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New York-New Jersey Show Attracts 400 Collectors And Dealers

The 2022 New York-New Jersey Police Collectors Show hosted by Brian Lyons, Gerry Tibbs and Ed Zitek on April 3 in Hasbrouck Heights, N.J. attracted more than 400 collectors and dealers. It rekindled regional interest in badges and patches after the pandemic canceled the 2020 show and delayed it in 2021.

By Mike R. Bondarenko, Editor

HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, N.J. – Walk-ins are local collectors who attend law enforcement insignia shows. They are not tableholders, who rent space for their displays or merchandise. They collectors who do not register in advance but come to buy, sell or trade.

Walk-ins are the holy grail for tableholders, as well as show hosts. They patronize the tableholders and enjoy their exhibits, often asking questions and/or offering insight or knowledge. Hosts record walk-in attendance to gauge participation and interest in their shows. A large walk-in turnout almost always guarantees a good show.

When Eddie Miller founded the New York-New Jersey Police Collectors Show in Hasbrouck Heights, N.J. in 1994 in response to New York's oppressive insignia control law, 50 walk-ins constituted an outstanding turnout. Current hosts Brian Lyons, Gerry Tibbs and Ed Zitek welcomed more than 300 walk-ins to their 2022 show on April 3.

"We had a great turnout. Every walk-in got a wristband, so we could keep track of how many people attended. We ran out of wristbands, which means we probably had a lot more than 300," Lyons said.

Lyons's daughter, Savannah, who handled the busy registration desk, said the turnout was larger than the 2021 show last October. When hall opened to non-tableholders, there was a long line of eager hobbyists waiting to check in.

The popularity of Hasbrouck Heights has re-energized interest in badge and patch collecting in the New York City area and northern New Jersey far beyond Miller's classic Long Island shows in the '80s and early '90s.

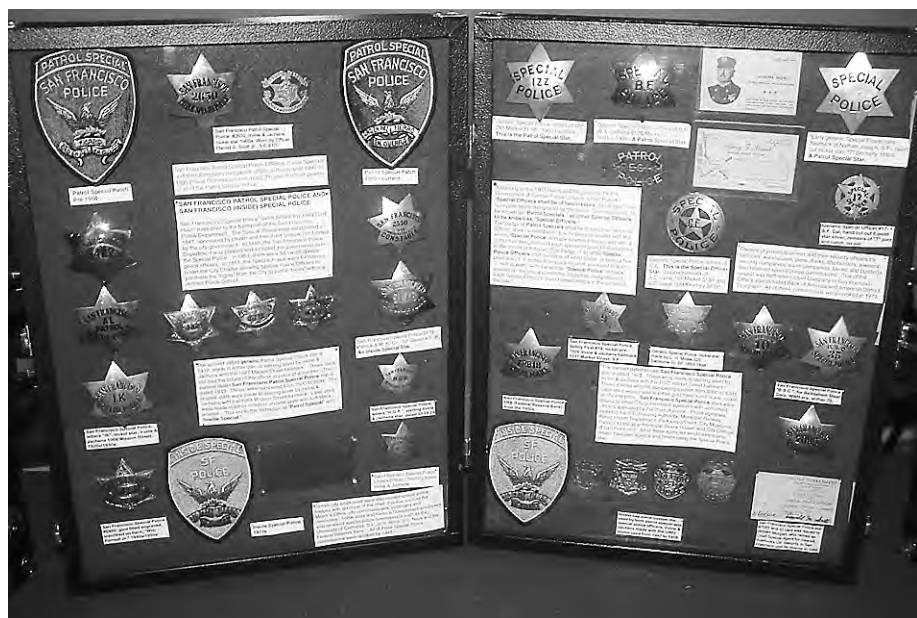
"I was told by more than one person that they found patches, shields and many other items they had been searching for for quite a while," Brian Lyons said.

Undoubtedly, the best is yet to come for New York-New Jersey.

One hundred-plus tables The show was beyond a 96-table sellout. When Lyons, Tibbs and Zitek announced in late March that every table in the main hall had been sold, they quickly arranged for additional tables in a smaller adjacent room. Six collectors who wanted tables were accommodated. In all, there were 107 tableholders and assistants.

Tableholders were Mashell Gellman, Chip Greiner, Joseph Serylo, Patrick Minutillo, Julio Martinez, Allan Attanasio, Andrew Castro, Nick Leary, Mark Pyne, Rich Pontes, Richie Chan, Eric Gagnon, Gary Teragawa, Jeff Bowman, Jimmy Walsh, Herve Cote, Danny Lee, Liam Foley, Max Rosenstein, Joe Morrison,

Ed Kelly, John Carroll, Gary Provenzano, Anthony Kalicki, Gene Theo, Tyler Argubright, Ralph Friedman, Josh Searle, Jay Heldman, Jeffrey Hahl, Robert Rodriguez, Mike Novak, Herman Narning, John Baker, Ed Zitek, Russ Crimmins, Kenneth Wilson, James Karas, Xavier Dugardyn, John Stallone, Ned Schwartz,



Gary Teragawa's San Francisco Police Department collection features this segment devoted to special police officers. The department had a unique rank, Patrol Specials, who were part-time officers who worked at fixed posts, such as shopping malls. The rank ended in 1995. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

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Ken Lucas, James Meehan, Charles Rizzo, Charles Borngesser, Dave Brink, Chris Whitcraft and Andrew Wilgermein.

Outstanding displays New York-New Jersey has always been mostly a buy, sell and trade show. Yet, that doesn't mean there aren't outstanding displays; there always are. This year was no exception.

"Best Overall" went to Gary Teragawa of South Carolina. Nick Leary of Connecticut won "Best Shield." The "Best Patch" award winner was James Meehan of Pennsylvania. "Best Educational" went to New Jersey's Pat Minutillo.

Teragawa, a former California law enforcement officer, featured his incredible San Francisco and California Highway Patrol collections, arguably the finest in the hobby. He also brought his career display. The highly professional exhibit was presented in 16 large standing display cases.

"Another great show. An outstanding venue. A very well run show that Gerry, Eddie and Brian can be proud of. Thank you for providing this event for the collector community," Teragawa said.

The most impressive element of Teragawa's display, in addition to its completeness, of course, is that it is educational. He labels nearly every badge and patch with usage dates or other information. He also shows many photographs of officers wearing them.

Teragawa said he received many positive comments from *PCNEWS* readers on his SFPD Alvin Johnson badge story from the 2021 National Police Collectors Show. It is among his most historic and well documented badges. It was shown at the show.

"The Johnson family really liked the story, especially since it wasn't political. I'll probably know by July if they will part with his firearm. However, his ID card is still out there. No one knows what happened to it," Teragawa said.

The veteran collector indicated he will likely take a well-deserved break from bringing



Gary Teragawa (center, foreground) won the coveted "Best Overall" display award at the New York-New Jersey show. It was presented by (left to right) Gerry Tibbs, Brian Lyons and Ed Zitek. He was honored for his outstanding San Francisco Police Department collection. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



These frames from Gary Teragawa's world class San Francisco law enforcement collection feature other agencies that operate in the city and work with the SFPD, such as the Department of Defense, Muni Transit Police, Institutional Police and many others. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



(Left to right) Hasbrouck Heights, N.J. show hosts Gerry Tibbs, Brian Lyons and Ed Zitek congratulate Connecticut law enforcement insignia collector Nick Leary (center) for winning the “Best Badge” display. His outstanding exhibit featured the Maine State Police. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

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displays to NY-NJ next year. “I think I’m going to be just another tableholder. I’ll just bring a couple cases of things to trade or sell and enjoy the show. It’s a lot of work setting up and taking down displays,” he said.

Leary featured an outstanding badge and patch exhibit from the Maine State Police. He showed a complete insignia progression from the earliest days of the agency to today, including several extremely rare badges and emblems.

There has never been anything fancy about MSP badges. All are very traditional East Coast styles with plain state seals and black soft enamel lettering. The current style is a silver rhodium-colored shell back sunburst.

Agency history dates to July 1921 when the State Highway Commission created the State Highway Police to enforce motor vehicle laws. Initially, 34 officers were hired. An additional 25 officers were added a month later. Soon, every officer was issued a Harley Davidson motorcycle equipped with a side car, a revolver and a state law book.

The State Highway Police became the State Police in 1935 after their duties were expanded beyond motor vehicle law enforcement by the legislature.

The department authorized a millennium badge in 2000 and followed up with a centennial anniversary shield last year.

Meehan specializes in fire police, a unique combination of law enforcement and fire jurisdiction in several states, mostly predominantly in Pennsylvania, the collector’s home state.

