

ANDY FERRARO (PO Box 1, Brentwood MD 20722)



Fred Repp (standing, second from right) is a leading collector of federal law enforcement insignia. He is a regular at the East Coast shows. Andy Ferraro welcomed collectors from throughout the East Coast and as far away as Kentucky to his 35th outstanding show on April 6. *Jon Olivari photograph*

Riverdale,, Md. Show ...Continued

This show always generates a lot of interest. There is always a very large variety of badges and patches and other police collectibles.

At about 1 pm, I was walking around and admiring all of the fantastic displays that collectors put together showing their areas of interest.

When I got to Terry Noye's collection of all of the sheriff's department badges from the state of Maryland, with an exceptional display of the Harford County badges, several of which date back to the 1860s, I knew this was the winning display when my eyes went up like a rocket ship, down like a roller coaster, back like a loop-d-loop, then around like a merry-to-round!

Noye was called to the stage and was presented with "Best Display of the Show" award.

This show will give you the shock of your life. So across the nation and around the world, a celebration, so spread the word! The next Monster Show will be Saturday, October 5.

This is the show that wears a fancy label. It is glorified by song and fable. The most exciting people pass by, including some private eyes.

This is the show you will have a great time spending your last dime! Take advantage of the free air, water and advice. Come and meet all of the legends of the hobby and "Iron Man" Gatton.

Throw all of those old badges and patches you have at the bottom of your closet into a pillow case and come to the show for the time of your life. Come in wearing a crushed

Minnesota State Patrol Celebrates 90th Anniversary

The Minnesota State Patrol celebrated its 90th anniversary with an impressive exhibit of classic and current patrol vehicles, historical memorabilia and artifacts on the State Capitol grounds in downtown Saint Paul. The May 8 and 9 event attracted hundreds of visitors. It proved very popular.

By Mike R. Bondarenko, Editor

SAINT PAUL, Minn. – The Minnesota State Patrol hosted a celebration of its 90th anniversary on May 8 and 9. The agency put current and classic patrol cars and historical memorabilia on display on the State Capitol grounds in downtown Saint Paul, the state capital.

"We wanted to do something special to commemorate our anniversary," Chief Matt Langer said.

The vehicles included a 1930 Harley-Davidson motorcycle, 1930 Ford Model A, 1954 Ford, 1979 Dodge, 2017 Ford Explorer and a 2019 Dodge Charger.

State Patrol equipment and artifacts were displayed under a large tent. This display is also shown at the annual Minnesota State Fair.

Hundreds visited the exhibit. Countless vehicle photographs and videos were taken, especially of the classic cars. The Harley and Model A were among the most popular.

A trooper pointed out the Model A was chosen as the agency's first patrol car in 1930. There was no heater, so in the frigid Minnesota winters, troopers carried metal milk cans filled with hot water to generate heat!

Another trooper said officers patrolled on Harleys during the spring, summer and early fall, then drove cars over the winter. "They had to supply their own motorcycles, but the state bought the cars," he said.



The Minnesota State Patrol celebrated its 90th anniversary with an exhibit of old and current patrol vehicles, artifacts and agency history on the grounds of the State Capitol in downtown Saint Paul. Hundreds of people visited the exhibit over two days in early May. *Contributed photograph*



State troopers once drove this full size 1979 Dodge Saint Regis. It is maroon with white doors and full color shoulder patch door decals. This model shows the 50th anniversary (1929 to 1979) logo, which included the original door decal and the motto, "50 YEARS OF SERVICE." *Contributed photograph*

The legislature founded the State Patrol in 1929 in response to a boom in the number of automobiles. It was known as the Highway Patrol and made an agency of the state highway department. Nine troopers were hired, including Earle Brown, who was named the first chief. He had been sheriff of Hennepin County prior to his appointment.

Today 590 state troopers are supported by 295 civilian staff in nine districts across Minnesota.

State Patrol history A large display was devoted to State Patrol history and included an agency timeline.

1930s: Early troopers spent most of their patrol time on courtesy patrols to help stranded motorists on state highways. Enforcement was not emphasized and consisted mostly of warnings. (The agency was not authorized to enforce speed limits until 1934.)

Officers worked 12 to 16 hour days seven days a week. They had one day off a month and were paid \$150.

Chief Brown and another highway patrol officer nearly lost their jobs when they pursued and subsequently arrested three bank robbery suspects near Elk River. They were reprimanded for leaving a state highway to continue the pursuit and make the arrest on a county highway!

The original uniform, long gray coat, riding boots, gray knee-high pants and eight-corner hat, was changed to maroon and gold in 1934 to honor the University of Minnesota national championship football team. Maroon and gold are the school colors.

Motorcycles were retired from the patrol fleet in 1948.

The patrol purchased two fixed-wing aircraft in 1957 and instituted aerial speed enforcement.

Black patrol cars were replaced by maroon vehicles with white doors in 1958.

The Highway Patrol was moved from the Department of Transportation to the new Department of Public Safety and the Capitol Security Division created in 1969.

The first helicopter was purchased in 1970 to enhance traffic enforcement.

Since 1929 the patrol had had jurisdiction only on state and federal highways. The legislature expanded its authority to all highways in the state in 1971.

The agency was renamed the State Patrol in 1973. Highway patrol officers became troopers and the familiar maroon campaign hat was added to the uniform.

The first female trooper was hired and the Commercial Vehicle Division was formed in 1976.

The Special Response Team was created in 1994 to respond to emergencies on state property.

Anna Beers was promoted to colonel and headed the agency beginning in 1997. She became the first woman to command a state police/highway patrol in the United States.

Motorcycles were reintroduced for enforcement in 2008 but were retired again three years later.

Morrison County display The Morrison County Historical Society has an impressive collection of historic Minnesota Highway Patrol uniforms and memorabilia at the Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum in Little Falls.

The uniforms and memorabilia were donated by Joan DiMatteo of Little Falls, whose late husband, Leonard, was one of three highway patrolmen assigned to open a station in the city in 1952. It was his first assignment after graduating from the academy at the Gopher Ordinance Plant in Rosemount the year before.

When Leonard DiMatteo was assigned to Little Falls, there was no radio for communications. Highway patrolmen knew they had a call for service when a red light flashed on the roof of the First National Bank. Little Falls police were notified of calls



A classic car shown at the Minnesota State Patrol anniversary exhibit was this beautifully restored 1930 Ford Model A Deluxe Coupe. It was the first car troopers ever drove. It was black. The top speed was 40 miles per hour. That's the historic State Capitol in the background. *Contributed photograph*

using the same red light. The light would illuminate when the phone rang at the police station. Patrolmen and officers used a pay phone in the bank stair well to telephone the station and answer the call.

In addition to his patrol car, DiMatteo was issued a revolver and whistle. His first uniform was a long sleeve shirt, tie, wool pants and wool jacket. He wore different hat styles until his 1978 retirement, including one often called "Smokey the Bear."

The exhibit includes his uniforms and hats, duty belt, insignia and several historic photographs.

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NYPD Sues T-Shirt Seller Over Logo Use

The City of New York sued a retired NYPD officer and his wife for allegedly manufacturing and selling logo t-shirts at their small uniform and police supply shop on Long Island without a license. However, Sal and Sue Piccolo are fighting back. They challenged the lawsuit and filed one of their own against the city.

By Mike R. Bondarenko, Editor

NEW YORK, N.Y. – The New York City Police Department continues its crackdown on unauthorized use of its shoulder patch, badge and logo designs by filing a damage suit against a t-shirt seller on Long Island.

Sue Piccolo, who lives in Nassau County, has been making NYPD t-shirts since 1982. Her husband, Sal, was an NYPD officer. She has loved the NYPD her entire life. "I'm a big fan of cops and one of the biggest fans of the NYPD," she said.

After Sal Piccolo retired from the police department, the couple opened the Cop Shop in Massapequa in 2000. They sell police and fire uniforms in half the store and a wide variety of police and fire t-shirts and law enforcement- and fire-related gifts and souvenirs, such as coffee mugs, toy trucks and cars, greeting cards and t-shirts, in the other half.

Sue Piccolo designed some of the NYPD shirts herself. The couple sells t-shirts to civilians and law enforcement officers alike, along with "Blue Lives Matter," "Never Forget 9/11" and other shirts she buys from vendors and resells in the store. Some of her designs include the NYPD patch and badge, while others show NYPD logos.

The Cop Shop has a sign on the front of the store that shows the NYPD shoulder



A couple very popular t-shirts with the New York City Police Department name and shoulder patch likenesses. (Left) NYPD New York City Police Dept. on a dark-colored shirt. (Right) The same design on a light-colored shirt. (Yes, these are officially licensed products!) *Mike R. Bondarenko photographs*

NYPD Sues T-shirt SellerContinued

patch. In 2010, an attorney representing the city came into the store and told the couple their sign had to come down because it shows the NYPD patch. He told them they don't have permission to use it. He also said Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly wanted it taken down and threatened to sue them if they did not remove it.

Sal Piccolo refused to take the sign down. "I wore that patch. If Commissioner Kelly wants it taken down, he can come here and take it down," he said.

The attorney's visit started a long legal battle between the NYPD and the Piccolos. After they wouldn't take down the sign, they received telephone calls and letters from the attorney ordering them to "cease and desist" from selling any items with the NYPD shoulder patch, badge or logo on them not authorized by the city. They refused and eventually hired an attorney.

New York City filed a lawsuit against the Piccolos in federal court in the Southern District of New York in Manhattan last year seeking unspecified damages for trademark and copyright infringement and marketing NYPD logo items without a license. The Piccolos are fighting the lawsuit and have filed counter suits against the city and the attorney. The case are proceeding through the courts.

It is believed the Piccolos are the first vendors to contest the city's copyright and trademark infringement claims in court. Their attorney argues the NYPD has no legal standing in the case and their putting the NYPD patch, badge or logo on an item is not trademark infringement because the Piccolos never claimed their items are official NYPD logo merchandise. He is confident they will ultimately prevail. (The attorney is handling the case for no fees.)

Court decisions in the lawsuits could come as early as this summer.

Law enforcement trademarks It is believed the Los Angeles Police Department was first in the nation to copyright and trademark its badge, logos and name in 1998. It has vigorously pursued unauthorized use, especially by the motion picture and television industries and private vendors who make and sell LAPD merchandise.

While permission is required to use the LAPD name, badge or logos, it is also believed neither the department or city make or market any merchandise.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Mounted Police holds copyright and trademark rights to its uniform, insignia and logos, including the word "Mounties." However, the RCMP sells official RCMP merchandise at stores and online. Sales generate about \$2 million a year in revenue.

Other agencies that hold copyrights and trademarks on their names, images and logos are the police departments in Detroit, Omaha and Arlington, Tex. There may be others.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Security Agency and Secret Service have long held trademarks and copyrights on their names, badges, insignia and logos, although it is also a federal crime to use federal insignia or logos without permission or authorization.

Experts say there is a difference between a law enforcement agency copyrighting its badges, insignia and logos to prevent unauthorized reproductions and an agency marketing or licensing merchandise in exchange for fees and profit, which they NYPD is doing now.

"Law enforcement agencies exist to provide public safety to their communities. They do not exist to make a profit or market merchandise," an attorney who did not want his name used told me.

The NYPD and Fire Department of New York copyrighted and trademarked their names, logos and insignia in 2001. The city licenses official merchandise through a private vendor.

The FDNY has two stores that market and sell about \$200,000 a year in official merchandise, according to the *New York Times*.

The Piccolos, through their lawyer, filed a motion as part of their case that would have had the judge order the city to disclose its revenue from official merchandise sales after the city refused disclosure. The judge denied the motion.

However, a newspaper reported the city takes in about \$24 million a year in revenue from sales of official NYPD merchandise licenses. That amount has not been confirmed by the city.

NYPD trademark history Even though the NYPD has held copyright and trademark rights to its name, insignia and logos since 2001, initial enforcement was hit and miss at best.

That all changed in the mid-2000s when the city began pursuing merchandise vendors across the country, probably in response to the rapid growth in online sales of NYPD logo items.

Last year, the city warned retired NYPD officers they could not use the department name, badge or logos on t-shirts, Web sites or anything else without permission.

In 2010 the city hired a law firm to send cease and desist letters to more than 600 merchandisers across the country to stop them from marketing unlicensed NYPD logo merchandise or face legal action.

Interest in NYPD and FDNY logo items, especially shirts and hats, skyrocketed after the September 11, 2011 terrorist attack and unauthorized merchandise was everywhere.

In 2018 the city prohibited uniform and police supply stores stores from selling NYPD emblems to retired officers, who had always been authorized to buy them. The prohibition has adversely affected the availability of NYPD patches, especially special units, to collectors.

"I used to get my trade patches at a uniform store. I've been doing it for years. Now, I can't do that anymore," a retired officer and NYPD collector said.

A spokesman for the vendor that sells NYPD official merchandise licenses for the city said the city monitors t-shirt shops, stalls and street vendors who sell logo items. It also searches the Internet for online sellers.

Former collector Eliot Sashe was sued for selling unauthorized NYPD and FDNY items on eBay. He settled out of court.

The city once took action against a chain of restaurants in Florida called NYPD Pizza. NYPD stands for New York Pizzeria Delicatessen. The company was headquartered in Orlando and decorated its restaurants to look like NYPD precinct stations and painted its delivery cars to look like NYPD patrol cars. Employees even wore NYPD-style uniforms.

The company and the city settled the case after three years. NYPD Pizza agreed to change its logo and never do business in New York, New Jersey or Connecticut. It is now a national chain with restaurants across the country.

In 2012, NYPD barred officers from wearing any NYPD t-shirts or logo items on or off duty. The police commissioner was furious that cops sometimes showed up at crime scenes wearing what he called offensive t-shirts, sweatshirts and hats.

One of the most popular shirts among detectives was NYPD Homicide Squad with the logo "Our day begins when your day ends."

Reportedly, the NYPD has also cracked down on vendors selling items around the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C. during National Police Week.

Common sense anyone? I have been collecting law enforcement insignia and memorabilia for more than 30 years.

I no longer collect t-shirts and ball caps because my collection was getting too large. I ran out of room to display it. However, I still occasionally wear a few shirts around the house or at shows. (Otherwise, I don't wear them in public.)

A law enforcement agency has the right to copyright and/or trademark its name, insignia and logos to prevent unauthorized reproductions or use. I have absolutely no issue with it if it is done to protect the integrity of the insignia.

However, there is plenty of room for common sense. The NYPD could use some of it. Its only job is protect and serve the people of New York City. It is certainly not marketing and selling merchandise licenses like rock or country music stars or pro sports teams.

If I were a taxpayer in already heavily taxed New York City, I would be angry the city is hired a lawyer to go after a retired NYPD officer and his wife because they made a few bucks off selling t-shirts at a small store on Long Island.

Yet, it has had an ongoing legal battle with the Piccolos for nearly ten years. One can only wonder how much it has cost the taxpayers in attorney fees.

The tax money the attorney has made so far going after the Piccolos should have been spent to help end police suicides or doing more for the cops and fire fighters who are still sick and dying from serving at the World Trade Center site.

What did the Piccolos actually do? They aren't terrorists, murderers, drug dealers or Mafia. They designed and marketed a few t-shirts without buying marketing licenses for them and put the NYPD patch on a sign outside their store. So what? Who cares?

What makes this even more bizarre is if the intent was to keep insignia and logo merchandise from falling into the wrong hands, that would be one thing. That makes sense. However, the intent is for the city to make money off license fees and merchandise sales.

I have been to New York City several times. I know there are NYPD and FDNY logo



Left) A different style of NYPD logo shirt with the shoulder patch and department name. (Right) When the NYPD commissioner saw detectives wearing this shirt at a crime scene in 2012, he issued a directive that active officers could not wear them on or off duty. *Mike R. Bondarenko photographs*

items, especially t-shirts and hats, everywhere. People buy and wear this merchandise because they like cops and firefighters, which is a compliment to both agencies. The NYPD should consider this outpouring of support an honor, not a revenue source.

It is ludicrous to tell retired NYPD officers across the country they can't use the department name, insignia images or logos on personal Web sites, car club logos or anywhere else. Let's give that directive the Bronx cheer it deserves

I was a cop for 38 years. I always thought I had pretty good common sense. Most of the active and retired cops I know do, too. However, it seems common sense doesn't always prevail on the upper floors at City Hall or One Police Plaza.

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Winnipeg Police Museum Undergoes Major Expansion

The outstanding Winnipeg, Man. Police Museum has greatly expanded since it moved to police headquarters. It went from 1500 square feet to 5600 square feet. Museum visitors have increased from 400 to 500 a year at the previous location to more than 9400 at police headquarters.

By Mike R. Bondarenko, Editor

WINNIPEG, Man. – When the Winnipeg, Man. Police Service moved into its new, modern headquarters, the city wisely included space for the Police Museum, which is open to visitors in its new digs.

The Winnipeg Police Museum, which is free to the public, has gone from a tiny, relatively anonymous museum in the Westwood neighborhood to a dynamic main floor location at police headquarters.

"Back at the old site, we would get maybe 400 to 500 visitors a year. In our first year here, we got 9400," curator Randy James said.

The museum has gone from 1500 square feet to 5600 square feet. The additional space has allowed the museum to greatly expand the breadth and scope of the exhibits. Many of the newest exhibits were in storage at the former site because there was simply no place to show them.

The museum, which is run by volunteer retired officers, features outstanding exhibits:



Winnipeg Police Service historians Jack Templeman (left) and Randy James (right), both retired officers, pose with the police museum's vintage Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Templeman served as museum curator for two decades before James took over in 2018. *Winnipeg Free Press photograph*

...Document and photograph archives date back to the 1880s.

...Displays of early equipment, such as handcuffs, weapons and old record books with handwritten entries. An early police identification camera is there, along with mug shots of criminals and the glass negatives that the pictures were made from.

...Police memorabilia from the famous Winnipeg Strike of 1919, including batons, armbands and badges issued to special constables who were quickly hired to replace the dismissed constables for the duration of the strike.

...A display about Earle "The Strangler" Nelson, a serial sex killer from the United States who was responsible for the deaths of many women in Canada and the USA. He was captured in Manitoba and met his fate in Winnipeg.