State laws authorize fire police in Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Maine, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia

Although their jurisdictions and duties vary, most fire police are all but equivalent to constables in law enforcement hierarchy. They work almost exclusively at active fire scenes, performing such functions as traffic control; firefighter, emergency worker and bystander protection; police investigation assistance and hazardous material access control, although some states authorize additional responsibilities.

Most fire police work under the command of a police chief, sheriff, incident commander or state trooper. They wear uniforms adorned with official badges and shoulder patches in most jurisdictions.

Meehan brought two large frames of mostly Pennsylvania fire police patches.

Minutillo, a retired Harrison N.J. police officer, specializes in antique and historic law enforcement restraints. His outstanding collection dates as far back in history as the Civil War and as early as 1840.

“I started collecting in the early ‘90s when I was the captain in charge of detectives at my department. We had limited space and needed more room. There were two storage rooms full of old equipment the chief wanted cleaned out. He gave me the job. I found first issue badges from the early 1800s, uniforms, hats, blotters and logbooks, nippers, cuffs and all



Nick Leary’s award-winning Maine State Police collection features badges dating back to the origin of the agency as the State Highway Police in July 1921. He also has a complete collection of shoulder patches. The picture shows a group of early troopers in uniform. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

kinds of other things in those rooms,” he said.

Minutillo was thrilled when the chief told him he could keep anything he wanted from the storage rooms. He kept a first issue badge, several restraints and equipment items.

“I tried to give away everything I didn’t want, but no one was interested, so pretty much everything else was destroyed, which when I think back on it, was a real shame. So much police history was lost forever. Oh, how I wish I could have that stuff back!” he said.

The veteran collector decided to focus on restraints, the older the better.

“They represent Americana. Law enforcement has used them for a couple hundred years, but so has the military, prisons, magicians, hospitals, nursing homes and anywhere movement must be controlled,” he said.

He offered that renown magician Harry Houdini used a particular type of handcuff restraint in his death-defying escape artist acts.

Minutillo has conducted extensive research into the history and development of police restraints. “I was able to find a couple real good books not long after I started. They helped me a lot. I learned a lot from them and have been learning ever since,” he said.

He spent 25 years in Harrison where he retired as deputy chief. He spent four additional



Patrick Minutillo has an outstanding collection of law enforcement restraints going back to at least the early 1800s. He specializes in this unique area of the hobby and has been able to add numerous rare pieces to his collection. Minutillo has been collecting for 30 years. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



James Meehan collects Pennsylvania fire police patches and badges. These are special officers who have jurisdiction at fires, hazardous material incidents and public safety emergencies. Fourteen states have fire police. Their status is roughly equivalent to a constable. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



“Best Patch” display at the NY-NJ show went to James Meehan (far left) for his collection of Pennsylvania fire police emblems, which are his specialty. It was presented by (left to right) Gerry Tibbs, Brian Lyons and Ed Zitek, the affable swap meet hosts. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Patrick Minutillo (far left) was awarded the “Best Educational” display award in Hasbrouck Heights. He is a retired Harrison, N.J. deputy chief who began collecting law enforcement restraints in the early 1990s. The award was presented by the show hosts. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

years as head of administration and policy at the Morris County Prosecutors Office.

“When I was with the prosecutor’s office, I put up a whole wall of display cases with badges, patches and all kinds of other things from the office and departments in the county. It got a lot of attention from people who came into the office. I was able to identify most of the items so people would know what they were looking at. I got a lot of nice compliments on it,” Minutillo said.

He added that old restraints are becoming more difficult to obtain with each passing year. “I used to find them at antique auctions or online, but not so much anymore,” he said.

The exhibits were judged by Chip Griener, John Baker and me. Even though Greiner and Baker had outstanding displays, they made themselves ineligible for awards.

Best railroad police collection Who has the largest and finest railroad police insignia collection in the world? No one anyone anywhere in the world could top Chip



Grant Wilson worked for the Ontario and Western Railroad in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania for 45 years from 1884 to 1929. After he lost an arm in a train accident, he became a railroad police officer for the company. He served as their chief of police for 22 years. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

Greiner of Bogota, N.J. I don’t see how.

Greiner has been collecting all things railroad police for more than 50 years. The lifelong train buff set up another phenomenal exhibit of beautifully presented framed badges from current but mostly obsolete railroad companies from as far back in history as the early 1800s.

He displayed nine large cases filled with badges, two other displays and two mannequins with historic uniforms. (There are currently 40 badge cases in his collection. He had only table space for nine.)

Greiner is a walking encyclopedia of historic railroad police knowledge. Since long obsolete railroad companies were mostly amalgamations with long names, company names were often abbreviated on their police badges into a sort of alphabet soup.

As I viewed his displays, I asked the veteran hobbyist several times, “What railroad was that?” or “When did this railroad exist?” He responded almost immediately with everything I wanted to know every time he was asked.

Greiner offered two special exhibits:

Chief Grant Wilson headed the Ontario and Western Railroad Police for 22 years. The regional railroad served New York state from Oswego, a port on Lake Erie, to New York City and northern New Jersey from 1868 to 1957.

Wilson worked for the O&WRR from 1884 to 1929 when he retired after 45 years. He was first hired as a general employee. However, in 1892, he lost an arm in an accident while coupling a train.

Wilson transferred to the police department as a patrol officer and later became chief of police. He was known as the “One-Armed Chief.” He died in 1938 at age 72.

Greiner’s display shows seven badges, four identification cards, his photo and a come-along chain. There is a copy of his obituary listing details of his career.

“He had quite an interesting career. I’ve done a lot of research on him and wrote a story about him in one of my books,” Greiner said.

The other special exhibit was devoted to his parents, August E. and Marjorie V. Greiner, who were a longtime northern New Jersey husband and wife private detective team. It shows their state identification cards, three badges and a picture of August Greiner processing fingerprint evidence. Both Greiners are now deceased.

“Of course, everyone likes to say nice things about their parents, but my mom and dad really were highly regarded professional private detectives. They had clients all over New York and New Jersey, and as far away as the Bahamas,” Greiner said.

Marjorie Greiner previously worked as an intelligence analyst for the prestigious Office of Strategic Services during World War II. The OSS was a top secret agency created by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to coordinate foreign espionage activity behind enemy lines.

Although the couple worked numerous high-profile cases, one of their most famous investigations centered around a person involved the infamous Julius and Ethel Rosenberg espionage case. The New York City couple was convicted in 1951 and executed in 1953 for selling United States nuclear secrets to the former Soviet Union. The Rosenbergs sold out their country when they became spies for the USSR in exchange for money.

Greiner said his parents rarely spoke of the Rosenberg case, which made headlines around the world, but he knows they were involved from studying their case files.

“They did a lot of divorce cases. They got hired by either husbands who thought their wives were cheating or vice versa. They did a lot of night surveillance,” he said.

Among their divorce clients was the wife of well-known baseball player Dusty Rhodes,



A better look at a segment of Patrick Minutillo’s award-winning law enforcement restraint collection. It shows unique historic restraints dating back to the Civil War (lower left). The handcuffs in the lower right are circa 1876. He points out restraints predate badges and patches. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Chip Greiner has been collecting and researching railroad law enforcement for more than 50 years. He has assembled the largest and finest collection in the world, bar none. He brought another world class exhibit of railroad police badges dating back to the early 1800s. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



August and Marjorie Greiner, the parents of longtime railroad police collector Chip Greiner, were highly successful private detectives in New Jersey for many years. The couple was involved in many high-profile cases. Chip Greiner showed this collection of their artifacts. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Ralph Friedman was a tableholder at the New York-New Jersey show to market his book, *Street Warrior*, and advocate for a renewal of the television series about his legendary career as an NYPD detective, *Street Justice: The Bronx*. His table was among the most popular. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

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who starred on the 1954 New York Giants, the year they won the World Series. “Evidently, Dusty’s wife knew he was cheating on her, so she hired Mom and Dad to catch him. They did surveillance on him and his mistress. They were getting together at a motel here in Jersey. One night, Dad broke down the door and Mom took pictures of Dusty and his lover in bed with not too many clothes on!” he said.

Street Warrior Ralph Friedman Ralph Friedman is the most decorated police detective in New York City history. During his legendary 1970 to 1984 career, Friedman made 2000 arrests, 100 off-duty arrests and 6000 assists. He was involved in 15 shootings. He shot eight people and killed four of them. Friedman was a detective (second grade) in the infamous 41st Precinct, also known as Fort Apache, in the South Bronx during one of the most turbulent times in New York history. It was a time when NYPD faced unprecedented violent crime, rampant drug abuse and widespread disregard for law and order. Even though he has been retired for 37 years, Friedman, now 72, remains an NYPD legend. He symbolizes an era of New York law enforcement far different than today. Friedman was a NY-NJ tableholder to market copies of his 2017 book, *Street Warrior*, which he authored with Patrick Picciarelli, and promote the 2017 Investigation Discovery TV series, *Street Justice: The Bronx*, which chronicled his most noteworthy cases. Friedman wrote the book to tell his story. He hooked up with Picciarelli, a former NYPD officer, and they put it together in about six months. “Pat is a helluva writer. The book has been selling well ever since it first came out,” he said. “I’m not saying what street cops face today isn’t rough as hell, because it is, but what we dealt with every day in the South Bronx when I was on the job was a lot different. We didn’t have the technology, weapons, communications and support that NYPD does now. We had our fists, our guns and our guts, emphasis on guts. That’s how we survived,” he said. An Investigation Discovery producer saw a copy of Friedman’s book and contacted him. “We have to do a show’ is what they told me,” he said. “I said, ‘Why not?’” *Street Justice: The Bronx* ran for six episodes. Friedman acted as narrator as actors recreated cases he worked, based on the book and his recollections. “I would really like to see Investigation Discovery or another network to pick up the show and bring it back. I’ve got a lot more stories to tell. That’s another reason I’m here today,” he said. He believes active NYPD and other officers are interested in his book and the TV show because they want to know “how it was.” During the 30 minutes I sat with Friedman for an interview, five current and former



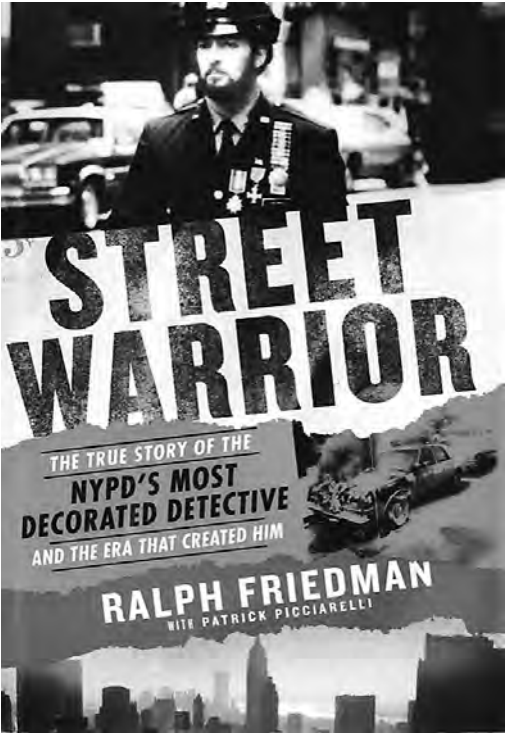
A wall in Ralph Friedman’s Connecticut home is dedicated to awards, citations and memorabilia from his celebrated New York City police career. He served in one of the most turbulent yet definitive times in city history. Friedman remains an NYPD legend. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

NYPD officers stopped by, bought books and asked for pictures and autographs.

NY-NJ news and notes ...The show opened with a bagpiper playing the national anthem, *Amazing Grace* in honor of fallen officers and all five military service anthems to honor the Armed Forces. It was an awesome performance and a fitting opening. Thank you, hosts. ...Longtime badge collector Bob Blom is working with City Clerk W. Scott Jett on a book about North Wildwood, N.J. police history. “We’re still in the planning stage, but I think its going to happen. The chief is on board. The clerk is going to write the book. I’ll help him out, especially with the badges,” Blom said. North Wildwood police history goes to the late 1880s when the North Shore community in Cape May County was known as the Borough of Angelesea. “There’s never been a book about our history, so it’s going to be a first for the department,” Blom said.



The late Jimmy Walsh had the largest and most complete New Jersey State Police collection before his death 16 years ago. He also collected a wide variety of state police and highway patrol insignia from across the USA. His wife, Marilyn (left), and children attended the show. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



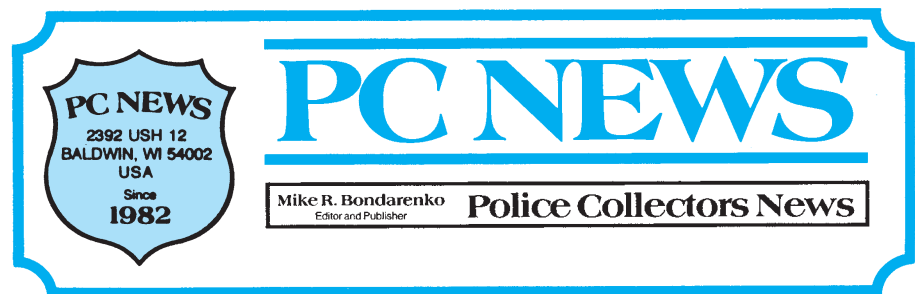
(Left) *Street Warrior* is the true story of Ralph Friedman, the most highly decorated detective in New York City police history. He wrote the book in 2017. (Right) Friedman was a detective second grade in the NYPD. He served from 1970 to 1984 before his medical retirement. *Contributed photographs*



Rick Vanderlock Jr. attended the New York-New Jersey show to meet many of his father, Rick Vanderlock Sr.’s, longtime collector friends. His father succumbed to COVID-19 in 2020. He is shown with *PCNEWS* Circulation Manager Paula J. Bondarenko. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



A California insignia collection won top display contest honors at the New York-New Jersey show on April 3. Gary Teragawa was honored for his outstanding collection from the San Francisco Police Department and other San Francisco law enforcement agencies. *Gary Teragawa photograph*



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Josh Seale and Larry Botting have owned and operated LJ Badge and Emblem in Connecticut since 1990 and have created colorful insignia for hundreds of agencies. "We're still doing patches, badges, pins and challenge coins after all these years," Searle said. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

He is former North Wildwood police officer.
...Hervey Cote reports the Massachusetts State Police Museum and Learning Center is temporarily closed while it moves to a new location. The museum was forced to relocate after their building was sold by the state.

"Its going into an old bank building in downtown Whitinsville. The building was completely renovated five years ago. It will be bigger, which will give us more room for exhibits. And, its located the historic section of the city. That should bring in more visitors," Cote said.

Conversion of the former bank into a museum is well underway and exhibits have been moved from the former location in South Grafton. However, the reopening date has not yet been determined.

"We want to reopen as soon as we can, hopefully before the start of the summer tourist season," Cote added.

...Rick Vanderlock Jr., son of longtime New Jersey collector Rick Vanderlock Sr., who



Josh Searle collects vintage copies of *Spring 3100*, the official New York Police Department magazine since 1930. The publication chronicles NYPD history and personnel. Searle is an admirer of Charles Frederick Harrold, who created this cover art in the 1930s and '40s. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Chris Whitcraft featured a historic and highly educational exhibit of law enforcement photographs and headgear from throughout the country. Although he collects badges, Whitcraft is interested in a wide variety of historic law enforcement artifacts and memorabilia. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



John Baker has the hobby's largest and most complete Connecticut law enforcement emblem collection, more than 3000 different pieces and growing. He brought six frames of Connecticut State Police patches to the show that show several rare early emblems. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

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died of COVID-19 in 2020, attended the show to meet and greet his late father's many collector friends.

"I came here because I wanted to see some of the old-timers he always talked about, like you, Chip Greiner, Dom Botteri and others. I want to share memories," he said.

Vanderclark said the family has decided to keep his father's collection intact, at least for foreseeable future. "It's just too early for us to make any long-term decisions about what we're going to do with it. We're still dealing with him being gone," he said.

While his father piqued his interest in police work many years ago, Vanderclark never joined him as a collector. "I just never got the bug," he said.

"Junior," has his father often called him, is retiring from law enforcement after 25 years. He recently filed his paperwork with the Township of Wayne, N.J. Police Department.

...Longtime hobbyist and former Massachusetts show host Rich Pontes continues to sell portions of his federal, state and local insignia, artifacts and memorabilia collections. Eventually, the entire collection will be liquidated.

"I still have my Federal Protective Service collection because that was my department, but I've sold a lot of other things. I'm getting up there in years. No one in the family is interested, so why not let others enjoy it? It's a decision everyone in here will have to make some day," Pontes said.

Having had the privilege of staying with Pontes at his North Dartmouth home on several occasions over the years, I can report he had some of the largest and most impressive Boston PD, Massachusetts police and federal insignia collections I have ever seen.

...Pop quiz: What is an espantoon? Those who answered a baton unique to the Baltimore Police Department know city police history and a lot about nightsticks.

Tyler Argubright collects Baltimore espantoons and showed me one. It's an ornate straight wooden baton equipped with a long-swiveled leather strap for twirling. It originated in Baltimore many years ago.

According to Argubright, espantoons are between 22 and 25 inches long. "It's unique because the barrel head, which is the striking end, is thicker than the handle or grip end. It's the other way around on most batons," he said.