...A jail cell from the North End "E" Division built in 1911, which is an interesting attraction, especially for children.

Retired Staff Sergeant Jack Templeman, who served as museum curator for two decades, often begins family museum tours by locking the kids up in the cell.

"Twenty-five years to life!" he told a family as mom and the kids stepped into the cell while dad snapped pictures from the outside.

...A display on dangers faced by officers in the line of duty. In addition to several bulletproof vests that have been used for testing, there is one vest that was not intended for a test but in fact saved the life of an officer when he was shot by a known drug dealer.

...Large artifacts, including a beautifully restored 1925 REO patrol wagon and a restored 1978 Harley-Davidson with a sidecar.

One of the most interesting displays is devoted to former Winnipeg Constable Victor McLaglen, who spent three months on the force in 1907 before he learned he could make more money in one night as a professional boxer than he could in a year as a police officer.

McLaglen went on to a career as a Hollywood actor and starred in several early John Wayne movies as his sidekick. In 1935, his role in *The Informer* won him an Oscar for best actor.

"We believe we are the only police agency in North America ever to have an Academy Award-winning cop," Templeman said.

Another exhibit is devoted to female constables, specifically how their uniform attire has changed over the years, starting with pill box hats, then stylish bowlers, then a stewardess design with a short skirt and finally a uniform with a hard peak hat.

Winnipeg hired its first female constables in 1916, but they saw limited duty as matrons who looked after wayward children and women in distress. Female officers went on patrol in 1941 but they were armed only with batons.

Today, 220 of 1421 Winnipeg officers are females.

Male officers started with English-style bobby helmets, but in the 1950s changed to the forage cap seen today. Standards have relaxed even more in recent years to allow officers to wear a tuque in the winter and a ball cap in the summer, much to the chagrin of old-school cops like Templeman.



The heavy winter coat on the mannequin on the left was made from buffalo hide with a fur collar. It was worn in frigid Winnipeg before Gortex or modern police jackets were invented. The call box on the right includes a light that signaled constables they needed to call in. *Winnipeg Free Press photograph*



Officers patrolled on bicycles before they started making their rounds in cars. Check out the bobby helmet! The vehicle is a 1925 model REO police patrol wagon that was used mostly for prisoner transports. This vehicle was used year-round, no matter how cold. *Winnipeg Free Press photograph*

Winnipeg Police Museum ...Continued

The equipment carried by male officers in the 1950s and 1960s was nothing like now; just a handgun, handcuffs and a baton. "Today, they are completely decked out with stuff," Templeman said.

There is a large display of batons that Winnipeg officers have carried over the years from a two-foot long wooden club in the 1900s to a nine-inch leather blackjack. Modern batons are short but expandable with the flick of the wrist.

Canine enthusiasts will enjoy a beautiful oil painting of German shepherd canine "Axel," is the only dog ever given the Canadian Banks' Law Enforcement Award.

In 1975, "Axel" intervened when a bank robber was shooting at a Winnipeg officer. The dog attacked and as the thief raised his arm in self defense, the dog went for the arm. The robber accidentally fired the gun as his arm flew up and he fatally shot himself in the head. "Axel" was a pretty smart canine!

There are displays of emergency lights and handcuffs.

The department started with single rooftop revolving red lights, then "double bubble" red light bars. Today the department uses red and blue lights and small lightbars. The LED lights are so much brighter.

Handcuffs have evolved from a one-handed cuff known as a nipper to thumb cuffs to modern hinged cuffs.

A display is devoted to two infamous old-time cops, Jack Taylor and Peter Vander Graaf, who famously took no guff from criminals.

"If they picked you up, you didn't know whether you were going to jail or the hospital," Templeman said.



Jack Templeman shows off some of the many exhibits at the Winnipeg Police Museum, which is located at police headquarters. Museum visitors have increased ten-fold since it was moved to the new police headquarters. It now draws 9400 visitors a year. *Winnipeg Free Press photograph*



October 21, 1974 was a huge day in the history of the Winnipeg Police Service because it was the day that eight police forces were amalgamated to form the new department. Today, the department has more than 1400 officers who serve and protect the Manitoba city. *Winnipeg Free Press photograph*

The department used motorcycles with sidecars until 1982. They were ridden in summer and winter. Officers were required to ride motors until the temperature exceed 29 degrees below zero!

Templeman recalled riding on a day when it was 15 degrees below zero with a 50 mile per hour wind!

He said the museum is a bridge to the community, as well as educating a new generation.

The museum is open from 10 am to 3 pm Tuesday through Friday.

It is located at 245 Smith Street in downtown Winnipeg

Winnipeg Police Service The Winnipeg Police Service Web site features an outstanding eight-part department history written by Templeman.

He points out that the current department was formed by the amalgamation of eight police forces on October 21, 1974. The newly-amalgamated city was divided into six districts. The now-obsolete forces worked five of the six districts, while Winnipeg cops worked the former inner city.

All officers began wearing a new shoulder patch on January 1, 1975 that included the motto, "One With The Strength Of Many."

There is a display of uniforms and gear from each of the obsolete departments at the museum.

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PICA-GB Annual Meeting The 2019 annual general meeting of the Police Insignia Collectors Association of Great Britain was held at the Metropolitan Police Sports and Social Club in Bushey, Hertfordshire on April 7. Chairman Keith Jackson presided over the event, which included reports from club officers and a financial report, which showed the organization had a fund balance of £18,735 as of December 31, 2018. The meeting was followed by a well attended swap meet. Swap meets in the UK are small but have become very popular.

Youngster Collects Patches Five-year-old Allison Krueger of Milwaukee, Wis. has a passion for police officers. She collects police patches and wants to be a canine officer, her mother said. Allison has begun sending cards and letters of encouragement to local police officers. So far, she and her friends have sent cards and letters to about 200 officers. "Police are nice, and they help people out," Allison said.

OSHP Anniversary Yearbook The Ohio State Highway Patrol celebrated its 85th anniversary in 2018. The agency commissioned a commemorative yearbook that was published early this year. The hardcover volume features highlights of the agency's significant accomplishments during the last five years, portraits of sworn and civilian employees, current operational programs, award winners and retiree functions. The book was offered only to current and retired OSHP employees.

New Stanislaus County The Stanislaus County, Calif. Sheriff's Office recently debuted a new shoulder patch, according to collector Andie Jensen. It is a shield shape with a black background and green outer border and yellow letting, "SHERIFF" at the top and "STANISLAUS/ COUNTY" at the bottom. The center design is a round full color state seal.

The Challenge Coin Is A Poker Chip

Not all challenge coins are round and made of heavy metal! Challenge coins come in many custom design shapes and sizes, while others are not coins but plastic poker chips! Rick Uland takes a look at the other side of challenge coin collecting.

By Rick Uland, Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. – As a follow up to my original column on challenge coins that was published in *PCNEWS* back in the January-February issue, I thought I would further elaborate on additional physical aspects related to challenge coin designs.

As I pointed out in my previous column, a challenge coin is only a coin to the extent that its is round and almost always made of base metal. Legal coins are only minted by an official government mint and such coins can be legal tender or produced for an official sanctioned governmental event, reason or purpose.

And as I pointed out previously, I use the term challenge coin in a generic sense to identify such coins for the purpose of the collecting hobby.

So, with all of that out of the way, I continue on with challenge coins that are not actually a coin but designed and produced for the same purposes.

When I say not a coin, I mean specifically in the sense that the challenge coin is not round. In such cases the item is used the same way that a round coin is used. The presentation piece can be made in any number of designs and configurations.

The challenge coin can be made in the shape of a military dog tag or in the shape of a shield. The design can also be in the shape of a cutout with holes or slits cut through the center of the coin. The coin could be in the shape of a badge and used as a bottle cap opener, such as the Los Angeles Police Department challenge coin bottle cap opener that appears in this column.

When I say dog tag, I refer to the military-style dog tag as issued to all United States military members. I do not reference an animal as in the four-legged dog type of dog tag. And in that regard, a dog tag (as in an animal license) is in most cases not the same design as a military dog tag.

I have included three types of dog tag-style challenge coins.

Two of these coins are from Operation Iraqi Freedom with one from Logistics Support



(Left) Air Force 99nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit has a U-2 spy plane cutout with a flag (obverse) or a red buffalo logo (reverse). (Right) A dog tag-style coin from Operation Iraqi Freedom. One side depicts four flags while the other has a scorpion and snake over an outline of Iraq. *Rick Uland photographs*

Activity Anaconda located at Balad Air Base, Iraq and the second from joint military operations involving the United States, Great Britain, Australia and post-Saddam Iraqi forces.

The uniqueness of these Operation Iraqi Freedom coins is they incorporate designs using a snake and scorpion. The significance of these poisonous creatures should not be lost. Both the scorpion and anaconda are tough, striking venomous creatures that indicate the message being sent to the enemies of the allied military forces in Iraq: Watch out!

During the Vietnam War, the United States military and specifically the Army incorporated many fast-striking venomous snakes in the designs of mainly unauthorized in-country made patches and other related insignia. Such creatures can be found with some regularity within the designs of challenge coins. (In-country meaning in the country of South Vietnam.)

The third dog tag challenge coin shows the challenge coin is not just within the domain of the Army. It is a commemorative coin specific to Air Forces in Europe (USAFE).

This coin was issued in commemoration of the USAFE Headquarters Enlisted Combat



(Left) One side of the joint Air Force-Army coin shows a Patriot missile and a U-2 and refueling tanker. The other side shows NCO insignia. (Right) Navy Global War on Terrorism has the crest and flag on one side and crossed swords and an anchor over two medals on the other. *Rick Uland photographs*



(Left) Operation Liberty Shield is from Homeland Security and shows a eagle and the USA outline on a flag or the United States coat of arms. (Right) Air Force "Cross Into the Blue" is another cutout coin with the force logo on one side and the motto on the other side. *Rick Uland photographs*



Left) A dog tag coin: Operation Iraqi Freedom with USA and Iraq flags and snakes and a scorpion. Its from a support base in Balad. (Right) LAPD Honor the Fallen is a bottle opener made like a badge. It has a badge on the front and the Thin Blue Line flag on the other side. *Rick Uland photographs*

Challenge CoinsContinued

Dining-In ceremonies that took place in August 2002 at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

It has a very unique design incorporating a ruck sack, crossed M-16s, camouflage, the USAFE crest and a ribbon sash for the National Defense Service Medal. A unique inscription also appears on the reverse of the coin.

Now, in relation to the coin designs that incorporate cutouts from the interior or center of the coin, I have displayed two designs. One is a generic Air Force coin that incorporates the Air Force logo with an inscription on the reverse that reads "Cross Into the Blue."

This type of coin is basically a hand out public relations item given out at recruiting



(Left) 94th Military Police is a badge shape. The badge is one side and USA and South Korean flags on the other side. The brigade patch also appears. (Right) A USAF Europe dog tag coin made to honor an activity at Ramstein AFB in Germany. It is a unique design. *Rick Uland photographs*

offices, air shows, job fairs and similar places where uniformed Air Force personnel perform some sort of official function while interacting with the public.

The second cutout coin is a much more custom design and again from the Air Force 99th Aircraft Maintenance Unit. It has a very intricate cutout that depicts the U-2 spy plane which the 99th maintains.

On the reverse just below the tail of the plane is a red and black buffalo. The buffalo is traced all the way back to World War I when that design was the emblem of the Army's 99th Aero Squadron.

The 99th Aero Squadron served as a corps observation squadron assigned short-range tactical reconnaissance above the German lines over the Western Front. The 99th AMU is now part of the 99th Reconnaissance Squadron stationed at Beale Air Force Base, California.

Quite a difference from piloting flying coffins made out of paper and balsa wood in World War I to flying Mach 3 spy planes at 70,000 feet!

To touch back a bit on the LAPD cutout custom design, it is very unique in that it is in the design of the LAPD Series 6 badge and has the rank of police officer. It is fabricated along the same lines as a challenge or presentation coin but not in the round coin shape. This design honors the memory of the 9-11 terrorist attack victims.

The fact the coin has a center cutout that acts as a bottle opener makes it even more collectible.

Another style of non-round challenge coin deals with shield styles. An interesting piece appears includes both Air Force and Army designations. It is another coin that came into existence as a result of the Middle East War against Saddam Hussein and his Iraqi forces, as well as the fight against ISIS.

This coin was awarded for excellence to low-ranking non-commissioned officers and enlisted personnel by the three top-ranking NCO grades of both Air Force and Army personnel stationed at Al Dhafra Air Base in United Arab Emirates.

On the Air Force side you have master sergeant, senior master sergeant and chief master sergeant. These USAF and Army ranks are referred to as "Top 3."

On the Army side you have sergeant first class, master sergeant and sergeant major.

This coin is high quality with a very well put together and colorful design. The front has a Patriot missile battery that would be operated by the Army on the left. On the right is a U-2 spy plane and airborne refueling tanker which the Air Force would operate.

What makes this coin so interesting is it is awarded not by just one service but by both the Air Force and Army who serve jointly at Al Dhafra Air Base. It would be similar to two different law enforcement agencies awarding a coin jointly from say the San Francisco Police Department and the Daly City Police Department, which is next door to San Francisco.

The next shield design is from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Operation



FBI National Academy is a coin with two flags and a crown attached to the top. The United States and NA-Thin Blue Line flags are shown. The center designs are the academy crest and Saint Michael, the patron saint of police officers. The edge replicates the FBI seal. *Rick Uland photographs*

Liberty Shield. An unusual design in that the center is a shield with the upper to lower part surrounding the shield being similar to a ribbon. Superimposed over the shield is an eagle flying over the United States. The reverse side has the United States coat of arms on the shield.

Operation Liberty Shield is a program in DHS carried out by federal law enforcement and police agencies to secure the borders, contiguous waters, air space and interior of the United States.

Other interesting designs away from the standard coin is an oval specific to the United States Navy in the global war on terrorism. This is a very nicely done coin as to shape, style, coloring and messaging.

The front has crossed sabers across an anchor and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal on the left and Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal on the right. On the reverse is the Navy crest over the United States flag.

The second badge-style coin is from the Army 94th Military Police Battalion. It is in the shape of the former Army military police badge. The engraving is excellent.

On the reverse are the American and South Korean flags on either side of the 8th Military Police Brigade patch indicating service in Korea. The crest of the 94th MP Battalion is in the center of the badge. A ribbon across the bottom of the badge reads "Commanders Award for Excellence." This coin is awarded by the military police unit commander to lower-ranking enlisted personnel or subordinate officers.

The final base metal coin is from the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy (NA) located at United States Marine Corps Base at Quantico. This is a very detailed and interesting design. It has two flags and a crown attached to the top.

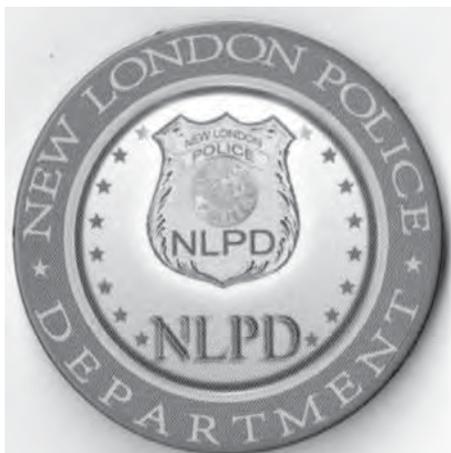
On the front are the United States flag on the left and the Thin Blue Line law enforcement memorial flag on the right. The crown is centered between them. On the reverse are the FBI National Academy flag on the left and the United States flag on the right.

The NA crest is shown on the front of the coin and Saint Michael the Archangel, who is the patron saint of police officers, appears on the back. (I am surprised that nobody has challenged the constitutionality of a religious symbol on a government agency item.)

When all is said and done in this discussion about challenge coins, we find when comparing all of these coins, we are back where we started.

Looking at designs, styles, shapes, sizes, base metal colors, custom coloring, themes, messages and whether the coin is round or some other specialized shape, there is not much difference between law enforcement and military challenge coins.

In the end the reasoning for the coin and what it represents and how it is used is only different in the fact that one is handed out by the military and the other is handed out by law enforcement, public safety or other government official.



Poker chip coin challenge coins! (Top) Weatherly, Penna. PD Tactical Tracker has a Native American theme. (Left and right) New London, Conn. PD has the department badge on one side and their badge on the other. The United States flag also appears on one side. *Rick Uland photographs*

Now, we look at a coin that is not a coin but is a poker chip while still being a challenge coin! Thus, we get to the nitty gritty of the title of this column.

I have included two very unusual pieces that in my collecting experience over many decades I have never come across. However, I was extremely lucky that I just recently added these poker chips to my challenge coin collection.

The first coin is from the New London, Conn. Police Department and has the department badge on the front. On the reverse is the department patch along with the United States flag. Very nice coloring scheme and not real flashy! Everything blends in quite well within the designs.

The second poker chip challenge coin is very unique and probably pretty rare as such things go. It is from the Weatherly, Penna. Police Department. I would say this is quite an obscure coin. Weatherly is a very small department. The population of the town is approximately 2500 people and it is less than three square miles.

The police department has eight officers from the chief on down. Judging from many small police departments in Pennsylvania where I travel quite a bit, some of those officers are probably part-time.

What really makes this coin such an incredible addition to a law enforcement challenge coin collection is the fact that this is a tactical tracker coin. Yes, very small and lightly staffed Weatherly has a tactical tracking officer and a challenge coin for the officer.

Even better to add icing to the cake is that "The Challenge Coin is a Poker Chip."

All coins displayed in this column are from my personal collection.

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New York Police Celebrate 100th Flag Anniversary

The New York Police Department official flag celebrated its centennial anniversary on May 17 with a ceremony at Police One Plaza. Police Commissioner James P. O'Neill called the flag a powerful symbol of the department and membership in what he knowingly described as the police family.

By Mike R. Bondarenko, Editor

NEW YORK CITY – The New York Police Department is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the department flag. The agency held a ceremony to commemorate the flag centennial on May 17 at One Police Plaza, the NYPD headquarters.