Officially, the barrel head is between one and one-half to one and three-quarters inches in diameter, while the grip end is one and three-eighths in diameter. The rawhide thong (or strap) is about 18 inches long.

"Baltimore police recruits went to a class on how to use the espantoon. They were taught how to twirl it into the position they wanted," Argubright reported.

Longtime patrol officers complained long and loud in 1994 when the police commissioner retired the espantoon and replaced it with a modern baton. The outcry was such that his successor reinstated it in 1999.

...The family of legendary New Jersey State Police collector Jimmy Walsh, who died 16 years ago, made the trip to Hasbrouck Heights to offer items from his collection for sale, especially a large quantity of state police and highway patrol license plates. Several collectors, including Russ Penka from South Carolina, helped the family determine values for some of the plates.

Walsh's widow, Marjorie, and daughter, Carrie, and her husband said there are still a



A segment of John Baker's outstanding Connecticut State Police emblem collection is devoted to a wide variety of current and obsolete specialty patches, such as resident troopers, Explorers and cloth badges. It also features rank insignia worn on state trooper uniforms. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Westchester County, N.Y. collector Andrew Wilgermein brought his beautifully-mounted collection of New York law enforcement vehicle license plates to the show. He also collects patches and die-cast vehicles, but said license plates have become his most prized collectibles. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

large number of pieces to be sold. "We keep finding more and more all the time in boxes and storage bins," Marjorie Walsh said. "We'll have to go to some more shows to try and sell it." However, one collection will never be sold.

Mrs. Walsh is keeping her husband's extensive NJSP collection, as well as the framed exhibits and displays from Massachusetts and other states in their home. "Jimmy had more things than the official state police museum. People called our house the Northern NJSP Museum. He confiscated three rooms for his collections," she said.

...Josh Searle of Monroe, Conn. collects *Spring 3100*, the official magazine of the New York Police Department since 1930. It is published by the department for current and retired NYPD personnel and took its name from the official published NYPD telephone number when it debuted in March 1930.

Prior May 1971, when *Spring 3100* ended monthly publication for the first time in more than 41 years, it was the largest and most read law enforcement publication in the country. Its circulation was about 55,000 copies month.

The popular magazine returned eight months later after thousands of officers and retirees signed petitions demanding it continue.

Publication was again suspended from 1979 to 1988 before it was once again reinstated.

Spring 3100 became a quarterly publication in the 2010s. Today, it remains quarterly. However, it is only available outside the department to retired NYPD members who subscribe. Active members can read it on the NYPD intranet.

"I love the covers on the older editions. The covers are absolutely beautiful full color works of art painted by Charles Frederick Harrold (1897 to 1948) from the 1930s to the mid-'40s. I have about 40 old copies and am always looking for more," Searle said.

Spring 3100 is a treasure trove of badge collectors and historians.

Searle and his longtime business partner Larry Botting still own and operate LJ Badge and Emblem, the insignia production company they co-founded in 1990 when collector-owned badge and patch makers were few and far between. They also do challenge coins now. "Cooins have become a big part of our business," he said.

Searle avidly collects New York law enforcement challenge coins. He has about 1800 different styles.

He gifted me a beautiful NYPD coin, "Past and Present," which shows one of Harrold's magazine covers depicting a mounted officer.

...Friends of New Jersey collector Al Attanasio on a diet know better than to look at his Facebook page. Its a trigger for binge eating, or at least an irresistible trip to the refrigerator or a frantic call to nearest restaurant that delivers. "Super size that order, please. And hurry!"

Attanasio, who specializes in the history of the defunct New Jersey Highway Patrol, is an accomplished chef. He often posts pictures of awesome-looking Italian dishes he makes



New York collector Andrew Wilgermein built these working scale models of law enforcement SUVs. (Top) A highly authentic White Plains PD Emergency Service Unit vehicle. (Bottom) A black and white patrol vehicle from the Suffolk County Police Department. *Mike R. Bondarenko photographs*

at home for family and friends. I asked him to please stop posting the pictures of his latest creations because I gain weight just looking at them.

“Now that I’m retired, I’ve got time to play around in the kitchen. I love to cook. It’s fun. And, its nice to hear people say they like my food. I grew up on Italian, so it comes naturally to me,” he said.

...Pat Storino offered perhaps the most unusual law enforcement collectible at the show, a 1950s to 1960s NYPD Mounted Patrol saddle.

Storino, a retired NYPD detective, is administrator of the outstanding must visit Web site, NYPDHistory.Com, a treasure trove of reference material for New York City collectors.

...New Jersey collectors need to check out Mike Novak’s phenomenal site, NJPatches.Com. He has been collecting since 1984 and assembled a collection of 11,000 Garden State patches. Yet, there are hundreds he still needs, he said.

...Chris Whitcraft proved once again our hobby is far more than badges and patches. While he had a couple of badge frames, most of his exhibit was devoted to old photographs, helmets, hats and nightsticks.

“I’m into old stuff from the United States Department of State, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service and Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania. I also collect a few cities in California,” he said.

Whitcraft had several albums filled with historic photographs of law enforcement officers in uniform, as well as a rare California Highway Patrol Training School class picture from 1930.

There was a 1912 Detroit Police Department police officer commission appointing Officer John B. Forester.

An old picture showed the Clifton, N.J. Police Band in uniform with their instruments. ...Connecticut police insignia history abounded at my friend John Baker’s tables. Remember the National Police Collectors Show in Marlborough, Mass. a few years ago when he displayed his entire collection of more than 3000 Constitution State patches? Well, he has added a lot more since then.

Baker featured his virtually complete Connecticut State Police patch collection displayed in six large frames. He pointed out a very rare fourth issue shoulder patch (1933 to 1941) recently added to his collection. It is black with gold letters, “STATE POLICE,” in gold thread.

Another recent addition was a second generation uniform shirt from the 1950s. Baker showed pictures of CSP patrol cars outfitted with the roof-mounted “Blue Goose” traffic radar used in the early 1960s. He explained that mostly auxiliary troopers used the device to show motorists their speeds as they passed him by along the highway.

“Something that makes me a little different is I also collect variations, the different colors, thread changes and anything that makes one patch issue different from the next,” he explained. “A lot of guys don’t want variations because sometimes the differences are really subtle. You’ve got to look.”

He picked up about a dozen Connecticut patches he needed at the show. ...Illinois badge collector Pete Belos is researching an East Chicago, Ind. badge he recently added to his collection. It was once worn by Detective Martin Zarkovich, who was indirectly involved in the killing of Public Enemy No. 1 John Dillinger by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Chicago in 1934.

“Zarkovich was dating Anna Sage, the ‘Woman in Red,’ who was a prostitute in East Chicago. She was also dating Dillinger. Sage was the lady who tipped off the FBI that Dillinger was going to be at the Biograph Theater the night he was killed,” Belos said.

Zarkovich was chief of detectives in East Chicago at the time. “The connection between Dillinger and East Chicago is he and his gang robbed a bank in the city and then fled back to Chicago, where he was holed up,” Belos said.

The veteran collectors hopes to complete his research and publish it in *PCNEWS* this summer.

...Westchester County, N.Y. license plate and die-cast model car hobbyist Andrew Wilgermein specializes in New York and New Jersey law enforcement vehicle license plates.

“My Dad was an auxiliary NYPD officer in the 1970s. He was a patch collector and got me interested in collecting. We used to drive around to [police] precincts in the [New York] city and get patches. We would always try for patches whenever we went anywhere on vacation,” he recalled.

Eventually, Wilgermein’s interests expanded to challenge coins and then license plates. Now, plates and working die-cast models with lights and sirens are his primary interests.

“I stumbled on a state police and highway patrol plate collector’s group on Facebook and thought, ‘Man, this is the coolest thing I’ve ever seen,’ so I started collecting them,” he said.

He serves as an emergency services dispatcher supervisor in Westchester County. Wilgermein featured a large exhibit of mostly New York City area license plates augmented with a real working patrol vehicle lightbar and two die-cast vehicles, White Plains PD and Westchester County PD. The collector is obviously a talented modeler.

...Lyons confirmed there will be another NY-NJ show next year. He acknowledged the hosts have been approached about doing more than one show a year but have declined. “One show a year makes this special. It will always ben an annual show.” he said.

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Arizona Collector Stan Benjamin Dead At 79

TUCSON, Ariz. -- Stan Benjamin, a dean of the Arizona law enforcement insignia hobby, died on April 27 in Tucson, Ariz. He was 79.

A United States Air Force veteran and longtime Tucson police officer who served as official department historian, Benjamin suffered from a long illness and died in his sleep.

He was the among the earliest collectors of Arizona law enforcement emblems, his only collecting interest. He started collecting in the early 1970s while serving a patrol officer and specialized in his department. Later, he branched to other Grand Canyon State police and sheriff departments, although he specialized in defunct agencies and obsolete insignia.

Benjamin had a lifelong interest in Arizona law enforcement history and was a dedicated, tireless researcher, often traveling hundreds of miles to interview a former officer or deputy sheriff about his or her career. As a result of his numerous contacts with retired officers, he was able to acquire many long-forgotten first and second patch issues dating back to the 1930s and 1940s. His Arizona collection was among the finest in the hobby.

He compiled department and insignia histories for several agencies which he published in illustrated booklets that he offered to the departments and collectors.

“I’ve always been interested in history. It’s something that really interests me. But, history is lost unless somebody saves it. I’m trying to save as much as I can. There is so much out there. I keep finding new things all the time. I just wish other collectors would do the same,” he said in a mid-1980s *PCNEWS* interview at his Tucson home.

In addition to his books, Benjamin was heavily involved in compiling an official history of the Tucson Police Department that was published by the agency in 2004. In addition, he extensively researched and documented the apprehension of the infamous gangster John Dillinger and his gang by Tucson officers in the 1930s.

A memorial service and burial for Benjamin will be held on May 10 in Tucson. A complete obituary and tribute to the longtime collector will appear in the July-August edition.

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.

Athens, O.

The 2022 “Southeastern Ohio” Police Collectors Show will be held on Sat., May 14 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Athens Community Center, 701 E. State St., Athens, O. Clay Lowing and Andy Watson will host it.

Thirty eight-foot tables are \$15 each. Make reservations or obtain additional information by contacting the hosts: Lowing cl1237@gmail.com or (937) 308-3158, or Watson (740) 707-0254 or 99wwatson@icloud.com.

Cleveland, O.

The Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society is proud to present the 2022 Police Collectors Show on Sat., May 21 from 10 am to 3 pm at the Double Tree Hotel, 1111 Lakeside Street, Cleveland, O.

Free admission. Tables are \$25 each. The hall will open at 8 am for exhibitor setup. This show welcomes all law enforcement insignia collectors. Badges, patches, challenge coins, license plates and more!

For table reservations, please contact Greg Houlihan on (216) 222-1234 or Dave Tomcho on (440) 821-7483 or email dtomcho@policememorialsociety.org. Or, send a check for \$25 for each table to GCPOMS, PO Box 6702, Cleveland OH 44101.

For additional information or to ask questions, please contact Tomcho.

National Police Collectors Show

The 2022 National Police Collectors Show will be Fri., June 17, Sat., June 18 and Sun., June 19 at the Gatlinburg Convention Center, 234 Historic Nature Trail, Gatlinburg, Tenn. Jim Clark, Richard Stoffle and Brad Redmond will host the hobby’s annual convention.

Friday is setup day. Only registered tableholders and assistants will be admitted to the show hall. Setup will take place from 12 pm to 5 pm.

The show will be open to the public on Saturday from 9 am to 6 pm and Sunday from 9 am to 2 pm. Tableholders only will be admitted at 8 am for setup both days.

Admission is \$5 for adults. Two hundred seventy-three tables are available for \$85 each. One hundred fifty tables have already been sold. Early reservations are highly recommended. This show should be an early sellout.

There is no host hotel. Collectors and their families can select from a wide variety of local accommodations. The show site is only a short distance from shopping and restaurants. There are a wide variety of restaurants, bars and entertainment venues in Gatlinburg.

The Gatlinburg area offers a wide variety of popular tourist destinations. There will be a show patch and badge. The show Web site is National-Police-Collectors-Show.Com. The site offers a show overview and details, hotel and motel information, local entertainment and frequently asked questions. Reservations can be made through the site.

For table reservations or information, email: orders@gmanemblem.com or use the Web site.

The show is sponsored by Ole Smoky Moonshine Distillery, Smoky Mountain Knifeworks and G-Man Emblem.

Bentonville, Ark.

The First Tri-State Police Collectors Show will be Sat., June 25 beginning at 9 am at the Bentonville Police Department, 908 S.14th St., Bentonville, Ark. It will be sponsored by the Benton County Sheriffs Office Fraternal Order of Police and hosted by Dustin Carlton and Garrett Penn.

Free admission. One hundred tables are available for \$10 each. Food and beverages will be available. Reserve tables through SignupGenius.Com. The code is 60B064BA8AB29A0F58-tristate. Their information number is (479) 367-6417.

For more information, contact the hosts: Carlton (479) 381-4088 or Penn (479) 200-7069.

San Luis Obispo, Calif.

The annual California Law Enforcement Historical Society Police Memorabilia Collectors Show will be Sat., July 16 from 8 am to 2 pm at Veterans Memorial Hall, 800 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo, Calif. It will be hosted by CLEHS.

Free admission. Fifty-five eight-foot tables are available for \$40 each. CLEHS members pay \$20 each.

Swap Meet Calendar ...Continued

Early table reservations are recommended because this show sells out every year.
Awards will be presented for the best badge, patch and Best of Show.
Table reservations can be made online through the Web site CalPoliceHistory.Com or by mailing a check to CLEHS, PO Box 254875, Sacramento CA 95865-4975, (805) 441-4936.
See the CLEHS Web site or Friends of the CLEHS Facebook page for show updates.

Bloomington, Ind.

The 2022 Indiana Law Enforcement Memorabilia Collectors Show will be Sat., Aug. 6 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Monroe County Fairgrounds Community Building, 5700 W. Airport Rd., Bloomington, Ind. Kyle Landgrebe will host it.
Free admission.
Tables are \$20 each. The hall will be open for exhibitor setup from 5:30 to 7 pm on Friday, August 5 and beginning at 8:30 am on Saturday.
Parking is free.
Food and drink will be available.
There are hotels close to the show site.
For table reservations or general information, please contact Landgrebe at kc9agm@gmail.com or (812) 3690-7641.

Columbus, O.

The 2022 Ohio Public Safety Collectors Show will be Sat., Aug. 13 from 9 am to 3 pm at the Marriott Columbus West Hotel, 5605 Blazer Pkwy., Dublin, O., a Columbus suburb. Bill Swank and Guy Forberger will host it. JJ Mead and Bruce Muraco are hosts emeritus.
General admission is \$5. Spouses and children are admitted free.
Tables are \$30 until July 13 and \$40 after July 13. The hall will open at 8 am for tableholders. The hosts will attempt to accommodate all special and location requests. This hall is larger than the previous location at the Fraternal Order of Police and can accommodate more tables and collectors.
Awards will be presented for the best displays.
This is a closed show. Please vouch for your invited collector friends or have them bring public safety identification.
The hotel is offering a discounted room rate of \$122 for Friday and Saturday nights. Make reservations on (614) 791-1000.
To book tables, contact the hosts: Swank (614) 638-7245 (cell) or bill319cmh@gmail.com, or Forberger (614) 288-3980 or forberger@gmail.com.

Orlando, Fla.

The 20th Anniversary “Vacation Capital” Police Collectors Show will be Sat., Sept. 3 beginning at 9 am at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Dr., Orlando, Fla. Doug Sarubbi, Ron Bartholome and John Holmes are the hosts.
Admission is \$5.
Ninety tables are available for \$40 each. The hall will open at 7:30 am for exhibitor setup.
The Rosen Hotel now charges for parking. A rate of \$5 has been negotiated by the hosts. The usual parking rate is \$20.
Awards will be presented for the best displays.
The Rosen Hotel is offering a special room rate of \$119 a night for Friday and Saturday nights. Please make reservations on (800) 627-8258 and mention the “Doug Sarubbi Vacation Capital Police Show” by name. The special rate ends on August 3.
For additional information or to make table reservations, contact Sarubbi on (407) 883-6959 or sarubb@aol.com. Please confirm reservations by mailing payment to Doug Sarubbi, 4023 Salmon Drive, Orlando FL 32835.

Shelby Township, Mich.

There will be a police and fire insignia collectors show on Sun., Sept. 25 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 8311 Wilson Dr., Shelby Township, Mich. Bob Blickensdorf will host it.
General admission is \$5.
Thirty-five eight-foot tables are available for \$20 each with a two table per collector limit. This show is open to police officers, firefighters and known collectors only.
Shelby Township is a Detroit suburb about 15 miles north of the Motor City in Macomb County.
Table reservations can be made using Pay Pal friends and family only.
For additional information or to make reservations, contact Blickensdorf on blick068@hotmail.com

Ripon, Calif.