While a handful of major city and county agencies have department-specific flags,



The official New York City Police Department flag, which is not worn on uniforms, has alternating green and white stripes. The white stars appear on a blue field. There is one star each for the communities that were amalgamated into New York City in 1898. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

NYPD Flag CelebrationContinued

none are as well known as the NYPD flag, which has a square of white stars on a blue square and a field of three green and two white alternating stripes.

The NYPD flag flies over police headquarters at One Police Plaza and some precinct stations. Sadly, it also drapes the coffins of fallen officers. However, it does not appear on uniforms or patrol cars.

"It's a powerful symbol of our department and of membership in our police family. And it holds a position of honor whenever and wherever we gather around it," Police Commissioner James P. O'Neill said at the ceremony, which featured the Ceremonial Unit, department officials and dignitaries.

"This flag represents what this police department means to our city. And it serves as a visible reminder [that] we will always be there, protecting our neighborhoods and doing everything possible to keep everyone safe. That is something that will never change, and that's the foundation of pride upon which our flag was raised," he said.

The department unveiled its official flag on May 17, 1919 at the annual parade honoring NYPD veterans of World War I.

Previous flags, including a small blue standard with the city seal in the center, were carried by police regiments of the Union Army during the Civil War.

The flag is respectfully modeled after the United States flag. The five green and white stripes represent the five city boroughs, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island and The Bronx. The 24 white stars represent the cities, towns and villages incorporated into New York City in 1898.

The color green celebrates the history of New York law enforcement and can be traced back to 1658 when New Amsterdam night watchmen, the city's first paid police force, carried lanterns with green glass.

Over the past century, the NYPD flag has flown during the tenures of 18 United States presidents, 16 New York City mayors and 31 NYPD commissioners.

Uniform flags Very few law enforcement agencies either have an official flag and/or wear it on their uniforms. New York City officers do not wear the department flag on their uniforms.

Many agencies that wear the department patch on one shoulder wear the United States flag on the other shoulder.

Chicago police officers wear the department patch on one shoulder and the city flag on other shoulder. It has also appeared on marked patrol cars over the years.

There is an official Chicago PD flag, but it is not worn on uniforms, nor has it appeared on patrol vehicles.

Most agencies that do have a department flag display it when their honor guards carry it during ceremonial occasions. The Los Angeles Police Department is among them.

Chicago police wear the city flag on their uniforms.

I don't know anyone who collects official department flags. If there is someone, I would love to hear from him or her.

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The New York Police Department official flag, green and white stripes with white stars on a blue field, drapes the coffin of a city police officer killed in the line of duty. The NYPD flag is an enduring symbol of the department. It was celebrated at a ceremony on May 17. *NYPD official photograph*

California Roundup

The 2019 National Police Collectors Show in Dallas has all of the makings of a fabulous show.

Thanks to the hard work of Roderick Janich and his crew, the communications and accommodations have been stellar.

Table sales appear to be approaching the record-setting level and the location of the event in the center of the country is equally accessible to all.

As a two-time National Show host, I may have some insight into what is required to coordinate an event of this magnitude. They are clearly labor intensive from securing a venue, obtaining advertising, needing liability insurance, providing hotel accommodations and accepting table reservations. The task list is very extensive prompting the adoption of a policy to identify the host location two years in advance.

There still remains one elephant in the room to guarantee a successful National, or even a regional gathering for that matter. The factor is *you and I* as collectors. If we do not attend the shows, they will not be successful regardless of the efforts of the hosts.

Some shows are close, while others are across the country. Some shows permit us to drive while others mandate an airline trip. Regardless, it is upon us to support these shows in order to sustain the hobby and maintain the opportunity to have such events.

If the attendance drops and the tables are not sold, then shows will be discontinued. I enjoy the hobby and the collectors and feel fortunate to have an opportunity to attend collectors shows.

It is my hope that you enjoy the same level of passion and continue to support all of the shows on the National and regional level.

The California Law Enforcement Historical Society will be represented in Dallas and we will look forward to seeing y'all there.

Grave concern The majority of the collectors that I know are or have been members of a law enforcement agency. Those in the hobby without direct experience are certainly supporters of law enforcement officers and the profession in general.

We all seem to share a reverence for the profession and the safety of the community. That respect is conveyed in our hobby through the collection of insignia which is symbolic of the public safety effort in the form of badges, patches and other artifacts.

What has become a startling reality is the loss of life by law enforcement officers who placed their personal safety in jeopardy so that we may be safe. The list of those who have died in the line of duty this year alone is absolutely frightening.

Just last week we lost another officer killed in the line of duty while still on probation and working with a training officer. She had been an officer for only six months. Sadly, that scenario is replayed across the country every week, and my heart goes out to the surviving family members who also make a personal sacrifice in the form of their lost loved one.

As we enjoy the hobby of collecting and memorializing history, I would ask that you keep in mind the true significance of these pieces which are the focus of our shared interest.

Keith Bushey, one of my dearest friends, and I have shared the conversation many times by pondering the stories that could be told if only our badges could actually speak. These talking badges would surely share successes, friendship, hardship, terror, love, anger, and, of course, laughter. But what is more important than the talking badge would be the stories of those who wore it.

With that said, I offer my deepest condolence to those who have lost a family member simply because they dedicated their livelihood to our protection.

To the fallen officers I express my true appreciation for a job well done.

Politics I enjoy chatting with my friends about all sorts of topics about the law enforcement profession or just life in general. However, I have now drawn a line in the sand and will no longer discuss politics. This may appear to be an inappropriate topic for a collector's newspaper, but please hear me out.

There is no desire to support or condemn any political party or candidate even though we have already begun the campaigning process for the 2020 election.

As supporters of law enforcement, it is critical that we become more active in politics in order to adopt bills that support our officers and the safety of our communities. We also need to elect representatives with the same mindset of making public safety a priority.

California has way too many examples of legislation and representatives who have not made public safety a priority and the suffering that results is tragic. So, perhaps I need to relocate that line in the sand to discuss politics that impact our public safety.

Enough said.

2020 San Luis Obispo show The annual San Luis Obispo show will be back in 2020. The target date is July 18 at Cuesta College outside of the city of San Luis Obispo. Should there be a conflict, we will have the back-up location of the San Luis Obispo Veterans Memorial Hall available once again, as the earthquake retrofitting will have been completed.



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Our sincere apology for the inability to provide a show on the California Central Coast this year.

Ripon collectors show The wildly popular Northern California Law Enforcement Collectors Show and Emergency Vehicle Display and Recruitment Fair will be held in Ripon on October 5. Additional information about the collector show and the vehicle show can be found on Facebook at Friends of the California Law Enforcement Historical Society.

Collectors from around the state make the trip to Ripon which is always fun. The added bonus is the public safety vehicle show in the adjoining park which includes a Code-3 parade through town. There are beautiful public safety vehicles of all types.

Submitted by CLEHS President Gary Hoving

A Wide Spot In The Road Rio Vista Police Department

"Gateway to the Delta" is what is said of the quaint Delta town of Rio Vista.

The Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta is made up of over 1100 square miles of land and water. These waterways afford some of the best boating and wind surfing in California.

Let's not forget great fishing throughout the delta. The area is famous for sturgeon, striped bass, salmon, steelhead and catfish fishing. If you sign up for one of the numerous derbies throughout the year, you may win anything from a hefty cash prize to bragging rights.

Rio Vista is located at the east end of Solano County about 65 miles northeast of San

Francisco and 28 miles east of Fairfield, which is on Highway 80. If you ever get "stuck In Lodi again," you are only 25 miles west of Rio Vista.

In 1858, Rio Vista was originally known as Brazos Del Rio. The translation from Spanish is "arms of the river."

On December 30, 1893 the town of Rio Vista was incorporated.

From 1911 to 1922, Rio Vista was home to the United States Army Reserve Center. The Army Corps of Engineers also used the base as their headquarters for river control activities. (Throughout the delta there are approximately 1750 miles of levees protecting cities, farms, schools and, of course, people.)

During the 1960s and '70s, the base was used to prepare amphibious vehicles to move to Vietnam. It was also used to train the troops using these vehicles. The base closed in 1992.

There is currently a United States Coast Guard Station in Rio Vista. With thousands of boaters using the delta, the Coast Guard performs a vital service in making sure the vessels have the required life vests, throwables and fire extinguishers on board.

The Solano County Sheriff Department also has patrol vessels and officers patrolling about 150 miles of navigable rivers, sloughs and channels in the county. It should also be mentioned that the Marine Patrol has a search and rescue and dive team in case they are needed.

In 1936, natural gas was discovered in Rio Vista and became a major source of employment in the area. The field was named Rio Vista Gas Field and has produced about 3.6 trillion cubic feet of gas already and is still going strong.

One of Rio Vista's claims to fame is a wayward humpback whale. In 1985 the whale was discovered in the waters by the city and became a major source of media coverage. The uniqueness of this incident is that the whale had to traverse 60 miles through San Francisco Bay and up the fresh water of the delta and the Sacramento River to there! Locals and the media gave the whale the name of Humphrey.

It was nice to see Chief Dan Dailey again. I had worked with him at the Sacramento County Sheriff Department about 30 years ago. (Wow! Where does the time go?) He was



An impressive collection of Rio Vista Police Department patches and badges, including current and obsolete styles. The current patch is in the lower right. It has a custom center design. Badges have always been stars. There is an Old West-style shield with cutout star. *Mike DeVilbiss photograph*



The Rio Vista Police Department is located in its own building with a most impressive United States flag out front. Six marked Ford Explorers and two unmarked vehicles are kept in the large parking lot at the right. The department is at 50 Poppy House Road. *Mike DeVilbiss photograph*

in an academy class two classes before mine.

Chief Dailey spent 27 years with the Sheriff Department. His career included about four years as a canine handler. He worked his way up the ranks and retired as a captain in 2009.

When the opening for chief of police in Rio Vista came along, Chief Dailey knew it would be a good fit. It is always good to see the chief of a department with so much enthusiasm and constructive energy.

The Police Department was formed when the city was incorporated in 1893. Today, the population is about 10,500 and growing fast. There are about 7.5 square miles to patrol.

There is a fast-growing development in the city called the Trilogy at Rio Vista. It has about 2800 to 3000 new homes available for the at least 55 years and older crowd. Currently there are only about 50 building lots left.

While driving around the city, I noticed quite a bit of industry. I learned later from the chief that about 2000 people commute to Rio Vista to work each day.

The police department has 15 full-time sworn officers and one part-time officer. There is the chief, a commander, four sergeants and three reserve officers. The department is proud of their K-9 Rio. The chief relayed to me the annual budget for his department is \$2.6 million.

The department has a records manager, part-time records tech, full-time community service officer who also works in the evidence room and doubles as a code enforcement officer. There is no school resource officer since there are only three schools in town.

When I asked the chief what vehicles his department uses, he said they have six marked Ford Explorers and two unmarked vehicles. Among the other vehicles the department has is a traffic speed trailer to help remind motorists of posted speed limits.

It was relayed to me the department handles about 200 calls for service a week. This number is up from 120 calls for service two years ago.

The officers are kept busy dealing with drug trafficking going on from the San Francisco Bay Area to the Stockton area along Highway 12. The Sheriff Department is always around to assist when needed.

There is no holding cell in Rio Vista. The drive to the county jail in Fairfield takes about 25 minutes.

I asked Chief Dailey if there are special events that Rio Vista is known for. He told me about Hot August Bites. For those who are unfamiliar with Hot August Nights in Reno, Nev., this is a parody of that popular event.

Hot August Bites will be held August 24 this year and will have a chili and ribs cook off, vendors, music, a parade and a car show. The event is well attended and security is provided by the PD.

There is a big bass derby held in October which is well known on the West Coast. The prizes can be quite substantial.

When I asked Chief Dailey what his department does to preserve its history, he said a lot of the items donated to the department are in the Rio Vista Museum. The museum is only open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:30 to 4:30 pm and is located at 16 North Front Street. Since it was a Friday when I visited the city, I was unable to take in the museum.

I asked Chief Dailey what the best thing is about working in Rio Vista. He told me without hesitation it is the support he gets from his officers, community and the city manager.

Of course, I asked for the best place to eat in town. Chief Dailey told me there are just too many good eats places to pick one. (See why they like him so much?)

I know one of the most popular places is Foster's Big Horn. The first time I walked through the doors, I was thoroughly amazed at all of the animals mounted on the walls. For good food or just a cold beer, your stop at Foster's will be a memorable one.

If you ever want to feel what Tom Sawyer of Huckleberry Finn may have experienced sitting on the banks of the Mississippi River fishing and watching boats going by, head to Rio Vista. The small-town ideology and values may just hook you.

Submitted by Mike DeVilbiss



Chief Dan Dailey told Mike DeVilbiss that Rio Vista has six marked black and white Ford Explorer patrol vehicles as well as two unmarked vehicles. There is also a speed trailer. The 16-officer department serves a population of 10,500. The Solano County city is growing fast. Mike DeVilbiss photograph

Corona Historic Preservation Society Hosts Police History Panel and Exhibit

Part Two

The Corona, Calif. Historic Preservation Society hosted an exhibit and panel discussion on Corona police history on February 9.

The event attracted a capacity crowd that included many current and former city police officers and their families. The mayor, aldermen and chief of police were in attendance.

The first segment of the more than 90-minute program was a presentation on department history by historian Terry Madory, a retired corporal. It was reported on in the March-April edition of the California Police Historian.

The second segment was a panel discussion that featured former chiefs Mike Abel, John Cleghorn and Richard Gonzalez and former captains Sam Spiegel, Ray Cota, John Dalzell and Roy Vanderkellen.

Madory, who serves as official department historian, introduced each panelist. He told the audience the panel represented more than four decades of law enforcement leadership in Corona.

"These gentlemen guided the department during mostly good times and a few bad times. They are the reason we are all here today and why this city is so supportive and proud of the Police Department," Madory said.

He asked each panelist to tell the audience about themselves.

Cleghorn was born in Pasadena, Calif. and grew up in western Los Angeles. He became interested in a law enforcement career when he saw a brochure about a police science course being offered by the LAPD.

"I met quite a few LAPD officers when I was in high school. I was working in a butcher shop. They came in as customers. I did a couple ride-alongs with them. I remember the cars had stick shifts!" Cleghorn recalled.

Cleghorn attended the course and wanted to become an LAPD officer. He applied and passed the exams. He started the LAPD Academy in May 1958. However, he got his military draft notice a month before his graduation and asked the draft board to postpone his induction until after his graduation. His request was granted.

After two years in the Army, he returned to LAPD as a policeman in August 1960. He recounted many assignments and advancements.

Cleghorn continued his education and obtained his bachelors and masters degrees.

Gonzalez was raised in Southern California. He said his interest in law enforcement as a career was similar to Cleghorn. He saw a brochure about a police student worker program while he was in college.

"I applied and was hired by the LAPD. I became a police cadet while I was still in



An absolutely outstanding collection of Corona Police Department badges, emblems and other insignia. It was displayed at the Corona Historic Preservation Society program on the department's history on February 9. Note the wide variety of badge shapes and designs. Contributed photograph

college and joined the department in 1972. I absolutely loved it and worked my way up to captain," Gonzalez recalled.

"After I made captain. I wondered what it would be like to be the boss. I applied for chief at an agency that had 26 officers. We had that many on one shift at one station! I applied to two more agencies. One was Corona. I was very blessed to get the job and became chief in 1998," he said.

Gonzalez served as chief for ten and one-half years and had a great career. He and his family still live in the city.

Abel said his career was different. He started his career in Corona, came up the ranks and became the chief. His city police career spanned 30 years.

"I grew up in Orange County and always wanted to be a police officer. I was hired in 1987 and held every rank in the department from cadet on up. I became chief in 2011. I served until 2017 and loved every minute of it. I would do it again in a heartbeat," he said.

Abel noted he succeeded Chief Richard Madory, the father of panel moderator Terry Madory.

Spiegel credited Corona officer O.J. Watson with sparking his interest in police work. He went to high school with the officer's sister.

"After the civil unrest in California in the late '60s and war protests in the '70s, there was a large amount of federal money available to police departments for community relations projects. The goal was to get law enforcement more involved in the community," Spiegel recalled.

Corona applied for and received a grant for a police science course in the high school. Watson was the instructor. It became the most popular program in the school.

"O.J. tempted me when I was a senior. I took the course and then enrolled in college. I became a police cadet in Corona and joined the department after I graduated," Spiegel said.

Spiegel held every rank in the department before he became captain. He left the city in 2000 to become police chief in Folsom. He served for ten years before he retired in 2010.

"My career was different. I had no idea I would become a police officer. I was on a path to become a studio musician, but I got tired of only having 50 cents in my pocket," the affable Cota quipped, much to the delight of the crowd.

Cota took criminal justice and administration courses in college. "Two of my instructors were LAPD officers. They were wonderful guys and what they told me about police work caught my eye. I was only 20 years old but started looking for a job," he said.

He saw an advertisement in the Los Angeles Times that Corona was hiring police officers. "Okay, that sounds good. Now where is Corona?" he said as the laughter continued.

He was hired and served the city for 31 years, rising to the rank of captain. He became chief in Sedona, Ariz. for six years before he retired.

"I've had a wonderful life. Police work is the best job there is," he concluded.

Dalzell grew up in Arizona, joined the Navy in 1970 and was assigned to Camp

Pendleton, Calif. for military police training with the Marines. In the military police academy, an instructor talked about a city in Riverside County where reserve officers could work in the field as an officer.

"It was Corona. I applied and became a reserve. Five months after I left the Navy, I was hired full-time,"

Earlier, Madory had talked about the 1914 shooting of Corona Deputy Marshal Sherman, who along with another deputy marshal, was shot while trying to apprehend a murder suspect.

"There have been Shermans in Corona since the 1800s. Tom Sherman is in the audience today. All were firefighters. Tom's son is in the Air Force and commands the largest air base in the United States," Dalzell said.

Vanderkellen drew laughter from the audience when he began his presentation by telling them he is not Asian but Indonesian and Dutch. (The Dutch once colonized Indonesia.)

"My parents were both interred by the Japanese during World War II. My mother's dad was a cop in Sumatra. My father was a military police sergeant major in the Dutch Indonesian Army. I was born when we lived in New Guinea," Vanderkellen recalled.

After the war, the family was deported from Indonesia because of their Dutch heritage and relocated in Holland before they immigrated to the United States and settled in Southern California, he said.

"I wanted to be a teacher when I was in college but saw that Corona was hiring. Two buddies and I all applied. I got the job and never looked back!" Vanderkellen said.

Madory asked the panelists to talk about the biggest change in Corona PD during their careers.

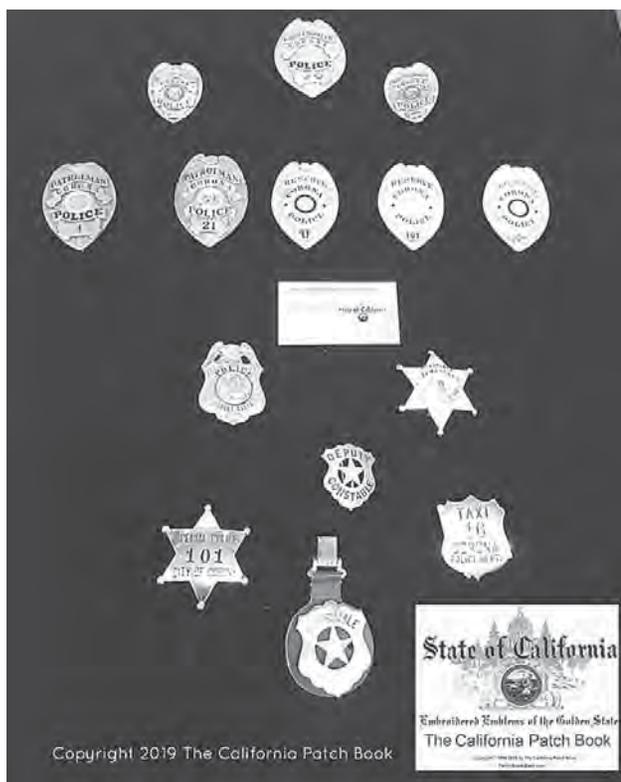
Cleghorn, who was with the department from 1985 to 1997 after leaving the LAPD in 1984, said his tenure was marked by high growth and development in and around the city.

"I remember seeing for sale signs in front of a lot of the [citrus] groves. The groves became business and housing developments with parks, schools and churches. The city doubled in size and the PD grew fast. It was probably because land was much cheaper here than around LA," he said.

Cleghorn said the biggest change was lateral hiring of police officers from other agencies.

"It used to be that you got hired, you went to the academy and then became an officer. Lateral hiring was different. The officers didn't need to go to the academy. They came from other agencies. They only needed orientation before they could work on their own. It was a big change from the past, but we made many outstanding lateral hires," he said.

Community involvement with the department was the biggest change during Gonzalez's career. He said law enforcement's community involvement efforts to involve the communities they serve since the turbulent '70s and '80s have been extremely



A fine collection of Corona Police Department badges with a progression of eagle-topped shields at the top and other older stars and shields at the bottom. Note the "Taxi" badge in the lower right. The legend reads, "TAXI/ 16/ CORONA/ POLICE DEPT." *Contributed photograph*



Another outstanding historic display of police memorabilia and artifacts at the Corona Historical Preservation Society program on February 9. Badges encased in Lucite with rank insignia appear on the left. Insignia and photo and document displays are seen on the right. *Contributed photograph*

successful.

"You don't know what you've got here. I have been amazed by what this department has been able to accomplish. The business community has willingly and generously funded youth programs or any need we brought to their attention," he said.

The youth programs have greatly reduced crimes and nuisance offenses committed by juveniles and young adults in the city.

Abel said when he stated with the department, it had 67 officers. It had 167 when he left! "We became a leader in problem solving, not just taking crime reports. It carries on today," he said.

The former chief cited the boom in law enforcement technology during his career, especially in communications and equipment.

Spiegel credited Cleghorn with transitioning Corona from a small town department to a major city law enforcement agency and emphasized his pro-active approach, especially in planning and policy development.

Cota also had high praise for Cleghorn and Gonzalez for their leadership and forward vision. "They made us a modern, professional department that the community is very proud of," he said.

Dalzell pointed out the city had less than 30 officers in 1971 when he joined to more than 150 when he left. The population soared from 26,000 to more than 150,000.

"The biggest change has been financing. Money was very scarce because we were still a small city and department. Growth meant an increase in the amount of money available. The department greatly improved as a result," he recalled.

Dalzell said Cleghorn instituted a new culture. "He told us, 'Don't tell people what we can't do. Tell them what we can do.' I never forgot that," he said.

Vanderkellen cited juvenile and young adult programs for a dramatic decrease in crime.

"We used to have to bring in the CHP to help us on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights to address gang issues. We had fights, shootings, vandalism, you name it. People were afraid to come downtown at night, and the business community suffered. Now, this is a safe city. Downtown is crowded every weekend," he said.

Madory's final question was, "What is your most memorable incident?"

Cleghorn said the shooting of a popular Corona canine officer shortly after he joined the department was a tragedy for the department and city.

"It made me wonder if I really wanted to be a cop here. But I found an outstanding department and everyone made me feel welcome," he said.

Gonzalez recalled his worst moment as chief came when one of his officers was shot three times.

"I responded to the scene first. There was blood everywhere. Then I went to the hospital, talked to the doctors and his wife. He survived, thank God. When I left the hospital, there were officers and their families everywhere waiting for news. It was amazing peer support," he said, fighting back tears.

Gonzalez said it took the officer a year to recover, but he did, rejoined the department as a detective and finished his career.

Abel was night watch commander when the shooting took place. He called the chief. He said he will always remember that night.

"I remember someone once said, 'When you pin on your badge, it's a big deal.' I never forgot that," he said.

Spiegel, too, recalled the canine officer shooting incident. "All good came out of it afterward. The department addressed peer support and critical incident debriefing. It all came together," he said.

Cleghorn found it impossible to choose a single incident out of a 31-year career. However, he said he will never forget the overwhelming community, officer and city support during the two shootings as a highlight.

Dalzell said it was camaraderie. "I worked with good people who became good friends. I've been retired 17 years but still feel welcome at the PD," he said.

Vanderkellen had just joined the department when the officers went on a four-day labor strike due following a lengthy contract dispute with the city.

"Every officer left town so we couldn't get subpoenaed. Only the chief and deputy chief were on duty. We did it because we were grossly underpaid. It was a bold move. People responded with 'Let's pay them,' and the city settled," he recalled.

Dalzell said the strike removed Corona from a list of the ten lowest paid departments in Southern California.

"Every officer lived in the city and paid taxes here, so it was pretty hard for the city to argue that we wanted more money because we moved somewhere else more expensive. It was a hectic few days," he recalled.

Dalzell said a single incident may have spurred the end of the strike when a city councilman and his wife happened to be driving by when a woman fired a shot at a would be house burglar, who fled on foot.

"The councilman called me at 10 pm. He said the woman yelled that she wasn't shooting at them but at a burglar. The councilman's wife was still shaking. 'Let's settle this,'" he said.

Finally, Madory introduced Chief George Johnstone, who had been with the city for only five months after 16 years with Chino and LaHabra.

"I found this is a stellar department. I hope you know what you have here. It is hard to find a closer police-community partnership," Johnstone said.

"When we measure our response to each and every call for service like our entire reputation depends on it, then we've got it right," he concluded.

The new chief had high praise for the historical society's ongoing effort to preserve police department history.

"We greatly appreciate it. Corona is way ahead of the curve in this regard. Once history is lost, sadly it is lost forever," he said.

Submitted by Mike R. Bondarenko

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Among the badges encased in Lucite in this display include those once worn by Mike Abel, a former Corona police chief who was a member of the panel on February 9, among others. A Corona Police Department yearbook published in 2015 appears at the top. Contributed photograph



Among the many guests at the Corona Historical Preservation Society on February 9 was a patrol sergeant with the department's facility dog, "K9 Raider II," which helps represent the department at community functions and events. "Raider" also visits local schools and is a big hit. Contributed photograph



History Of The Huntington Park Police Department

The City of Huntington Park was formed in 1906 and from its inception had its own municipal police department. Originally, a one-man department with a city marshal, the department grew, as did the city.

Following World War I, the size of the department increased to a marshal and four deputies. The deputies wore their Army uniforms as police uniforms.

Our policemen remained deputies until 1932. The title "deputy" was changed to "policeman" in 1933.

Following the Long Beach Earthquake of 1933, where many buildings in Huntington Park were destroyed, the Police Department was built on the southwest corner of Gage Avenue and Pacific Boulevard.

During this period, the majority of police officers were motorcycle traffic officers. Their uniforms were tan, while the regular patrol officers were wearing blue. When a motorcycle officer was hired on, he was issued shirt and hat badges. He provided his own weapon, uniform and motorcycle.

Patrol cars did not have radios, so several police call boxes were positioned around the city. Whenever the station received a call for assistance, the police operator would activate a red light which was mounted atop several tall towers throughout the city.

Policemen on patrol would need to routinely look for the tower light. When seeing the light, they would call the station from one of the many call boxes.

This system was discontinued in the mid-1940s when the department was equipped with car radios and a main station radio. However, the call boxes remained until the mid-

There is a display of Huntington Park Police Department memorabilia and artifacts in the police station lobby. It includes an old portable radio, police officer hat, Polaroid Instant Camera, shoulder patches, a riot helmet and other items. The city had police since it was incorporated. Contributed photograph

1970s!

During World War II, many of our officers volunteered for military service. The department supplemented the patrol force with home volunteers. These volunteers wore a "Reserve Police" armband over their civilian clothing while serving their assignments.

In 1943, Huntington Park police began wearing patches on their uniform shirts. The patrol officer patch depicted electric bolts representing the police cars newly-equipped with radios. The motorcycle officer patch was a winged wheel.

Following World War II, the department retained many of the war-time volunteers and trained them as reserve officers.

Reserve officers were issued their own badge style. However, they wore the same patch as regular officers.

The new Civic Center was built in 1950. While the police facility was completed the following year, the temporary police station was installed in the City Hall basement. The jail cells remain in the basement today.

The Justice Building opened in 1951. It housed the police department, jail, district attorney's office, public defender's office and a courtroom.



A display of Huntington Park PD black and white patrol vehicles in front of the police station during the night watch. The date of the photograph is unknown, but it is believed to have been taken in the late 1990s or early 2000s before the advent of the SUV patrol vehicle. *Contributed photograph*



Two memorials to Officer Robert H. Keller, the only Huntington Park officer to lose his life on duty, are erected at police headquarters. This display is inside and features his photograph and official badge. The other memorial is a plaque mounted to a large stone on the grounds. *Contributed photograph*



There is a trend toward white on black patches in California as departments adopt new dark uniform shirts and jackets. The current HPPD patch, displayed on a sergeant's uniform, features a black background, white letters and borders and a gray, white and black center design. *Contributed photograph*

To coincide with moving into a new facility, the department issued new patches, a new badge and new uniform regulations.

Dark blue long sleeve shirts were worn from October 1 until May 1. The summer uniform was a short sleeve light blue shirt. The patches were the same design as the department wore until recently when it adopted white and black emblems.

In 1976, an order was placed for additional patches and a manufacturer's color numbering error resulted in a light blue patch. These patches were issued as replacement patches for the summer uniforms. However, they were not well received by officers. Soon afterward, the police officers association convinced the chief to discontinue light blue shirts and patches.

In 1980-'81, there was a nationwide trend to discontinue the titles "policeman" and "policewoman." All titles were changed to "police officer." Because of this change in titles, a new badge style was issued to all personnel.

In 1991, the police officers association desired to design a new badge which would highlight the police facility. With the approval of the chief, the association designed, produced and bought the initial order of badges that are still worn today.

In 1992, Lithuania, which had only been free of Soviet occupation for two years, invited Lieutenant Michael Gwaltney and Sergeant Tim Weselis to visit, lecture and critique their new police academy and headquarters. The officers were the first two Americans invited by the Lithuanian government to provide this service.

Robert Keller Memorial On October 5, 1967, the department lost one of its own in the line of duty. Officer Robert H. Keller is remembered for his sacrifice and dedication to duty.

Officer Keller responded to a silent alarm at a business. While searching the business, a suspect, who had entered through a skylight, leaped from a hiding place and fired at the officer, striking him in the heart. Officer Keller managed to flee the interior of the business but collapsed and died outside the building.

The shooter was not identified and remains at large to this day. The department reopened the investigation into Officer Keller's death in 2007. It is ongoing.

There is a memorial to the fallen officer at police headquarters. It is highlighted by a photograph and his department-issue badge.

There is also a memorial plaque on the police station grounds.

Submitted by Huntington Park Police Department

Irwindale Pink Patch Info The Irwindale Police Department Web site offers a complete list of law enforcement agencies participating in the official Pink Patch Project for breast cancer awareness in 2018. (Agencies unaffiliated with the official project are not shown.) The site shows photographs of the emblems as well as availability information. It serves as a checklist for emblem collectors.



The Los Angeles County Coroner's Office is located in a historic building at 1104 North Mission Road in Los Angeles. The museum and gift shop is called *Skeletons in the Closet*. It offers everything and all things related to the coroner's office, even plastic body parts. *Contributed photograph*

Law Enforcement Museums In Los Angeles County

A Los Angeles tourism Web site recently compiled a list of 15 museums that feature police and fire memorabilia in Los Angeles County.

There are many more fire museums than police museums.

The police museums are highlighted by the Los Angeles Police Museum, which is located in a former LAPD station in the Highland Park neighborhood in northeast Los Angeles. It has an incredible collection of LAPD history, including badges, insignia, uniforms and vehicles.

The historic Highland Park station was built in 1925 and closed in 1983. The building fell into disrepair until the Los Angeles Police Historical Society obtained and salvaged it.

The museum is open weekdays and the third Saturday of the month. It is located at 6045 York Boulevard in Los Angeles. The telephone number is (323) 344-9445.

Additional information is available on the Web site, LAPH.S.Org.

The International Police Museum of Southern California is located just north of the police station. It started with one officer's collection of police hats from around the world. It has expanded with other memorabilia, including foreign patches, badges and insignia.

It is open Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Admission is free.

The Burbank Police and Fire Museum showcases the histories of both departments with uniforms, vehicles and tools of the trade. It is only open one Saturday a month.

The museum is located at 200 North Third Street in Burbank. The telephone number is (818) 238-3235.

Visit the Web site, BurbankPD.Org/Inside-BPD/Police-And-Fire-Museum, for additional information.

The most unusual museum is *Skeletons in the Closet*, the Los Angeles County Coroner's Gift Shop. There are also some displays. The gift shop offers all things Los Angeles Coroner-related, even body bags! It is open Monday through Friday.

The museum and gift shop are located at the Coroner's Office at 1104 North Mission Road in Los Angeles.

Additional information is available at LACoroner.Com.

Submitted by Mike R. Bondarenko

Pasadena PD Welcomes Vintage Police Vehicles

The Pasadena Police Department welcomed several vintage police vehicles to its annual Father's Day Car Show on June 16. The show was a fundraiser for the Police Athletic League and a local domestic violence center.

The car show, which was founded by now-retired Lieutenant Jay D'Angelo in 2002, also features dozens of non-police classic cars. Attendance numbered several thousand car enthusiasts.

Organizers hoped to raise \$10,000 from registration and admission donations.

Retired Officer Ted Saraf brought his beautifully-restored 1968 Pasadena Dodge Coronet patrol car.

"They'll stand, take a look at it, then ask me, 'What kind of car is this? I've never seen one before,'" Saraf said.

Saraf drove a 1968 Dodge Coronet when he broke into the department in 1967. It is white with authentic markings and period-correct emergency equipment.

He fell in love with the car, even though he recalled the brakes didn't always work and



Retired Pasadena Officer Ted Saraf showed off his fully-restored 1968 Dodge Coronet police car at the police department-sponsored Father's Day Car Show on June 16. He found the car in old barn on a Texas farm in 2008. It had chickens living in the front seat! *Contributed photograph*

the seat belts would get tangled in his gun belt.

"It rode so rough that in a pursuit, our heads would bounce off the roof. We wore helmets on patrol for several reasons. This was one of them," Saraf said.

"The first time I saw the car, all I thought was, 'Whoa!' It had everything you could think of to make it safe. Big engine. Big horsepower. Sure it had real lousy brakes, but after a while you learned how to maneuver it," he said.

He bought the Dodge in Texas in 2008 about ten years after his retirement and had it completely restored. The car sold for \$2500. Shipping it back from Dallas, restoration and equipment cost him another \$38,000. It is now in mint showroom floor condition.

"It was a little dusty, slightly worn and there were chickens living in the front seat," he recalled with a smile.

Saraf and his wife share a passion for old cars. He is a member of a group of retired law enforcement officers in Southern California who own restored public safety vehicles and call themselves The Badgers.

"People love to see these old police cars," he said.

He enjoyed a 30-year Pasadena career, including assignments in patrol, motors and investigations. He spent 18 years on the Auto Theft Unit, which he called the best job on the department for a car buff.

Wilbert Smith is a retired auto body worker who featured his completely restored black and white patrol wagon decked out in vintage Chicago Police Department markings. Many people posed for photographs inside the jail cell on the back.

Smith volunteers teaching vehicle restoration to a Pasadena high school automotive class and found the vehicle in an old barn several years ago.

"I knew right away that it was a former patrol wagon. I had to have it," Smith said.

The restoration began almost immediately and resulted in a completely authentic vintage patrol vehicle.

Smith did not explain why he chose Chicago police markings.

Submitted by Mike R. Bondarenko



Wilbert Smith brought his beautifully restored Chicago Police Department patrol wagon to the annual Pasadena Police Department Father's Day Car Show on June 16. Smith is a retired auto body worker and found the vehicle several years ago stored in an old barn. *Contributed photograph*



The Santa Ana Police Department created an anniversary badge (center) to commemorate the founding of the city 150 years ago. It was designed to appear similar to the badges worn by the first city officers (left). Some officers continue to wear the department-issue oval (right) *Santa Ana PD photograph*

Santa Ana Brings Back Historic Badge Design

The Santa Ana Police Department has brought back a historic badge design to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the city (1869 to 2019).