The 2022 Ripon Public Safety Collectors Show will be Sat., Oct. 1 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Ripon Community Center, 334 Fourth St., Ripon, Calif. Show hosts are Mike McCarthy, Scott Welch and Gary Hoving.
The show is a fundraiser for the California Law Enforcement Historical Society (CLEHS), Concerns of Police Survivors, the Ranger Foundation and Ripon PD Volunteers in Police Service. It is sponsored by the CLEHS.
Admission is free.
There are 55 eight-foot by 36 inch tables available at \$40 each. Reserve your table early as the show sellout out every year!
To reserve a table and make payment online, go to the CLEHS Web site, CalPoliceHistory.Com.
To reserve a table and pay by check, please contact Gary Hoving, President, California Police Historical Society, PO Box 254875, Sacramento CA 95865-4875, telephone (805) 441-4936 or email him through the link the Web site.

Fairfax, Va.

The 2022 Fairfax Regional Badge and Patch Show will be Sat., Nov. 5 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Fairfax County Police Association Hall, 5625 Revercomb Court, Fairfax, Va. The hosts are Larry Wilkins and Bill Steinkuller. The show is sponsored by the Fairfax County Police Association.

General admission is \$5. Spouses and children are admitted free.
Tables are \$20 each. Admission for the tableholder and an assistant is included. The hall will open at 8 am for exhibitor setup. All tables must be paid for in advance and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Please specify special needs, such as a wall table or an electric outlet. Internet service will be available.
Food and drink will be sold at the hall.
There will be display awards.
There is plenty of free parking.
All show proceeds will be donated to the FCPA.
There are numerous hotels near the show site.
To reserve a table, please mail a check to Larry Wilkins, 154 Abrams Pointe Blvd., Winchester VA 22602.
For additional information, etc., contact Steinkuller at FCPAShow@aol.com.

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

The First Southeast Florida Police Collectors Show will be Sat., Nov. 12 beginning at 9 am at the Florida National Guard Armory, 400 SW 24th St. (State Road 84), Fort Lauderdale, Fla. It will be sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police Broward Sheriffs Lodge No., 32 and hosted by Joe Williams.
Admission is free.
Seventy tables are available for \$25 each. Table setup will begin at 7:30 am.
The shows will offer free parking, a patch drop, award for the best display and a food truck for lunch.
For table reservations and additional information, please contact Williams on (954) 275-6121 or deputydawg316@aol.com.

Maryland “Eastern Shore”

The Second Annual Maryland “Eastern Shore” Police Memorabilia Show will be Sat., Dec. 3 from 9 am to 3 pm at the American Legion Post 278, 800 Romancoke Rd., Stevensville, Md. Tyler Argubright, Frank Edward and Ryan Abey will host it. (Please note the location change from last year.)
Admission is \$5. Children are admitted free.
The location has been changed to increase the number of tables available from 30 to 50. Please contact the hosts for table availability and information.
All proceeds will benefit the Concerns of Police Survivors.
The American Legion will offer food and beverages. There will be a cash bar from 11:30 am to 3 pm. Parking is free.
There will be a patch and challenge coin drop, as well as a charity raffle.
The Holiday Inn Kent Island, 1020 Kent Narrows Rd., Grasonville, Md. is offering a special rate of \$119 plus tax for December 2 and December 3. Make reservations on (410) 827-4454.
The show has a Facebook page, “Maryland Eastern Shore Police Memorabilia Show 2022.”
For more information or table reservations, contact Argubright on Messenger or email tyler.argubright@gmail.com.

Roseville, Calif.

The 27th Annual Doug Messer “49’er” Public Safety and Military Collectors Show will be Sat., Feb. 25, 2023 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Roseville Veterans Memorial Hall, 110 Park Dr., Roseville, Calif. This show is named in memory of Doug Messer, one of the original show hosts, who passed away in October 2009. The hosts are Mike Lynch and Brian Smith.
Admission is free.
Forty-eight eight-foot tables are available for \$40 each. Display only tables are \$20 each. Early table reservations are recommended because this show sells out each year. Tableholders only setup begins at 8 am.
There will be awards for the best four displays.
American Legion Post 189 Boy Scout Troop 11 will offer food and beverages for sale.
This show is a fundraiser for the Ranger Foundation, the California Law Enforcement Historical Society and the Concerns of Police Survivors. It is sponsored by the International Police Association Region 29 and Roseville American Legion Alyn W. Butler post No. 169.
Table reservations can be made online at CalBadgeShows.Com. Collectors who wish to pay by mail can send a check to Mike Lynch, PO Box 3212, Auburn CA 95604-3212.



Mid-Atlantic host Andy Ferraro (left) and PCNEWS Editor Mike R. Bondarenko (right) congratulate Maryland collector Tyler Argubright (center) for winning the “Best Display” award. Ferraro welcomed collectors from throughout the East Coast and beyond. Paula J. Bondarenko photograph

A Rousing Mid-Atlantic Police Extravaganza

Andy Ferraro hosted his 39th Mid-Atlantic Police Collectors Extravaganza in Riverdale, Md. on April 2. The affable host welcomed hobbyists from throughout the East Coast and as far away as Arizona, Georgia, Illinois, South Carolina, Tennessee, Wisconsin and Quebec, Canada to his 80-table show.

By Mike R. Bondarenko. Editor

RIVERDALE, Md. – Andy Ferraro has hosted 39 Mid-Atlantic Regional Police Collectors Extravanzas. He does everything from arranging for the hall, food and refreshments to advertising and promoting the show to setting up and tearing down the tables to sweeping the floor and taking out the trash. Remarkably, he does it all himself.

Hosting Mid-Atlantic is no small undertaking. The semi-annual swap meet has evolved into one of the largest and most attended of all the Northeast shows, drawing at least 100 to 125 collectors from throughout the region and selling between 80 to 100 tables.

No co-hosts. No help from anyone other than his charming wife, who graciously handles the sign-in table. “No problem,” Ferraro said.

“I love doing this because I love the hobby. It’s always a lot of fun. I’ve been doing this show for so long now that everyone who comes in is like family. I’ve got guys who’ve been to every one. That’s pretty special,” he said.

The veteran Maryland hobbyist welcomed another large crowd of eager collectors from throughout the Mid-Atlantic states, and as far away as Arizona, Georgia, Illinois, South Carolina, Tennessee, Wisconsin and Quebec, to the Elks Lodge in Riverdale on April 2.

There were between 70 and 80 tables.

“The walk-in crowd was a little less than usual. We’re still coming out of the pandemic in Maryland, and there is a show tomorrow in New Jersey. I guess some of the guys who usually come here are going to that show instead,” Ferraro said.

Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. were very well represented among walk-ins and tableholders alike.

When Ferraro took to the stage to welcome collectors shortly after the hall opened to the public at 10 am, he announced there will be a 40th show later this year. However, he hinted he is considering retirement as the host.

“I’m in the autumn of my life. We’re getting some new shows in Maryland, which is a very good thing for the hobby. I really enjoy doing this, but I’m getting up there, and it’s a lot of work for an old man. I haven’t made up my mind on anything yet, but I can see myself retiring sooner than later,” he said.

Later, veteran New York federal insignia collector Steve Petro addressed the show to thank Ferraro for his tireless efforts on behalf of the hobby for many years. “This is always a great show. I always do well here, all thanks to Andy,” he offered. Collectors cheered and applauded the host in response.

Argubright wins display award Eastern Maryland collector Tyler Argubright won the “Best Display” award for his impressive, highly informative exhibit dedicated to the Washington, D.C. Sniper Attacks in October 2002.

He featured a variety of documentation of the inside the Beltway shootings by John Lee Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. There were historic photographs, emblems and badges from agencies involved in the investigation and mannequins dressed in tactical gear. A SWAT team from the Montgomery County, Md. Police arrested the snipers.

Ten people were killed and three wounded during the three-week shooting spree, which made daily international front page news and led network newscasts.

“I’m fascinated by this case. It’s always intrigued me. I’ve done a lot of research on it. The case captured the attention of the entire world. It was one of the highest-profile cases in Maryland history. And, I’ve had the privilege of getting to know Jeff Nyce, the father Maryland SWAT, who was involved in the actual arrests,” Argubright said.

Nyce has written *Failure’s No An Option*, a book about the case and his long and distinguished Montgomery County SWAT career. Argubright had copies for sale at his table.

“I’ve been able to add a few things since I first showed this [exhibit] at my show last December. I hope to be able to find more things to add,” he said.

Argubright, a Queen Anne’s County sheriffs deputy, announced that he will co-host the



Tyler Argubright’s D.C. sniper display chronicled the arrest of the shooters in Maryland. He showed badges and patches from some of the many federal, state and local agencies involved in the investigations. There were also tactical uniforms. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

Second Annual “Eastern Shore” Police Memorabilia Show on Saturday, December 3 in Stevensville, Md. He promoted the event by handing out show logo cards.

When Ferraro presented Argubright with his trophy, he praised the young collector for his enthusiasm for the hobby, as well as his efforts to establish a new show in the state. “He’s exactly the kind of new blood we need in the hobby. He makes me excited for our future,” he said.