The commemorative badge is a silver seven-point star that is similar to the first badge that Santa Ana police officers wore. Officers are authorized to purchase and wear it throughout the remainder of 2019.

The legend reads, "150 YEARS" on a concave banner at the top. "SANTA ANA/ 1869 (NUMBER) 2019" is seen in the center with "POLICE" beneath it and "POLICE OFFICER" is lettered on a convex banner on the bottom.

"We knew we were coming up on the anniversary and people started asking, 'What are going to do?' and obviously the badge is symbolic," Corporal Anthony Bertagna said.

Santa Ana badges are ovals that features the City Hall building and city seal. Officers who opted not to purchase the commemorative continue to wear it.

The first badge went to Chief David Valentin.

"Our 150th anniversary uniform duty badge is a proud symbol of our rich city history and tradition of police service to our Santa Ana community," he said.

A committee began the process of choosing the design in July 2018. The final decision came after input from the department.

Claimed in 1869 by Kentuckian William H. Spurgeon, Santa Ana was incorporated years later in 1886, which was the same year the police department was created. It had a chief and six part-time officers, also known as constables.

At a recent count the department had 383 sworn officers and 266 professional staff members. There have been about 300 orders for the badges, which cost \$75, from officers and non-sworn employees. Some display sets have been purchased by some retirees.

Submitted by Mike R. Bondarenko

California Family Preserves Its LASD Badge Legacy

Nothing impresses California law enforcement historians and collectors like a family badge legacy passed from one generation to another generation.

Enter the William Villamil Family of Los Angeles County.

Deputy Villamil retired on April 1 after three decades with the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department. He wore badge number 7173 with pride all those years.

So when he retired, he laid his service weapon on the table and unpinned his badge from his uniform, he could have walked away. As is customary, another deputy would have been assigned Deputy Villamil's badge number.

Instead something extraordinary happened. His badge number was passed on to another Villamil who would carry on the honor.

Deputy Aaron Villamil is his son. He was hired in 2015 and is presently assigned to the Pitchess Detention Center.

When his father tried to explain the legacy of retaining badges in a family, his son stopped him in mid-sentence and said, "I want the same badge as you. I want to wear your badge. Do you think I can get it" Deputy Aaron Villamil said.

"I am so proud of what he wanted," Deputy William Villamil said.

Deputy Aaron Villamil accompanied his father to the LASD Employee Service Center in East Los Angeles on March 29 when he turned in his weapon and department issue



Los Angeles County Sheriffs Deputy Sheriffs Aaron Villamil (left) and his father, Deputy William Villamil (right), show off their badges before the younger Villamil was issued his father's badge upon his retirement on March 29. The elder Villamil wore badge number 7173. *Contributed photograph*

badge number 7173. Normally, his badge would have been retired and the number issued to another deputy.

However, that didn't happen. Deputy Aaron Villamil showed his badge and ID and asked if he could be assigned his father's number and wear his father's badge. A supervisor approved the request on the spot!

"He exchanged his badge for mine," Deputy William Villamil said. It was more like a family heirloom than a well-worn piece of metal.

Deputy William Villamil started his LASD career in September 1986. While he ended it working security at the Santa Clarita Courthouse, he saw plenty of action as a patrol deputy over the years.

"We had shots fired at us several times during the 1992 riots," he said.

Law enforcement is a family tradition in the Villamil family. William Villamil's grandfather was a police officer in Cuba before the family immigrated to the United States.

Deputy William Villamil was greatly honored his badge will remain in use, rather than be encased in Lucite for display purposes only, which is a standard option for a deputy who would like to keep his badge after his or her retirement.

Since looking into the prospects of being allowed to hand his badge down to his son, Deputy William Villamil has discovered what he described as badge culture among LASD



William Villamil shared these badges worn by his son, Aaron, and him over the years with the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department. His badge and now his son's badge (7173) is in the upper left. Aaron's badge is in the upper right. The badge at the bottom is an LASD commemorative. *Contributed photograph*

deputies.

"A lot of guys like to have double- or triple-digit numbers. They can trade their badges for a lower number. Of course, single-digit badge numbers are highly coveted and hard to come by," he said.

There was a deputy, he said, who was offered badge number 666, which is a number written in the Book of Revelation of the New Testament as representing the mark of a beast. The deputy asked for another number!

Postscript: After his retirement, Deputy William Villamil became a part-time LASD deputy allowed to work 120 days a year. He has been issued new badge with a new number.

Will that star be passed on someday? Only time will tell.

Submitted by Mike R. Bondarenko

History Of The El Monte Police Department

By David E. Schulberg

The 1970s would see the El Monte Police Department add 130 officers and lose 119. Two of that number were lost to gunfire, one paralyzed and one killed.

The 1970s would be as, if not more, violent than the 1960s had been turbulent. It would also be a decade of great transition for the profession as well as the department.

No longer would officers forget to sign out or turn in their car keys be required to return to the station unless necessary for some unavoidable reason, nor would supervisors remove the microphone from a police car found unlocked in public, going so far as to follow officers just to monitor their car-locking habits.

Eliminated also were the requirement for officers to constantly wear a helmet with chin strap fastened whether in or outside of their patrol car, the requirement that all jackets be zipped a minimum of three-quarters of the way up and the seasonal wearing of long sleeve shirts, regardless of the weather.

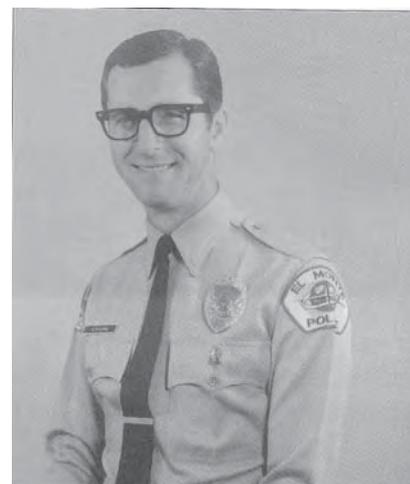
Officers were now able to remove their tie, undo their top button and roll up their sleeves (one roll only) but only if the temperature went above the mid-eighties as measured on the thermometer at the Valley Mall. Authorized only on approval of the sergeant, the resulting all units "Code 11" when given was one of the most welcome of radio broadcasts.

The 1970s would also see department rules ease concerning the pencil and disposable pen then issued each officer. No longer would replacement require supervisory approval of unserviceability, nor would officers leaving the department or even retiring be required to surrender or pay for them. These pencils and pens are considered prized mementos by many officers from this era, often displayed along with other reminders of their service with the El Monte Police Department.

Orval Davis would retire as chief on May 31, 1973, after 14 years and ten months in office. He was replaced by Maurice Matthews, who was promoted from deputy chief on June 1, 1973.

In 1976, Chief Matthews became the founding president of the San Gabriel Valley Police Chiefs' Association, the first professional organization reserved exclusively for law enforcement executives in the area. He would step down five years and two months after taking office and was replaced by El Monte's tenth chief, Wayne C. Clayton.

At 3 am on June 18, 1970, Officer Terry DeWitt Long, riding with Cadet Kent Livingston, stopped to assist Officer Gary Lee Slattery, who was out investigating a possibly intoxicated pedestrian in front of a driveway on Monterey Avenue. Livingston pointed out two armed men to Long, who radioed for assistance before losing sight of the



(Left) El Monte Police Officer Terry Long was shot and paralyzed on June 18, 1970 during a confrontation with two armed suspects. He became a successful attorney. (Right) Officer Tony Arceo, who saved Long's life, was shot and killed four years later in Baldwin Park. *Contributed photograph*

men, who had by then moved toward the rear of the house.

On the arrival of assisting Officer Bryan John Hatch, Hatch and Long confronted one of the suspects, who held an object in his hand. The suspect fled and Long, who had taken a position of concealment, then saw the second man about 20 feet in the distance, holding a rifle.

Long ordered the armed man to drop his weapon, at which time the suspect fired at him, striking him about two inches above the waist. The bullet shattered Long's spine, paralyzing him from the waist down. Long said later that being shot was the last part of the incident he remembered.

Long's life was saved by Officer Manuel Anthony "Tony" Arceo, who, braving continued gunfire, crawled on his belly to where Long lay, pulling him from his exposed position to a safer one with better cover.

Long's assailant was struck by a round fired by Officer Hatch. Paralyzed from the waist down, the suspect was convicted of the attempted murder of Officer Long and sentenced to state prison.

Interestingly, the prosecutor, Head Deputy District Attorney Leo Chaus, would have been unable to connect the firearm used to shoot Officer Long to the suspect (it had been removed from the immediate scene of the shooting, unloaded and hidden by the assailant's nephew), had opposing counsel not grown suspicious of the firearm's absence and introduced it into evidence by his own motion.

After the incident, Arceo wrote his friend Long a letter of encouragement. "Listen, Partner, the road ahead of you will be long and hard to overcome. I know within myself, from knowing you for almost two years, that you will make the best of your life."

Long's recovery was slow and difficult. Although the department offered him a position dispatching, Long said later, "I just couldn't see myself hanging on." He attended law school and established a successful law practice.

Long died in 2004 of cancer, his death, in the very least, contributed to by the effects of his paralysis.

It would be during his legal studies on July 9, 1974 that Long would hear of the tragic death of his friend, Tony Arceo, who had responded to an assistance call put out by the Baldwin Park Police Department of an armed man holding hostages. The incident came to be known as the Buy Back Shooting, as it took place during the robbery of a pawn shop by that name.

Arceo, off-duty and in El Monte due to a court appearance, volunteered to help. Told the El Monte officers at the scene needed flak jackets, Arceo gathered them at the station and drove to the area of the robbery to distribute them.

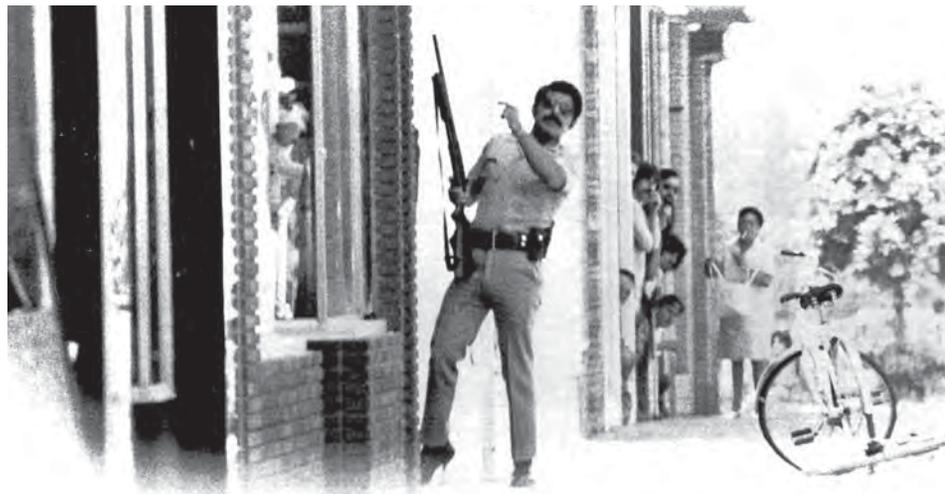
While there, Arceo was struck by a round which ricocheted twice before striking his chest, killing him instantly.

Arceo, who had been due to receive an award from the El Monte City Council that evening for his heroism in saving an elderly blind couple from inside a burning mobile home instead was mourned. The commendation would have been his second. He won the first for saving the life of Terry Long.

As a truly living memorial, made upon motion of the El Monte Police Officer's Association, the city council approved the renaming of El Monte City Park to Tony Arceo Park on October 8, 1974.

In 1970, El Monte first experimented with a four-day ten-hour work week for officers. The experiment was a resounding success in popularity among the officers, overtime savings to the city and as a force multiplier for the department.

Also in 1970 the station's windows were already old and brittle. Being a symptom of the times that government buildings across the country were being bombed, El Monte bricked over 19 of the police station windows to better protect the offices and office holders inside. Although the station was never bombed, the courthouse, then adjacent to



Officer Tony Arceo was photographed just moments before being shot and killed while assisting Baldwin Park PD with a call of an armed man holding hostages. Ironically, Officer Arceo was off-duty and at City Hall to receive a heroism award but volunteered to go to Baldwin Park. *Contributed photograph*

the station, was bombed.

On January 1, 1971, an explosion rocked that building, shattering a dozen windows, tearing large chunks of concrete from the walls and ripping a heavy wooden door from its hinges.

On Monday, April 2, 1973, a 65-car Southern Pacific freight train traveling at approximately 60 miles per hour collided head-on with another 27-car SP freight train as it sat stopped on a siding just west of Tyler Avenue. The resultant collision was heard and felt for several blocks. It derailed five locomotives and 17 train cars, caused two deaths, four injuries and snarled traffic for several days until the wreckage could be cleared away with a large crane.

In July of the same year, the City Council faced a dilemma such as never before when Police Chief Matthews proposed to hire women as reserve police officers. The council was not at all comfortable with the idea, although ultimately it voted unanimously to experimentally approve the program.

Indeed, the great fear that women could not do the job of male officers or do so without the assistance of male officers or without endangering male officers, caused one councilman to comment, "Women who will qualify will not be the feminine type that needs protection." Another said, "Once it starts, where does it stop? This could go into the fire department, and we'll have women on top of burning buildings."

Indeed.

The first two women appointed as reserve officers were Janis Cavanaugh and Mary Thelander. They were paid \$2.50 per hour.

Chief Matthews championed the cause of women in law enforcement, not only with word but in deed. In 1974, he filled all seven of police officer openings for which he had been budgeted with women, planning to have one female officer on duty on each shift. The women would be among the first law enforcement officers trained at the then-recently relocated Rio Hondo Police Academy.

Female patrol officers being then rather novel initially had to wear uniform skirts, followed by custom-made pants having side zippers, then regular men's pants and eventually the women's cut uniform pants common today.

This was also the time during which the department instituted the rank of agent, recognizing the unique position and work done by senior officers, training officers and acting sergeants. Officer John Eckler, who had suggested the new position, was among the group of ten officers first assigned to the new rank.



(Top) Orval Davis was the eighth police chief. He was also an accomplished badge collector. (Left) Maurice Matthews was the ninth chief and credited with moving the department forward. (Right) Wayne C. Clayton was the tenth chief and continued Chief Matthews' innovation. *Contributed photograph*

In 1975, all new officers would undergo approximately 470 hours of training over twelve weeks.

In June of that same year, the Police Explorers acquired, renovated (with the help of friendly merchants) and donated to the city its first municipal bus. The Explorers earned the money necessary through car washes and other events.

1975 was also the year in which the frequent and frequently-violent disturbances at the American Nazi Party headquarters in El Monte came to a head with the shooting death of former party leader Joseph C. Tommasi by party member Jerry Keith Jones. Tommasi had been ousted by the Nazi Party in 1973 over personal disagreements with the group over what Tommasi had considered to be overly liberal policies.

Since his ouster, there had been a series of violent confrontations between the Nazis and Tommasi's self-formed National Socialist Liberation Front. On August 15, things came to a violent end when Tommasi confronted Jones in front of the Nazi headquarters at 4375 Peck Road. Tommasi was shot once in the head with a .45 and fell dead. Jones was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to 300 days in the county jail minus time already served.

Ironically, Tommasi could not be immediately identified after his death due to dirt and leaves which obscured his face when he fell. He was initially identified at the scene by Chief Clayton who, ironically, recognized him from the pieces of cardboard used to patch the almost non-existent soles of his boots.

The Nazis were in El Monte from 1966 to 1976 with the most notable event concerning their stay before the Tommasi killing being a riot on January 30, 1972. On that date, following a peaceful march by approximately 100 Jewish Defense League members, a crowd estimated at over 1000 began exchanging rocks and bottles with the approximately 20 Nazis in their compound. Police and sheriff's personnel broke up the melee, during which one El Monte officer had his nose broken and 40 rioters were arrested.

Conceived in November 1975, and quite removed from the reactive nature then generally associated with law enforcement anti-gang measures, the Police Department embarked upon an extremely proactive program in conjunction with Clayton Hollopeter, executive director of the Boy's Club of San Gabriel Valley. It was an offshoot of the Boy's Clubs of America's World of Work program. Formally titled "The El Monte Plan," the idea came to be known informally, if not also colloquially, as "Hire a Gang Leader."

The traditional law enforcement response to gangs had not done much to reduce gang violence in El Monte and came to be seen as ineffectual at best. The intent underlying El Monte's program was to undermine these gangs by introducing members to "economic dependency and family responsibility."

The operation was straightforward. Started by Chief Matthews, who called the program "crime prevention in its best form," and continued by Chief Clayton, the setup and operation of the program fell to a relatively new officer, Kenneth Weldon, then just recently assigned to community relations. He would work in conjunction with Hollopeter.

The young people considered most likely to be helped by the program came from a review of two lists of El Monte's most at-risk gang members. Weldon submitted a list of the ten most troublesome young people after consulting with other members of the police department, and Hollopeter submitted his list of the ten young men he felt most needed employment. Eight of the names on each list matched, and the young man named as number one on both lists was the same.

Those selected for the program were first put through training to help them understand the employment process and how to apply for work effectively. Many participants had work experience but were unable to convey their job skills to potential employers.

A young job applicant might list "helped in shop" as his qualifications, when in reality he "may have used metal grinders, packaged, shipped or received items." While this might seem a small point, it was one that had a major and positive impact.

Additionally, some job applicants listed fellow gang members as references; or, worse yet, random names selected out of the telephone directory. Those in the program correctly learned who to use as references and how to use them.

Once the young men gained these and other related skills, they often became sought-after employees. The program really took off, and the results were as gratifying as they were startling.

In its first 13 months, the program placed 150 gang members: eleven were enrolled in school, one went into the military, five entered the Job Corps, three had been promoted to foremen and fifteen had received promotions and raises. Ten of those placed were female, and the program already had a waiting list, including gang members from areas outside El Monte.

Attributed directly to the program, the number of gangs in El Monte fell from seven to two, with a corresponding drop in gang membership from 1500 to less than 100. Gang violence fell from a level "virtually terrorizing about one-third of our residential areas," to "a rare, generally spontaneous offense."

Then there was this: Gang-related homicides in El Monte plummeted from twelve between 1975 and 1976 to one in 1981 and none in 1982.

Employers repeatedly returned to the program for additional employees, and this to recruit from a group generally considered virtually unemployable. The positions were non-subsidized and employers received no benefits other than the work ethic and ability of the young people they hired.

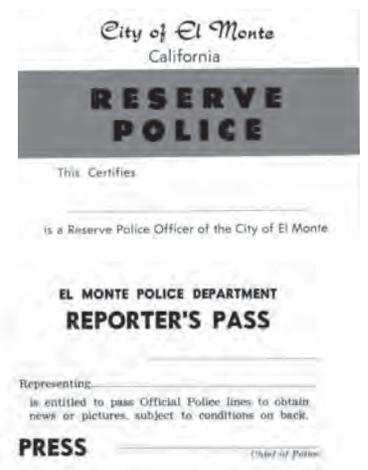
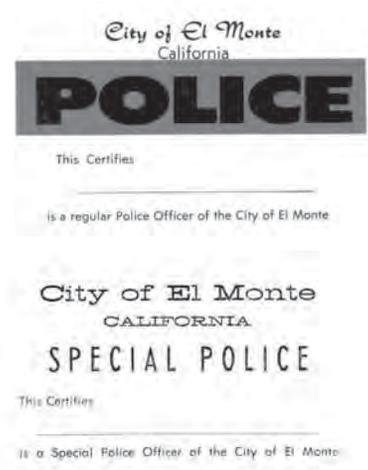
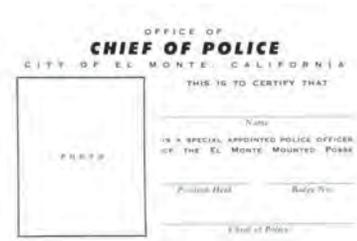
The program had five parts, all equal in importance: remove the gang leadership, cut off avenues of gang recruitment, help those already in gangs to get out, modify the community environment and prevention by vigilance.

It used the very strengths of gang members, intelligence, strength, loyalty and persistence, against the gangs, instead channeling these qualities away from criminality and toward peaceful productive pursuits. As the program evolved, it was found that the gang members actually worked quite well together, although not necessarily associating with potential rivals on breaks or during meals.

Then there were the broader results. Young men in the program began to see the value in their own labor and the results it reaped and separated themselves from previous hangouts and associations which represented a threat to their new-found earnings and acquisitions.



(Top) The latest in modern patrol units, such as this white sedan with a single red revolving emergency light and siren, were introduced in El Monte in the '70s. (Bottom) Officer Ken Whary stands with a black and white in about 1974. The light bar is the same as the earlier car. *Contributed photograph*



A collection of identification cards used in El Monte during the 1970s in the ranks of chief of police, police officer, reporter pass, special police and reserve officer. What a contrast to the current generation of law enforcement IDs! Interestingly, only the chief ID has room for a photo. *Contributed photograph*

Employed gang members deterred others from vandalizing the companies where they worked.

Gang members not in the program sought to enter it, and gang members and the police officers having job-related contacts with them soon began to see each other as friends who could be trusted, rather than as enemies. New avenues of communication opened up between the gang members and police.

This not only benefited each group, but the community as a whole. Many crimes were solved and an untold number prevented by the trust and communication that the program fostered. Gang members returning from jail, camp, or even prison, often made their first stop back in El Monte the police department's community relations office.

Although it earned the department recognition as a finalist for the prestigious James Q. Wilson Community Policing Award in 2002, the program's most meaningful tribute may well have been the remarkable request made by a gang member in the program, who wrote Officer Weldon a letter asking "the best cop in El Monte" for a picture of him "in uniform to show to my friends, because they don't believe I really know you." The Wilson award recognizes "California law enforcement agencies that have successfully institutionalized the philosophy of community-oriented policing."

In 1977, the police station was remodeled and enlarged to twice its previous size. During the remodeling the police department operated from ten trailers and for the only time in its history had no jail. Adults were primarily booked at the Temple City sheriff's station and juveniles were released to their parents or taken to county facilities.

Expansion of the police station had been planned to take place two years earlier. The city postponed the process, however, due to an on-going contract dispute with officers. During that time the city considered disbanding the police department and contracting for services with the sheriff's office.

A state-of-the-art computer system, an up-to-date communications center with eight incoming telephone lines and capable of broadcasts on four radio frequencies, and cutting-edge night vision and videotaping equipment for surveillance were added to the department at the time of the update. All impacted positively on department output and working conditions.

Another event that would have tremendous impact on department working conditions took place on January 1, 1977, when California enacted the Peace Officer's Bill of Rights. This was the first such legislation in the country and afforded protections to officers that provided security, stability and predictability related to employment and working conditions. Up until that time sworn personnel had little if any protection against arbitrary employment decisions.

Pre-bill, sworn members literally came to work each day not knowing if they were on full-duty, in some or another non-paid status or even if they were still employed until they looked at the department's bulletin board.

Officers could be and were reprimanded or even fired for reasons that today might seem almost non-events. Officers had been fired for their personal marital problems or even things now considered positive, such as marriage to a fellow department member or city employee.

In 1979, the Rio Hondo Courthouse opened for service across the street from the police station. The former court building, located at the corner of Valley and Johnson, was converted into a private cable company office before becoming part of the police station in the 1990s.

The Police Department exited the decade of the 1970s sadder yet stronger, sobered by the lessons learned from two brave men who epitomized the law enforcement ethos to move toward that from which others flee.

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End California Police Historian



Alex Taylor possessed this reproduction blue-on-gold Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) special agent badge when was arrested in San Jose, Calif. in early March. The Federal Bureau of Investigation and DEA charged Taylor with impersonating a federal officer. *Contributed photograph*

News Notes

Fake Agent Stops Real Agent The odds of a fake Drug Enforcement Administration agent attempting a traffic stop on a real federal agent in a city as large as San Jose, Calif. are astronomical. Odds aside, it happened in early March!

Alex Taylor, 49, was arrested at his home. Agents seized a Volkswagen Jetta with police-type lighting, two firearms, handcuffs, fake DEA and concealed carry badges and a small amount of methamphetamine.

DEA Special Agent-in-Charge Chris Nielsen said the investigation began in December 2018 when Taylor allegedly conducted a traffic stop in San Jose of an off-duty federal agent.

Taylor was reportedly wearing a DEA badge and identified himself as a DEA agent during the stop, but the real agent challenged Taylor's authority to write a traffic ticket. After the off-duty agent identified himself, Taylor returned to his vehicle and drove off, Nielsen said.

In February, investigators learned that an off-duty Santa Clara County deputy sheriff observed a Volkswagen Jetta with police-type lights that didn't look official in November 2018. The deputy noted the Jetta pulled up behind a tow truck and activated emergency lights. The deputy sheriff jotted down the license number. The DEA said the Jetta was registered to Taylor.

In February, the California Highway Patrol notified the DEA of two reports of a Jetta driving with red and blue lights attempting to pull over drivers in the San Jose area.

When agents conducted surveillance at Taylor's home, agents saw him leaving wearing what looked like a DEA badge around his neck and a concealed weapon under his t-shirt.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation subsequently obtained arrest and search warrants for Taylor and his home.

Taylor was charged with impersonating a federal officer, unlawful possession of an official badge and use and possession of a counterfeit seal of an agency of the United States.

Council Approves Pennsylvania Police Merger The Cheswick, Penna. Council voted unanimously on April 10 to merge the borough police department with the Springdale Township Police Department to form a new regional police force.

After more than a year of discussion and studying options, Cheswick approved the merger to create the Allegheny Valley Regional Police Department.

Springdale Township still has to vote on the merger. A date for that vote has not been set.

Plans call for new markings on patrol vehicles as well as new badges and patches.

Officials from both municipalities said the merger will save money. This year, Springdale Township has \$356,000 budgeted for police services and Cheswick \$316,000.

Officials said if Springdale Township approves the merger, which is expected, the new department could begin operations as soon as July 1.

Leechburg, Penna. PD Changes Patches Police in Leechburg, Penna. will soon be wearing a new shoulder patch that features a township outline superimposed



Leechburg, Penna. police officers will soon be wearing this shoulder patch. It is a CHP shape with a black background and white legends and border. The United States flag in the center is white-on-black with a blue stripe beneath the star shield. The city outline is superimposed. *Contributed photograph*



The beveled arch over the main entrance to Hopkins, Minn. City Hall is being replaced by a fully-enclosed glass vestibule. The building was built in 1964 and is being renovated. The arch became part of the police department shoulder patch when it was introduced in 1965. *Contributed photograph*

on the United States flag, Chief Jason Schaeffer announced in late March.

"Ever since I can remember, the patch and uniform have stayed the same. Everybody wanted a change," said Chief Schaeffer, who was appointed only ten days before he approved the style change.

The new patch is a CHP shape with a black background and white border and lettering. The township outline is black bordered in white. The flag is also black and white with one blue stripe. A star denotes the borough location.

The legend reads "POLICE" in large letters across the top, "LEECHBURG" in small letters beneath and "1850," the year the borough was founded, on the outline.

The department has seven full-time and 15 part-time officers.

Miami-Dade PD Becoming SO When Florida voters approved a state constitutional amendment last November, they changed law enforcement in Miami and Dade County from a police department to a sheriff's office. The switch over must take place by 2024.

The current Miami-Dade Police Department is the largest law enforcement agency in the state with nearly 2900 officers. It is commanded by a police director appointed by the mayor.

The new agency will be commanded by an elected sheriff.

"It's going to be a significant impact on us, on how we operate," Police Director Juan Perez said.

"There are a lot of things to be considered. What uniforms will we wear? What patches do we wear? Our cars are already green and white, so that's not bad, but obviously the logo will have to be changed." (The agency has more than 2000 marked emergency vehicles.)

Florida law requires sheriffs to wear green uniforms and standardized insignia, including generic patches and five-point star badges.

Miami-Dade police officers presently wear brown uniforms, custom patches and eagle-topped shields.

Changeover cost has not been calculated. Police union President Steadman Stahl estimated the makeover will cost South Florida taxpayers millions.

"When you change pants and have 3000 officers, you are going to have supply every officer with three pairs. That's 9000 pairs of pants," Stahl aid.

Police headquarters in Doral and eight district substations will need to be rebranded.

"We're in a situation with a lot of unknowns. There are a lot of questions. There are concerns outside of what we are going to look like that have a lot of our folks worried, such as health insurance and other benefits," Police Director Perez said.

Decisions about rebranding and benefits are not likely to be made before the sheriff is elected, and who the sheriff will be is up to the voters.

Hopkins Patch Change Under Consideration A renovation project at the Hopkins, Minn. City Hall could mean a new shoulder patch for city police officers. The style change is under consideration, officials said.

The archway over the main entrance to the building, which has greeted visitors for 55 years, will be demolished and replaced by a fully-enclosed vestibule. A replica of the archway appeared on the first police shoulder patch introduced in 1965. The design has been worn ever since.



When former Lieutenant Don Bentley and civilian Howard Amundson designed the first Hopkins, Minn. police patch in 1965, they incorporated the beveled archway over the City Hall main entrance as part of the design. An eagle-topped state seal appears in the center design. *Contributed photograph*

"Now, we don't know what is going to happen to the patch," department spokesperson Anne Marie Buck said.

The tombstone-shape features a full color state seal centered on an eagle-topped badge superimposed over a depiction of the City Hall entrance. It is blue with gold borders and legends. The archway is white.

Hopkins police only wore a badge in 1964 when officers decided they wanted own uniform patch.

"They had just built the new city hall in 1964. So, they had this new police department in a new building and wanted patches for their uniforms to look spiffy," Buck said.

The insignia was designed by Lieutenant Don Bentley, who wanted it to show an eagle and City Hall, and civilian Howard Amundson, an employee at a local menswear store. The patch was manufactured by Dallas Uniform Company.

The final design showed the City Hall archway, an eagle and the state seal.

The patch became popular. At least 17 other Minnesota agencies adopted it in the 1960s and '70s. Buck said she believes departments in other states also copied the design.

Chief Brent Johnson will let his officers and staff decide whether to keep the traditional 1965 insignia or design a new one. "I'm going to leave it up to them," he said.

Collector Donates 1000 SP/HP Cars Ray Proctor has been collecting 1:43 scale model state police and highway patrol cars for 27 years ever since he visited a toy store with his then-five-year-old son.

"They had these little tiny police cars, and I said, 'Wow!' I bought all they had. About



California Highway Patrol senior volunteer Ray Proctor surveys the 986-piece collection of state police and highway patrol vehicle scale models now on display at the CHP Modesto office. Proctor has been collecting cars for 27 years and recently donated his collection to the CHP. *Contributed photograph*



Ray Proctor began collecting 1:43 scale models of state police and highway patrol vehicles when he first saw Road Champs cars in a toy store 27 years ago. His collection numbered 2300 vehicles when he donated it to the California Highway Patrol in Modesto. *Contributed photograph*

six or seven of them," Proctor said.

"I was really surprised to see them and even more surprised when I went back the next week and saw there was a whole bunch of different ones."

Proctor began buying more replicas online and through collector clubs. His collection grew to more than 2300 different cars, truck, helicopters and boats, all from state police and highway patrol agencies.

"I guess they're like potato chips. You know. You can't have just one. I really got hooked and kept going back. And then I looked for ones I didn't have and kept getting more and more," Proctor said.

Proctor became a senior volunteer at the California Highway Patrol office in Modesto after retiring from law enforcement careers with the Albuquerque, N.M. Police Department and the Department of Homeland Security in Oakland, Calif.

Recently, Proctor donated his collection to the CHP office. Nine hundred eighty-six car, truck and helicopter replicas will be shown in a large display case. The vehicles are arranged by agencies with the department patch in the background.

"I doesn't matter how old you are. This display brings out the kid in all of us," CHP Officer Tom Olsen said after he viewed the collection.

Proctor is glad his cars have found a permanent home. "I didn't want everything just to be in boxes and put away when I'm gone. I feel good that they're going to still be here where people can enjoy them," he said.

Around 1200 to 1500 vehicles that wouldn't fit in the display were donated to a police department in Texas.

Proctor began collecting patches when he was in Albuquerque and gifted his several thousand piece collection to the police department when he left.

He began collecting badges when he was with DHS and donated his collection to the Oakland Police Department after his retirement.

Proctor is from Massachusetts and wanted to be a state trooper in his home state but enlistment in the Air Force, marriage and a job working security for commercial airliners got in the way.

Kentucky Youngster Collects Police Patches A seven-year-old boy in Wayne County, Ky. has a colorful collection of law enforcement agency shoulder patches and dreams of getting his own someday when he joins a police force.

Tucker Kennedy has been a cop buff for as long as he can remember, which comes as no surprise. His late father worked at the Wayne County Detention Center. Brian Kennedy died in January.

"He always told me he wanted to take the bad guys to jail," his mother, Courtney Kennedy, said.

Luckily, his father's co-workers and local police officers have kept an eye on the family and helped him with his collection.

Tucker began collecting patches a year ago. His collection now numbers more than 200 different styles. He wants to get one from every state. His hobby has involved the entire family.

"We've had the local police, and we've had police from far away come here to the house to deliver patches," his mother said.

Courtney Kennedy said Tucker is always excited to get a package in the mail. Collectors interested in making a patch donation can reach the family at 34 Buck Road, Monticello KY 42633.

Police Friends Donate Patch Collection The Friends of the Boulder City, Colo. Police Department recently donated a beautifully-framed collection of about 275 law enforcement emblems from around the world for display at police headquarters.

Police Chief Tim Shea accepted the collection on behalf of the department on March 29. It was presented by Friends President Dr. Larry Smith and two other members involved in the project, John Chase and Marcela Fastow.

President Smith said the friends were cleaning out a store room during a recent remodeling project at the police station when they discovered the patches in a box. No one knows who assembled the collection, he said, but some of them date back to the 1960s..

The group had the patches mounted and framed. They now hang in a hallway.

Slain Deputy's Son Honors Father Six-year-old Connor Rohrer of Kansas City, Kans. wants to honor his late father by collecting law enforcement patches from across the country.

Wyandotte County Sheriff's Deputy Patrick Rohrer and another deputy were shot and killed during a prisoner transport last June.

After Connor's mother told sheriff's Captain David Thaxton about her son's desire to collect patches, he organized a social media campaign, "Patches for Connor." The response has been overwhelming, he said.

"We occasionally get requests to exchange patches, but this one is different because of the gravity of the situation," Captain Thaxton said.

The department is collecting patches for the youngster. "We've been getting all kinds of mementos and memorabilia from across the country, and now that Connor wants patches, we're going to make sure he gets a lot of them," Captain Thaxton said.

He said the agency received patches from as far away as New York and California.

Kansas City collector Marty Augustine has been in the hobby for decades and has donated some of his collection to Connor.

"His mom told me that he would like to have to have an officer-themed room," Augustine said.

He is also giving Connor some model police cars, badges, coins and other law enforcement memorabilia.

"I wanted to take it a step further and let him know how much his father meant to the community, how much his sacrifice meant to the community and that his family is not alone," Augustine said.

Lieutenant Ken Holvik of the Suffolk County, N.Y. Highway Patrol Bureau coordinated his agency's donations with other local departments. Collector Michael Fales, who is a detective with the department, donated ten Suffolk County patches.

Donations can be sent to "Patches For Connor," Wyandotte County Sheriff's Department, 710 North Seventh Street, Kansas City KS 66101.

Pennsylvania Regional Police Department Officials in Hanover and Lower Nazareth Townships in Pennsylvania have agreed to continue the Colonial Regional Police Department after Bath Borough withdrew from the agreement.

The new deal kept staffing the same despite Bath's withdrawal. Currently the department has 24 officers, three detectives and two canine handlers.

Bath pulled out last July, six months earlier than originally planned. Borough officials said they could no longer afford a police department and have been taken over by the Pennsylvania State Police.