Ferraro called previous display contest winners to the stage for recognition. Ken Lucas, Bill Steinkuller, Terry Noye and Steve Petro came forward.

He also presented Mike R. Bondarenko with an award for having published *Police Collectors News* for 40 years, 1982 to 2022.

“Mike’s newspaper keeps this hobby together. Without it, we’d go off in a hundred different directions at once. It wouldn’t be long before it fell apart,” he proclaimed.

Lots of hobby news “Mid-Atlantic” generated plenty of hobby news.

Former federal law enforcement officer Kent Jefferies of Virginia announced he has purchased Steve Petro’s massive, world class United States Secret Service patch collection. Both collectors are retired USSS special agents.

“I added ten or so I needed out of Steve’s collection to my collection of 980 different patches. I now have the largest Secret Service collection,” Jefferies said.

“I have two pretty much complete sets of Secret Service patches, mine and Steve’s. I am going to make a set available, so anyone interested should start thinking about it. A set will be available,” he said.

Jefferies will also offer a quantity of White House and Air Force One memorabilia and artifacts collected over his USSS career, which included service on both the presidential and vice presidential protective details.

The veteran law enforcement officer is now heavily involved with Public Safety Cadets, a new nonprofit organization founded and managed by active duty and retired law enforcement officers and business executives who support law enforcement. It sponsors various career-oriented activities for young adults interested in law enforcement or other public safety professions.

PSC establishes partnerships with local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies and other public safety entities to provide training and practical experiences, national programs and events and other support that will better prepare young adults to make informed decisions about a career in the public safety sector.

“Many agencies have ended cadet program affiliation with the Boy Scouts of America for a number of reasons. We’re asking agencies all over the country to take a look at PSC. We’ve got a lot to offer, especially building a recruitment pipeline and pathway for employment,” Jefferies said.

Partner agencies form one or more PSC units. Membership is open to young adults 14 to 21 years of age interested in a career in law enforcement or other public safety professions. Dues are far less than the Boy Scouts. Members from the partner organization



The infamous 2002 District of Columbia Sniper Attacks were the theme of Tyler Argubright’s award-winning Riverdale show exhibit. Two assassins shot 13 people, killing ten, in a three-week shooting spree in Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia. Both were captured. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Bill Steinkuller (left) and Larry Wilkins (right) will co-host the annual Fairfax Regional Badge and Patch Show on November 5 in Fairfax, Va. Wilkins announced at the Riverdale show that he is selling his acclaimed Virginia police and sheriff badge collection. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Herman and Lynne Naring from Connecticut showed a nicely done framed display of New Orleans Police Department patches. Although Naring is primarily a fire collector, he also collects law enforcement emblems. His table featured a wide variety of fire insignia. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

Riverdale Show ...Continued

provide guidance and support to the cadets in each unit. Jefferies is the president of the PSC board of directors. Additional information can be found on the Web site PublicSafetyCadets.Org. "Think about the hobby's future. Look at how many young people we can expose to collecting through an organization like PSC. Right now, attracting young, new collectors is a concern. We could definitely cultivate a lot of newcomers," he said. Jefferies came up with the best line I heard in Riverdale. Now two years retired from law enforcement, he described his current job as a "protective detail for my grand kids!" Massachusetts patch collector Craig Tamash has returned to the hobby after a 25-year hiatus. Now 70 years old and retired, the longtime hobbyist is once again actively collecting, not only Massachusetts patches but South Dakota emblems as well. He admitted he has a lot of catching up to do. "My wife is from South Dakota, so I started collecting their patches. It's been going pretty well. I've been able to get quite a few. They're hard to find. A lot of very small departments," he said. Asked about how the hobby has changed during his quarter century absence, Tamash responded, "It's a lot more expensive now than it was back then. And, it's a lot harder to get patches from the departments than it used to be." Longtime Virginia badge collector Larry Wilkins will soon offer his entire 20-plus year badge collection for sale. "I'm going to sell pretty much everything. I hope to be able to take it to the National this summer. I also want to advertise in your paper," he said. Wilkins, who has co-hosted the popular Fairfax Regional Badge and Patch Show with Bill Steinkuller for ten years, said he has been diagnosed with a terminal medical condition. "Larry has one of the best Virginia collections. He's got a lot of badges that no one else has," Steinkuller said. Now retired, Wilkins worked 20 years at the Fairfax Police Department and 17 years at the Loudoun Police Department where he retired as a major. "I loved my job. I never had a bad day as a cop," he said. The 2022 show will be Saturday, November 5 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Fairfax County Police Association Hall, 5625 Rivercomb Court, Fairfax, Va. It is sponsored by the Fairfax County Police Association.



Bill Charles made the journey from Atlanta to set up his \$1 Police Patches store at the Mid-Atlantic show. He brought thousands of emblems and cloth badges from all over the country and Mexico. Dozens of bargain hunters gathered around his tables. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Veteran federal insignia collector Steve Petro (left) from New York thanked Mid Atlantic host Andy Ferraro for his dedication to the hobby. He recently sold his United States Secret Service patch collection to Kent Jefferies of Virginia. Petro has been thinning out his collections. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

Tables are \$20. General admission is \$5. There will be food and drink available for purchase, plenty of free parking, and "Best of Show" and "Judge's Award" trophies for the best displays. Numerous hotels are located near the show hall. Please see "Swap Meet Calendar" elsewhere in this edition for additional information. Patch collecting road trips have always been popular, although few have taken place during the pandemic. But, now that most public building access restrictions have been lifted, driving from department to department in search of elusive insignia is back. Arizona hobbyist Ben Roberson, who avidly collects patches from all 50 states, reported he and Bill Burks of Atlanta spent six days on the road hunting patches and challenge coins before and after the Titusville, Fla. show in late January. "We were on the road in Georgia and Alabama three days before and three days after the show. We hit a lot of departments and did very well patch wise. And, we got at least one challenge coin every day," Roberson said. "Most of the departments down there are real small. They don't answer patch mail. About the only way to get their patches is to pay them a visit. Generally, we were treated pretty well. Of course, both of us being retired cops helped," he recalled. Roberson said they were told several times the only way they got the patches they did was because they wanted them badly enough to make a personal visit to the agencies. "I loved it. It was a lot of fun. And, I got patches I would probably never have gotten any other way," he said. Virginia collectors talked about a wrongful termination lawsuit scheduled going to trial this month. The interesting case involves presidential inaugural badges. Regan Miller was a Manassas Park, Va. police officer from 2007 to 2019 before he was terminated by Chief Mario Lugo. He is suing his former chief, a major and the city in federal district court for more than \$3 million in compensatory and punitive damages for wrongful termination and malicious prosecution. Miller, who was a patrol lieutenant and shift supervisor when he was fired, was asked by the department to design a commemorative badge for the January 2017 inauguration of President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence because he has an interest in insignia. After his design was approved, he ordered an extra set of his department's inaugural badges for his personal use. He displayed them in a shadow box in his basement alongside other law enforcement memorabilia. Lugo, who was then a captain, learned Miller had ordered a second set of the inaugural badges for himself. The captain told him he was not authorized to do so and demanded Miller turn the extra set badges over to the department, even though he had paid for them. Although Miller reluctantly surrendered the badges, he told Lugo he disagreed with his decision and considered filing a grievance with the Fraternal Order of Police, which, according to the lawsuit, angered the captain. The badge order and threat of a grievance



The new style Cecil County, Md. Sheriffs Office represents a challenge to Maryland collectors. According to Bob Speed, who specializes in Maryland emblems, the agency is not trading or making it available. The department is out of patches and doesn't plan to reorder for a year. *Bob Speed photograph*



The Mid-Atlantic show was good for Mike R. Bondarenko's Wisconsin state agency collection. He obtained an old State Patrol gold bullion blazer patch (top), as well as badges from the Department of Corrections and the State Patrol (bottom left and right). *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

initiated several confrontations between them.

Miller alleges Lugo, who was being groomed to take over as chief of police, was responsible for retaliatory actions against him, especially after Miller discovered a month later that Lugo allegedly covered up a crash of an unmarked squad car for an officer friend on the department. Lugo denied the cover up when Miller confronted him about it.

Miller was terminated in 2019. He was ultimately reinstated but at a lower rank and pay. He resigned in 2020. He has since applied at five Virginia police departments but has yet to receive a job offer. He believes it is because of the record of disciplinary actions taken against him by Lugo, although only one action was upheld. All others were dismissed.

"I've never heard of anybody getting fired for buying a second set of badges for a career display, especially since he's the one who designed the badges for the department. I hope he wins his case," a Northern Virginia collector said.

Steve Petro is excited over the potential for a possible new show in South Carolina. He has spoken with a retired police officer friend and collector about hosting a patch and badge show in a community that has between 150 and 200 other retired law enforcement officers living in the immediate area. "It's all still in the thinking stage. I'll keep everyone informed how it goes," Petro said.