Friends of the Boulder City, Colo. Police Department framed a collection of 275 law enforcement emblems and donated it to the department. (Left to right) President Dr. Larry Smith, Chief Tim Shea, John Chase and Marcela Fastow are shown with the beautifully-framed emblems. *Contributed photograph*

The department is headquartered in Hanover Township.

Historical Society Features Marshal Badges La Crosse, Wis. doesn't have a police museum but that hasn't stopped the local historical society from collecting old city police memorabilia.

The historical society's online collections database now includes photographs of two badges and a revolver once carried by City Marshal John Coady, who served long before the formation of the police department.

Researchers believe Coady carried the Smith and Wesson .32-caliber revolver, with nickel plating and a wooden grip, when he was the elected city marshal from 1862 to 1865 and again from 1866 to 1869. "1865" is stamped on the barrel.

One badge is a large six-point silver-colored star with the legend, "JOHN CODY/ CITY/ MARSHAL/ LA CROSSE." It is dated April 4, 1862, which is the day he was elected for the first time. It is believed the "a" in Coady is missing because of initial confusion over the spelling of his last name.

The other badge is a small engraved shield with the legends "JOHN COADY/ CITY/ MARSHALL." The Scales of Justice appear at the bottom and there is filigree at the top and bottom.

Coady did not seek reelection in 1869 and went to work for a lumber company until 1894 when he joined the city police department.

Coady was hired as a patrolman but rose quickly through the ranks and was promoted to detective in 1884. He served as a detective until his retirement in 1908.

Coady's family immigrated from Ireland in 1842 when he was five years old. They settled as farmers in Vermont and then moved to Illinois where they also farmed.

When Coady's father heard about fertile, unsettled farmland in western Wisconsin in an area known as Prairie La Crosse. The family packed their belongings in an ox cart and made the long perilous journey northwest from Dearborn, Ill. in 1853. They were among the first settlers in what later became the city of La Crosse.

Coady died in 1916. He was hailed as one of the last surviving original settlers.

Welaka, Fla. Police Patches Re-released When Jay Harris of Patch Me Thru in Boynton Beach, Fla. created a beautiful new shoulder emblem for the Town of Welaka, Fla. Police Department, it didn't take long before his design was reproduced and went on sale on the Internet.

The original version carries the legend, "Bass Capitol of the World." The legend on the new version is "Bass Capital of the World." "Capitol" became "Capital." Otherwise, the design remained the same.

"Small but noticeable enough for collectors to spot quickly," Harris said.

All authentic patches created by Patch Me Thru carry their copyright decal under the plastic on the back.

Harris said the new version is not being sold. However, he does have it for trade.

Welaka is a small department. Michael Porath is the chief of police.

Welaka is located on the Saint Johns River in Putnam County. It is well-known to anglers as one of the best places to fish for bass.

Troy PD Introduces Feline Unit Move over, canines and horses, and make way for the first police Feline Unit!

The Troy, Mich. Police Department introduced their new Feline Unit when two municipal judges swore in "Donut" and gave the cat an official badge that she wears on a



The La Crosse, Wis. Historical Society has this collection from the career of John Coady, the first elected city marshal, from 1862. It includes his Smith and Wesson .32-caliber revolver and two badges, both in the ranks of city marshal. Coady later became a city police detective. Contributed photograph

blue bandanna.

The judges asked "Donut" to raise her right front paw when they administered the oath of office as Chief Gary Meyer, other officers, city officials and the media looked on.

Chief Meyer said "Donut's" main duties include raising awareness about pet adoption in the metropolitan Detroit area, social media and community outreach, therapeutic visits and public appearances.

Community reaction has been extremely positive, Chief Meyer said. The department's Twitter account has grown from 4000 followers to more than 10,000 followers, largely because "Donut" has become so popular.

The chief said the department couldn't be happier with the outcome because "Donut" has helped them show the softer side of law enforcement.

"This campaign has helped us connect with thousands of people, not only here in Troy and Metro Detroit, but we've had people from around the world contact us to do news articles on us," Chief Meyer said.

"Donut" lives with an officer who has two other cats but is often seen at the PD.

Port Authority Badge Ban Advances Legislation that would prohibit Port Authority of New York-New Jersey commissioners, the New Jersey Transit Corporation board of directors and local and state elected officials from being issued official badges is advancing through the New Jersey State Legislature.

The Senate unanimously passed the legislation last September. It was referred to the General Assembly where it will be considered later this year.

The Senate bill [S2858] was sponsored by Senators Vin Gopal, Patrick J. Diegman, Joseph A. Lagana and Loretta Weinberg. It passed on a 38-0 vote.

The General Assembly bill [A4389] is sponsored by Assemblymen Eric Houghtaling and Gordon M. Johnson and Assemblywoman Joan Downey. It was referred to the State and Local Government Committee. No hearing date has been set.

Senator Gopal (D-Tinton Falls) introduced the legislation in the aftermath of an incident last year during which a Port Authority commissioner flashed her badge and berated two Tenafly police officers who stopped a car in which her daughter was a passenger for a traffic violation. Commissioner Caren Turner resigned three weeks later.

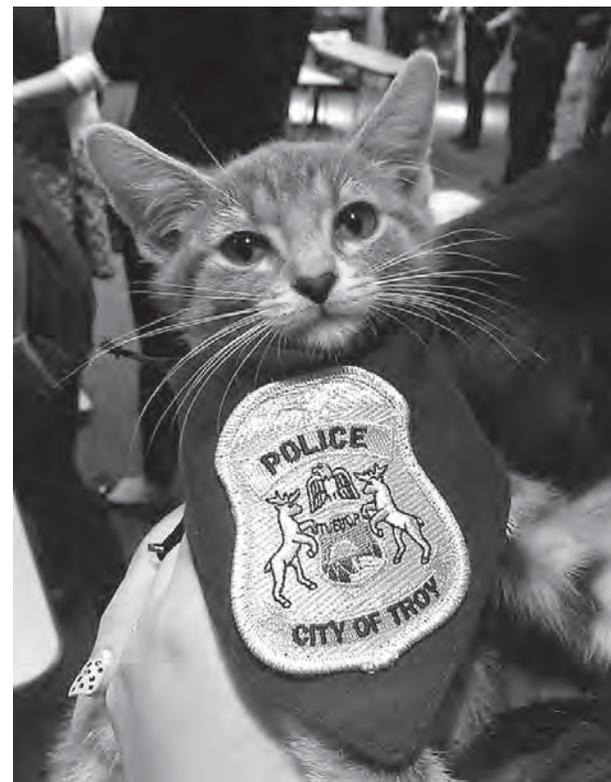
Port Authority Commission Chairman Kevin J. O'Toole said the remaining eleven commissioners voluntarily surrendered their badges shortly after the incident.

"We've seen issues where these badges have been abused. If you're not a law enforcement officer, you should not have a badge," Senator Gopal, the majority conference leader, said.

Senator Weinberg agreed with her colleague and saw no reason for elected or appointed officials to have law enforcement-style badges.

"There is a tendency, obviously, to misuse them. They are also rather expensive to make. I don't have one, and I don't know why anybody needs them," she said.

Interestingly, because there are six commissioners from New Jersey and six commissioners from New York, the New Jersey law would not be applicable in New York



The Troy, Mich. Police Department has the country's first Feline Unit. The department cat is "Donut" who wears her official badge on a bandanna around her neck. The police chief said "Donut" has 10,000 Twitter followers and been a public relations bonanza for the city. Contributed photograph

Massachusetts Collectors Mourn George Souza Massachusetts collectors learned recently that longtime collector George Souza died last year. He was 93 years old and died on his birthday.

Souza had a large international police patch collection and attended some of the early "New England" shows hosted by Rich Pontes in New Bedford.

He was an old fashioned collector who preferred to trade through the mail and sent handwritten letters to law enforcement agencies around the world asking for patches.

Souza was a career law enforcement officer who served with the Acushnet Police Department, Marion Police Department and the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Police. He retired as a campus police officer after 21 years of service in 1986.

Souza was born in New Bedford but lived in Acushnet for more than 50 years.

The veteran officer and collector served with the United States Navy during World War II and the Korean War. He was with the Navy Medical Corps in Europe and participated in the Normandy Invasion. He and his brothers were known as the "Five Fighting Souzas" because of their military service during World War II.

He was buried in New Bedford.

Sheffield Police Wearing New Badges Police officers in Sheffield, Ala. began wearing handsome new badges late last year.

Chief Ricky Terry said Symbol Arts in Ogden, Utah and senior officers designed the new shield, which is a large oval that shows the state seal as the center design flanked by United States and Alabama flags. A blue banner adorned with 22 stars surrounds the design. (Alabama was the 22nd state to join the union.) "1865," the year the city was founded, also appears.

"Sometimes, it's the little things that matter. Morale has ticked up since we began working on the new badges," Chief Terry, a 24-year department veteran who was appointed late last year, said.

The previous design was an eagle-topped shield. It had been worn for as long as anyone could remember.

The City Council appropriated \$2725 to purchase the new badges.

Chief Terry said his officers requested the new badges.

Patrol officers wear a silver badge, while the chief and other rank officers wear a gold version.

"I like it. It looks good," Mayor Ronnie Wicks said.

Sheffield is a city of 9000 in Colbert County near Muscle Shoals in northwest Alabama.

Rescue Unit Joins Police Department The University of Wisconsin Lake Mendota Rescue Unit is now part of the university police department.

The UW Lake Safety Program, first put on the water in 1909, has been renamed UWPD Lake Rescue and Safety.

The program had been in the university Environmental Health and Safety Department. The change took place a year after a windsurfing instructor was killed on Lake



Kingwood, W.V. honored city employee Terri Bolyard for her beautiful painting of the police department's new badge that now hangs at police headquarters. Bolyard has been drawing since she was a child. The police chief described her badge depiction as "amazing." Contributed photograph

Mendota in a collision with a Lake Safety boat.

A report issued by the UWPD after the fatal crash recommended the rescue unit would be better aligned with the police department since it is a first response unit, as are water rescue units from Dane County Sheriff's Office and Madison Fire Department.

The unit logo is a ship wheel with a rescue boat on the water as the center design. It is red on a white background.

Kingwood Employee Recognized For Artwork Terri Bolyard's artistic talent has been evident since she was a child, but she didn't share that knowledge until recently.

During her days in Head Start, a preschool program, one of the teachers complimented her work and said, "Terri is going to be an artist someday."

Through high school, Bolyard took only required art classes and didn't think much about drawing.

"Then, when I got out of school, I didn't really mess with art at all," Bolyard said.



Chief Ricky Terry shows Symbol Arts drawings of his department's new badge (patrol on the left and chief on the right), as well as the now-obsolete eagle-topped shields. Chief Terry said the new badges have been a morale booster for his in northwest Alabama department. Contributed photograph



The new University of Wisconsin Lake Rescue and Safety Unit aided more than 600 boaters and swimmers last year. The university has operated a water rescue program on Lake Mendota since 1909. The agency became part of the university police department last year. Contributed photograph

But after her son was born 14 years ago and she wasn't working, she went to a craft show and decided to paint again.

Bolyard works in the parks and recreation office at Kingwood, W.V. City Hall and when city officials learned of her prowess as an artist, they asked to paint a large version of the new Police Department badge to hang in their offices.

Chief T.A. Nestor said he was amazed by Bolyard's work. "I had no idea she was that talented," he said.

The city recently commended Bolyard for her outstanding artwork.

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Police

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority provides mass transit service to five counties including Philadelphia. The 260 officers of the SEPTA Transit Police Department serve the authority's 2200 square mile service area. The department is the fifth-largest law enforcement agency in Pennsylvania.

By Mike R. Bondarenko, Editor

PHILADELPHIA, Penna. – The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) is the regional mass transit provider for four million people in the city and county of Philadelphia and four surrounding counties, Bucks, Delaware, Chester and Montgomery, 2200 square mile service area.

SEPTA offers bus, commuter rail, light rail, elevated and subway train and electric trolley service as the sixth-largest mass transit system in the United States. It has 196 lines, 290 stations and over 450 miles of track.

Some commuter lines extend into Delaware and New Jersey.

It is the fifth-largest system in ridership with 308.3 million users in 2017.

SEPTA is one of two only mass transportation authorities in the USA with all five major types of transit vehicles. It owns and operates 2295 vehicles. The Massachusetts Bay



Thomas J. Nestel III is the chief of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority Transit Police Department. The chief had 30 years experience when he became chief in 2012. He rejoined his former department after 22 years with the Philadelphia police. *SEPTA official photograph*



Marked SEPTA Transit Police patrol vehicles are white with red and blue diagonal stripes on the front doors. The department's shoulder patch is centered on the stripes and "TRANSIT POLICE" appears in blue letters on the front fenders. This SUV is a late model Ford. *SEPTA official photograph*

Transit Authority is the other system.

The Pennsylvania legislature created SEPTA in 1963 to coordinate government subsidies to transit and railroad companies. Over the next 15 years, it acquired several commuter rail lines and took over others. It began operating the city transit system in Philadelphia in 1968.

Currently, there are three major operational divisions, City Transit, Suburban and railroad. There is also a transportation service for senior citizens and people with disabilities.

SEPTA Transit Police The SEPTA Transit Police was created in 1981. Today, there are 260 officers who work in seven patrol zones.

The legislature authorized formation of the department to deal with rising crime throughout the SEPTA system. Previously, the Philadelphia Police Department Transit Unit policed the system. However, it worked primarily in Center City (the downtown area) and the officers had jurisdiction only in the city, not in the surrounding counties that SEPTA serves.

SEPTA officers are trained at the Philadelphia Police Academy.

They are commissioned by the governor and have jurisdiction throughout the state. They have jurisdiction on SEPTA lines that extend into Delaware and New Jersey, like railroad police officers.

Thomas J. Nestel III was hired as Transit Police chief of police in August 2012. He had



Police Officer Loyd Rodgers works patrol for the SEPTA Transit Police. He is shown wearing the standard Philadelphia-style uniform with an external vest carrier. Officer Rodgers' badges are silver. He is shown boarding a train at an underground station in Center City Philadelphia. *SEPTA official photograph*

been the chief in Upper Moreland Township.

Chief Nestel is a fourth-generation Pennsylvania police officer.

He began his career in 1982 when he became a SEPTA Transit Police officer before he joined the Philadelphia Police Department where he served for 22 years. He worked his way up from patrol officer to staff inspector. In all, he had 30 years experience when he became the Transit Police chief.

There are several special units:

Anti Crime Team (ACT) officers are based in patrol zones. They work mostly in plainclothes and often ride the trains and buses. In addition, they gather intelligence and conduct surveillance.

Bicycle Patrol officers ride mostly at terminals and surrounding areas. They work overlapping shifts designed to provide maximum coverage for rush hours and special events.

Ceremonial Unit members staff the Honor Guard and represent the department at formal functions such as funerals and special ceremonies. They provide dignity protection and escort services.

The Special Operations Section is comprised of five units.

Canine Patrol officers help secure trains and buses as well as stations. There are patrol, bomb detection and drug detection dogs. However, most dogs are assigned to patrol functions.

Special Operations Response Team (SORT) members work tactical operations and receive extensive weapons training. They handle situations such as armed hijacking, hostage taking, biological and chemical terrorism and civil unrest and disobedience.

The Tactical Unit has uniformed, canine and plainclothes officers. They are often deployed during peak ridership times to address crime patterns and quality of life issues.

Criminal Investigations Section (CIS) members are detectives and supervisors who interview victims and witnesses, gather evidence, obtain search and arrest warrants and work with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. They conduct applicant background investigations and work with the SEPTA Office of the Inspector General to investigate fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement in the department. A CJS member is assigned to the FBI Multi-Agency Joint Terrorism Task Force in Philadelphia.

The Training and Recruitment Unit arranges and monitors officer training and conducts an annual physical fitness test on all officers. They also recruit and process police applicants.

The Quality Control Section has three units.

Internal Affairs investigates allegations of impropriety by any member of the department.

Communications and Technical is responsible for the operation of the agency's radio and computer communications systems, which are staffed mostly by civilian personnel. Dispatchers monitor SEPTA's extensive closed circuit television surveillance and monitoring systems, maintain radios, computer equipment and databases and compile statistical data and crime maps.

Administration provides administrative functions such as budget preparation, records and file maintenance and payroll administration.

The department made national news in March when about 200 officers represented



This is a SEPTA Transit Police patrol officer badge. It is a shield shape with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania seal as the center design. "Railroad Railway" appears on the badge. The agency gets its authority from an act that empowers railroad police in multiple jurisdictions. *Contributed photograph*



(Top) Obsolete style SEPTA Transit Police patrol officer emblems. The triangle shape was obtained in the late 1980s or early 1990s. (Bottom) Current issue patches in full color (left) and subdued versions (right). The commonwealth seal appears in the center. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

by the Fraternal Order of Police went on a week long strike after the union was unable to negotiate a new contract with SEPTA. The FOP argued the department is underfunded and understaffed.

Transit Police insignia The department wears a standard eagle-topped shield-shaped badge with a full color commonwealth seal as the center design. There are two versions, silver for patrol officers and gold for supervisors.

The legend reads, "SEPTA/ RAILROAD RAILWAY/ POLICE/ (NUMBER)." Supervisor badges show their ranks.

The hat badge is a standard cap device with the commonwealth seal as the center design.

I have a small collection of SEPTA emblems. It is by no means complete. I assume there are current and obsolete styles I still need. Any help appreciated!

I obtained a triangle-shaped blue and white patch with the red, white and blue SEPTA logo at a Philadelphia show in either the late 1980s or early 1990s. The legend reads, "SEPTA/ TRANSIT/ POLICE."

I have a shield-shaped blue and white emblem with the SEPTA logo and a red, white and blue depiction of the five counties that the authority's lines serve. I know this style



(Top) Current full color (left) and subdued (right) Special Operations Response Team (SORT) patches. (Bottom) Current Canine Unit patches in full color (left) and subdued (right). Full color Bicycle Patrol patch features a rider superimposed over the United State flag. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

SEPTA PoliceContinued

was worn until at least 1999 because it is shown on a memorial to a slain officer.

The current emblem is a shield shape with a blue background and gold borders and legends. The center design is a full color commonwealth seal surrounded by a dark blue ring with the legends, "SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA/ TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY."

"TRANSIT POLICE" appears above the center design with "DEPARTMENT" beneath it.

A red and blue banner showing the SEPTA logo appears at the top.

There is a subdued version with a black background, gray borders and legends. The center design is gray with dark red accents.

I have two SORT emblems the same size, design and colors as the patrol officer issues. However, the center designs are different. A commuter train is depicted in black and gray. It is superimposed over a gold and red lightning bolt on the full color version and a white lightning bolt on the tactical design. The surrounding legends read "SPECIAL OPERATIONS RESPONSE TEAM."

There are two canines in the same size, design and colors as the patrol officer patches. A full color dog head appears as the center design and "K-9 UNIT" is seen at the bottom. The lettering on the tactical version is gold.

Finally, I have a Bicycle Patrol emblem that is identical to the full color patrol officer patch, except an officer on a bike superimposed over a red, white and blue United States flag appears as the center design. "BICYCLE/ PATROL" is lettered at the bottom.

My thanks to Florida collector George Manosis for his assistance with the feature.

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Theme Patrol Vehicles Become More Popular

Law enforcement agencies across the country have a variety of theme-based patrol vehicles, such as breast cancer, autism and domestic violence awareness. Now, there are other themes, including a salute to the military. The possibilities for theme-based vehicles are endless and law enforcement vehicle photo collectors may be on the cutting edge of a new era.

By Mike R. Bondarenko, Editor

SPECIAL – It began with specially-marked canine vehicles adorned with decals depicting a dog and stay back warnings.

Next came Drug Abuse Resistance Education vehicles with brightly-colored DARE decals and markings, often with custom paint jobs to differentiate them from other patrol vehicles.

Then there were specially-marked special unit vehicles for everything from impaired driving enforcement to auto theft repression to community-oriented policing, among others.

Today, theme-based patrol vehicles are more popular and common than ever. There are pink breast cancer and colorful autism awareness vehicles with custom paint jobs and eye-catching graphics. Some are limited to special duty, while others are used on patrol.

Theme-based patrol vehicles are a dream come true for law enforcement vehicle photo collectors, of which there are many in our hobby. With the advent of digital photography and the Internet, this area of our hobby is growing rapidly.

In Wisconsin, traffic safety grants are available to state agencies, sheriff offices and police departments for specially-marked "Choose Your Ride" patrol vehicle markings that have law enforcement markings and colors on the front and yellow taxi cab markings and graphics on the back. The cars carry decals with the sobering message. "This Ride Costs \$20" on the taxi half and "This Ride Costs \$1000" on the police half.

The Wisconsin State Patrol and several local agencies, including my old outfit, the Saint County Sheriff's Office, have them. They are used for parades and displayed at special events, community celebrations and county fairs. The State Patrol car is shown at about 25 events a year, including the Wisconsin State Fair, which attracts millions of visitors annually.

The not so subtle message is to encourage people who have been drinking to take a taxi or find another ride home. The alternative is a one-way ride to jail that is a lot more expensive. It is a strong message. The unique vehicles get a lot of attention everywhere they are shown.

The police departments in Twin Falls, Id. and San Francisco, Calif. have recently taken theme-based patrol vehicles to another level. Twin Falls has a military theme cruiser, while San Francisco has a Pride Month vehicle. Both may be firsts in the nation.

Salute to our military The Twin Falls Police Department vehicle, a Ford Police Interceptor SUV, is called "Salute to Service" and features camouflage coloring and emblems of each branch of the United States Armed Forces. It debuted on Memorial Day Weekend.

Police Corporal Jayson Mickelson, a Marine Corps veteran, suggested the theme and Chief Craig Kingsbury thought it was a great idea.

"We have a lot of military veterans on the force. Some officers are actively serving in the Reserves and National Guard," Chief Kingsbury said.

Twin Falls has other theme-based vehicles, including domestic violence and breast cancer awareness and a yellow and black SUV with the College of Southern Idaho logo. Black and yellow are the school colors. The college is located in the city.

In addition, school resource officers at two high schools drive cars adorned with their respective school colors and logos. There are plans to add a third high school colors car soon.

"Salute to Service" has gotten rave reviews from Twin Falls residents, Chief Kingsbury said. He said the response has been overwhelmingly positive.

The chief authorized Corporal Mickelson to drive the vehicle on patrol. What a great choice!

First in the nation San Francisco was the first police department in the country to wear a "Pride Patch" during Pride Month in June.

Now, there is a specially-marked "Policing With Pride" black and white Ford Police Interceptor SUV. Markings include decals reading "Policing With Pride," "Pride, Equality, Peace," and "SFPD Pride." It was driven on patrol in June.

"Pride" rainbow versions of the SFPD emblem were sold for \$10 to raise money for a charity.

The department posted on its Facebook page that the vehicle symbolizes the agency's inclusiveness.

Unlimited theme possibilities I had fun brainstorming and putting together a list of potential future law enforcement theme-based vehicles. Of course, some of these may already exist and additional theme possibilities are unlimited.

So far at least, law enforcement agencies have confined theme-based patrol vehicles to charities and noble causes, such as breast cancer, autism and domestic violence awareness. However, I came up with a few alternatives.

There are commemorative badges and emblems for professional and collegiate



The Wisconsin State Patrol drives this uniquely-marked patrol car to community events to promote the "Choose Your Ride" traffic safety program. Its a real State Patrol cruiser in the front and a taxi in the rear. There is even a taxi light mounted atop the emergency lights! *State Patrol photograph*



Twin Falls, Idaho police Corporal Jayson Mickelson drives their “Salute to Service” vehicle. It has camouflage markings as well as the logos of the five branches of the Armed Forces. The vehicle debuted on Memorial Day and has been a big hit. Mickelson is a Marine Corps vet. *Twin Falls PD photograph*

championship sporting events (Super Bowl, World Series, football bowl games, etc.), so why not law enforcement vehicles in team colors and logos?

Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots fans would love to see law enforcement vehicles in the team colors and adorned with team logos.

Same thing with last year’s World Series-winning Boston Red Sox.

Or, this year’s NBA champion Toronto Raptors and NHL champion Saint Louis Blues.

How about specially-marked vehicles for cities that host the Republican and Democratic political conventions every four years?

An agency hosting the Republicans could have a little fun with an elephant logo, while an agency welcoming the Democrats could have a donkey logo. The markings would be respectful and representative of the strong community involvement needed to host an event as large as a major party political convention.

Houston, home of the Johnson Space Center, and agencies near Cape Canaveral, Fla., home of the Kennedy Space Center, could have commemorated the 50th anniversary of the lunar landing in July with Apollo 11 commemorative markings and included some version of Astronaut Neil Armstrong’s iconic statement upon stepping onto the Moon for the first time, “One small step for Man, one giant for Mankind.” That would have been very appropriate and pretty cool!

Something I hope never happens is commercial advertising on law enforcement vehicles like there is on city buses and taxis, professional sports venues and too much else. (I have no concern whatsoever with acknowledging a donation of a vehicle with a very discreet “Courtesy of XYZ” logo.)

There was a company several years ago that offered law enforcement agencies a free patrol car in exchange for the right to display commercial advertising on it.



The San Francisco Police Department recently debuted a new black and white Ford Police Interceptor for “Pride Month.” It features a number of pride-related logos. The department was the only agency in the country that authorized a “Pride Month” shoulder patch. *SFPD official photograph*

I got a call from a salesman for the firm when I was chief in Prescott, Wis. I hung up on the guy. The company soon went out of business. I guess too many other chiefs and sheriffs hung up on them as well!

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Pink Badge Abuse A Deltona, Fla. man, Shawn Nichols, 45, faces a charge of impersonating an officer in Volusia County after allegedly flashing a pink five-star deputy sheriff’s cancer awareness badge during a road rage incident in late March. Nichols was involved in the alleged incident with another motorist in Daytona Beach, followed the driver home, confronted him and claimed he was reserve county sheriff’s deputy. Court documents showed Nichols is involved in a relationship with a full-time deputy sheriff but is not employed by the department. The sheriff’s office has opened an investigation into how Nichols obtained the badge.

Offensive “SNL” Sketch Baltimore, Md. police are unhappy that their insignia appeared in a recent *Saturday Night Live* sketch that alleged offensive behavior by city police officers. The sketch, which starred Baltimore native Ego Nwodim, was called “Traffic Stop” and featured Nwodim and another actor dressed in police uniforms adorned with Baltimore police insignia. The actors stop a car and order a motorist out of his car, telling him, “You’re fine as hell.” Police complained to NBC Universal about the unauthorized use of their insignia. The network did not respond.

Robber Possessed Insignia A Montana man dubbed the “AK-47 Bandit” for the assault rifle he is accused of using to hold up banks in several states pleaded guilty in federal court in April to robbing a bank in Nebraska City, Nebr. When police searched the home of Richard Gathercole, 40, in Roundup, Mont., they found homemade bombs, additional weapons and equipment to make identification cards. They also found sheriff’s badges, shoulder patches and a sheriff’s vest.

King County Airport King County, Wash. International Airport Boeing Field Police and Fire in Seattle is a division of the county sheriff’s office. It is staffed by a captain, three sergeants and 14 deputies who drive specially marked vehicles but wear standard sheriff’s insignia. The deputies are cross-trained as state-certified police officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians. The division was formed in 1999.

Historic Hemet Car The Hemet, Calif. Police Department has a 1954 Ford Mainline two-door patrol car in its 110-vehicle fleet. The black and white, which has a red spotlight used as an emergency light, carries lettering, “HEMET/ POLICE,” in large black letters on both white front doors. According to Chief Rob Webb, the historic car is driven in parades and appears at department and community events. Officers who drive it wear a vintage HPD uniform.

Anderson Hospital Police Community health facilities in Anderson, Ind. have a sworn police department, which was formed in November 2017. The 16-officer agency polices the Community Hospital Anderson, three hospital-owned nursing homes, an assisted living center and nine off-site medical clinics. The officers wear dark blue uniform shirts and khaki-colored slacks. They have a custom patch and badge.

Longtime Florida Collector Jim Stewart Loses Battle With Cancer

Jim Stewart, a veteran Florida insignia collector, lost a courageous fight with cancer in late June. The retired Florida law enforcement officer has died .

Stewart was a dedicated Florida insignia collector who attended most of the shows in the Sunshine State, including Titusville and Orlando.

Stewart was a former traffic sergeant with the Indian River County Sheriffs Office in Vero Beach where he helped the agency become nationally accredited. He joined the department in 1986.

He began his law enforcement career as a patrol officer in Hallandale in 1981.

Stewart was born and raised in Marathon, Fla. where he attended high school. He studied at Broward College and Wesleyan College in West Virginia..

Stewart was highly regarded among Florida collectors.

“He was an exceptional man and he left his mark on every person he met,” said Charles W. Riddle, an administrator of a Facebook page for Florida police, fire and emergency services badge and patch collectors, said.

Riddle suspended trading on the Facebook site for a time after Stewart’s death out of respect for the veteran collector. It has since resumed.

Stewart had an outstanding collection from his former departments as well as other Sunshine State law enforcing agencies.

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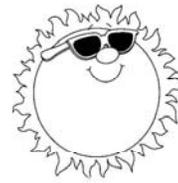
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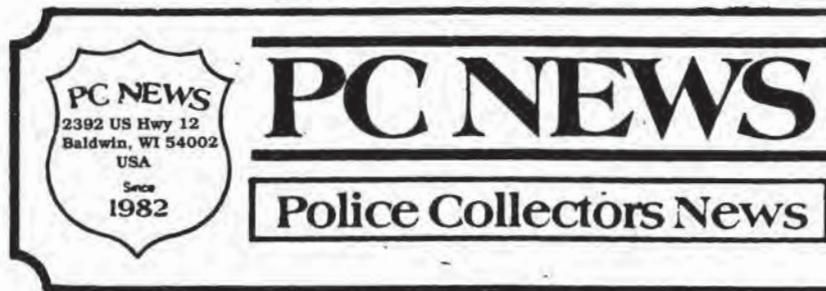
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WANTED: I collect Police Explorer (Boy Scout) metal badges or embroidered patches. Send picture of items that you have for sale to: CHRIS JENSEN, PO Box 1841, Easley, SC 29641, email CJENSEN@STREAMWOOD.NET (72)

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WANTED: ABC Commission, Liquor Enforcement and Tobacco Enforcement patches, pins, coins and badges from any U.S. state or county. (No U.S. Federal). Also looking for select South Carolina agencies. JEREMY BENJAMIN, jdbenja@yahoo.com, www.abcpatchcollector.weebly.com (71)

WANTED: New Jersey badges from the following towns: Mantoloking, Bergenfield, Matawan, Green Brook, Berkeley Heights, Edison, Metuchen and New Jersey State Patrol. I also collect Lehigh Valley Railroad Police items. Email DAN at jasperdan26@optonline.net (74)

WANTED: Old Ohio badges and patches. Collector appreciates old badges and patches, does it as a hobby and is not a dealer, just an old fashioned collector. PAT OLVEY, 7631 Holliston Pl., Cincinnati OH 45255, Email: polvey@fuse.net (TFN)

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WANTED: WV Public Service Commission Officer badge, Monongalia Co. WV Deputy Sheriff, Harrison Co. WV Deputy Sheriff badge, WV DOC Regional Jail Officer, SC State Transport Police Officer badges, WSA Commercial Vehicle, Motor Carrier Enforcement Officer badges. R.J. JOHNSON, JR., 1380 Bergamont St., Morgantown WV 26505. (71)

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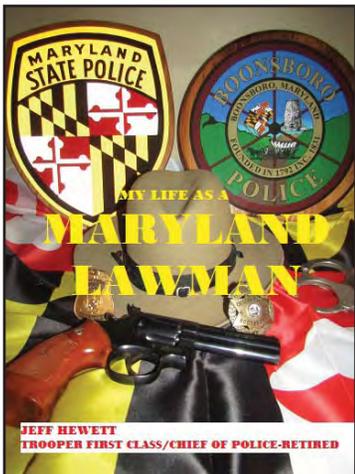
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Admission: \$5 per person (Spouses and children free)

Table Rental: \$20 per table

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For additional information contact Larry or Bill: FCPASHow@aol.com

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RICK ULAND COLLECTION PRE-SALE ANNOUNCEMENT

I AM MAKING AN ADVANCED NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED COLLECTORS NATIONWIDE THAT I WILL BEGIN SELLING OFF THE VAST MAJORITY OF MY PERSONAL COLLECTION BEGINNING AT A DATE TO BE DETERMINED THAT WILL BEGIN IN THE LATER PART OF THIS YEAR-2019 OR VERY EARLY NEXT YEAR-2020.

OVER THE PAST 45 YEARS THAT I HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY COLLECTING, I HAVE AMASSED A COLLECTION OF MONUMENTAL PROPORTIONS THAT INCLUDES MANY SECONDARY GROUPINGS AS WELL.

I HAVE RECENTLY MADE MY FINAL DECISION TO SELL MOST OF MY COLLECTION, AND I WILL SOON BEGIN THE VERY INVOLVED AND DETAILED PROCESS OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS OF PUTTING TOGETHER THIS LABORIOUS AND VERY INVOLVED TASK.

I HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE OVER THESE MANY DECADES TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH SUCH A FEAT AS I HAVE IN RELATION TO PUTTING TOGETHER A COLLECTION OF SUCH DEPTH AND MAGNITUDE.

THIS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY VARIOUS MEANS AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT HAVE INCLUDED MY LIFE LONG PROFESSIONAL WORK IN POLICE SERVICES, INVESTIGATIVE DUTIES, INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES AND WORKING WITH SPECIALIZED LAW ENFORCEMENT UNITS.

ADDITIONALLY, THE VAST COLLECTING NETWORK THAT I HAVE ESTABLISHED AND RELATED FRIENDSHIPS THAT I HAVE MADE OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME DATING BACK TO 1975 IN THE COLLECTING HOBBY HAS ALLOWED ME TO GATHER MANY COLLECTIBLE ITEMS THROUGH TRADING, GIFTING, PURCHASING AND QUITE HONESTLY FROM BEING IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME.

THE COLLECIBLE ITEMS THAT WILL BECOME AVAILABLE WILL INCLUDE THE STANDARD, BUT WIDE RANGING GROUPS OF BADGES, PATCHES, INSIGNIA, SPECIALIZED REGALIA AND ALL THE OTHER RELATED ITEMS THAT ANY COLLECTOR WOULD EXPECT TO SEE IN SUCH A COLLECTION.

THERE WILL ALSO BE MANY OTHER SPECIALIZED ITEMS TO INCLUDE CHALLENGE COINS, LIGHTERS, BELT BUCKLES, UNIFORMS, CUPS, MUGS, GLASSES, SHOT GLASSES, CAPS, MEDALS, PLAQUES AND POSTERS.

THESE ITEMS WILL NOT JUST BE SPECIFIC TO POLICE OR LAW ENFORCEMENT IN GENERAL BUT WILL INCLUDE A WIDE RANGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, INVESTIGATIVE, INTELLIGENCE, PUBLIC SAFETY AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES AND SPECIAL UNITS.

THIS WILL INCLUDE A FAR REACHING AND VERY INTERESTING RANGE OF MUNICIPAL, COUNTY, STATE, DISTRICTS, FEDERAL, TRIBAL, MILITARY AND FOREIGN DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, SERVICES AND UNITS.

I PLAN ON MAKING THE FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE OFFICIAL LAUNCHING OF MY COLLECTION SALE IN THE POLICE COLLECTORS NEWS EDITION OF EITHER NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2019 OR JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2020. AT THAT TIME, I WILL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING THE GREAT OPPORTUNITY AND HONOR OF SHARING MY MANY COLLECTIBLES.

FOR SALE WITH THE HIGHLY RESPECTED PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS OF OUR VAST COLLECTING AND MEMORABILIA HOBBY ACROSS THIS GREAT NATION OF OURS.

I SHARE WITH YOU THIS QUOTE FROM ENGLISH POET LORD BYRON:

"For the sword outwears its sheath"

"And the soul wears out the breast"

"And the heart must pause for breath"

"And love itself have rest"

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