According to Bob Speed, our man in Monkton, there is a new patch style being wore by the Cecil County, Md. Sheriffs Office. It shows a full color county seal centered on an oversize depiction of the agency's six-point ball-tipped gray and black badge. The rounded rectangle has a black background, gray legends and a red outer border.

"I was able to obtain one with an in person visit to the office when I was visiting the county for a breakfast with other retired officers," Speed said.

"This one will be a little hard for Maryland collectors to obtain as they are not trading or giving them out at this time. The deputy who handed me one said this was the last one they had until they reorder next year."

Cecil County is located in northeast Maryland. They are a full service office and have approximately 100 sworn deputies. Elkton is the county seat.

Riverdale table talk It's great that the easing of pandemic international travel restrictions now allow Canadian collectors back into the USA for shows. Xavier Dudgeon came down from Montreal, Que. and had the table next to ours. He had a large number of Canadian and United States patches, badges and challenge coins for sale.

Connecticut fire insignia collector Herman Naring Jr. brought a large quantity of fire and other public safety insignia for trade or sale. He also collects police insignia and featured an impressive collection from the New Orleans Police Department. "It's not complete, but it's fun to work on getting more," Naring said.

Riverdale was paradise for collectors seeking low cost insignia. Bill Charles and Bill Burks of Atlanta, Keith Mackey of South Carolina, Bill King of Maryland, Rob Jackson



Mike R. Bondarenko collects motor carrier patches, such as Colorado Motor Carrier Service Division Point of Entry, West Virginia Department of Highways Enforcement Division, Utah Division of Motor Carriers Ports of Entry and Safety and Enforcement. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Andy Ferraro (second from left) stands with previous award winners at the Riverdale show, (left to right) Bill Steinkuller, Terry Noye, Tyler Argubright, Steve Petro, (unidentified) and Ken Lucas. Mike R. Bondarenko is shown holding the Polcie Collectors News award. *Paula J. Bondarenko photograph*

of Tennessee and a few others had massive quantities of patches for sale at very, very reasonable prices. Show prices, not eBay prices. There is a huge difference.

Charles created a feeding frenzy reminiscent of a Walmart opening early on Black Friday morning with special prices when he offered thousands of top quality emblems from all over the country and Mexico for just \$1 each. Yes, a buck a patch. It was like time travel back to the '70s and '80s!

"I was able to get a large quantity of overruns and overstocks from a major manufacturer, so I decided to have some fun and open up the first patch dollar store," Charles said. He even had a large colorful banner made up to attract attention to his tables, "\$1 Police Patches," which it certainly did!

Not surprisingly, the dollar patch store was a huge hit. Just after the show opened, I counted 14 collectors, some two deep, going through his bins, all at the same time. Others standing nearby were on their phones calling friends and asking, "Do you need this one? How about this one? They're only a dollar!" It was fun to watch.

Of course, I couldn't resist rummaging through the bins myself and took home about 50 patches for my collection, including several New York City police special units I needed, as well as some gorgeous emblems and cloth badges from South of the Border. Mexican law enforcement insignia is as attractive as any in the world, although it is hard to find.

Mackey offered his usual rock bottom \$4 each, three for \$10 and eight for \$20 prices. He brought 22 bins loaded with thousands of emblems, mostly from the East Coast, although I found some very nice Arizona patches that I didn't have in his Western States bin.

He intended to set up at the New York-New Jersey show the following day but had to return home to South Carolina to care for his mother, who has been ill. "Tell all the guys up there tomorrow I'm sorry because I promised a lot of people I'd be there, but it didn't work out this year," he said.

A fun fact: Mackey is a well-known champion competition weightlifter. He once bench pressed a very impressive 575 pounds at a match in Tennessee. I mention this because he is a large man, and Paula and I marveled at how he could fit 22 large patch bins and himself into his not very big car for the trip home after the show!

It was great to catch up and reminisce with longtime Maryland collector Terry Noye, a retired Harford County sheriffs deputy, who hosted shows for ten years. He put on the only other swap meet I never attended before in Maryland, Bel Air, many years ago.

From our It Never Fails Department, I had to travel to the Washington, D.C. area to find some very desirable Wisconsin items for my collection. I lost count long ago of how times I have heard someone at a show say, "I had to come all the way across the country to find something from home!"

I don't really collect badges but couldn't pass up a great deal for two nice Badger State finds, Wisconsin State Patrol and Wisconsin Department Corrections. The trooper badge is at least one issue back with black legends and a plain state seal. The DOC is a large gold-colored hat piece that looks like a three-quarters size breast badge. It has blue legends and a full color state seal. The rank is captain.

And, Andy Ferraro hooked me up with a very rare Wisconsin State Patrol gold bullion emblem that command staff wore on blazers long ago. I had never seen one of these at show before, although I had seen pictures of them being worn. It's in great shape. These were worn before the agency went to pocket badges mounted on a plastic holder that fits over a suit or blazer jacket pocket.

When I first started with the Saint Croix County, Wis. Sheriffs Department in the 1970s, a trooper died in Hudson. It was not a line of duty death. State Patrol representatives came from all over the state for his funeral, including captains and lieutenants. They wore blue blazers with this gold bullion badge over the left breast pocket rather than dress uniforms.

I enhanced my motor carrier patch collection with the current Colorado Motor Carrier Service Division point of entry, two styles from the Utah DOT Motor Carrier Division (safety and enforcement agent and ports of entry) and an old style from the West Virginia Division of Highways Enforcement Division.

The date of the second Riverdale show this year has not yet been announced. MIKE R. BONDARENKO (2392 USH 12, Baldwin WI 54002) pcnews@baldwin-telecom.net

Quincy Police Revolver A Quincy, Ill. Police Department revolver ordered by the department in 1877 is now on display at the Quincy Museum, according to Executive Director Barbara Wilkinson-Fletcher. The department ordered 24 Colt revolvers but only seven are known to still exist. The historic weapon was donated to the museum by Will Sullivan Auctions. It was owned by a private collector whose name was not disclosed. The museum is located in the historic Newcomb-Stillwell Mansion.

Serial Impersonator Arrested Federal Bureau of Investigation special agents in Minneapolis, Minn. recently arrested a serial law enforcement impersonator after he claimed to be an undercover Homeland Security special agent. Reyel Devon Simmons, 52, of Dodge Center, Minn. faces charges of impersonating a federal officer as a repeat offender. Simmons called himself "Rey Reeves" and claimed on social media that he was working undercover in Minneapolis. He had 10,000 followers on TikTok and developed a romantic relationship with one, a Georgia woman, who told investigators he carried a badge, wore "police like" clothing and had "police lights" in his truck when she met him. Simmons was convicted of two counts of impersonating an FBI agent in Colorado in 2004.

Hobby Mourns Deaths of Baird, Heiss And Lewis

The hobby has lost veteran collectors Larry Baird, Howard Heiss and John C. Lewis. Their recent deaths continue the unprecedented loss of hobby pioneers over the last five years. Baird, Heiss and Lewis represented more than 140 years of combined collecting experience.

By Mike R. Bondarenko, Editor

SPECIAL – The hobby has lost veteran collectors Larry Baird of Moreno Valley, Calif., Howard Heiss of Meredith, N.H. and John C. Lewis of Yakima, Wash. Their deaths were reported by their families and collector friends.

Leonard Lawrence Baird Leonard Lawrence “Larry” Baird died on March 21 in Moreno Valley, Calif. He was 79, according to his longtime friend and attorney, Richard A. Stewart.

Baird was born in May 1942 in Southgate, Calif. after his parents relocated to California from Missouri. The family later moved to Compton. He considered Compton his hometown but also lived in Los Alamitos and Moreno Valley. He lived his entire life in Southern California.

A barber by trade, Baird had a wide variety of other interests, including aviation, law enforcement, police history, public safety insignia, police equipment and insignia sales, mail order marketing, politics and public service. He was a voracious reader and wrote books on police insignia collecting and mail order marketing.

“Larry was certainly a controversial figure in the hobby, but he did bring in a lot of new people over the years through his shows and businesses,” Stewart said.

Baird had a private pilot license and often flew to shows in the Southwest, especially Phoenix, where he was a regular in the 1980s. “I can be at a show out of state on the weekend and be back to work on Monday morning. It makes good business sense to fly,” he once told me.

He served as a deputy coroner in Los Angeles County in the 1970s and ‘80s. He was appointed by Dr. Thomas Noguchi, the legendary coroner of the stars.

Baird served as a park ranger in Orange County, Riverside County and Moreno Valley. He designed and produced the current Moreno Valley park ranger badge and patch.

He began selling police equipment in 1964, out of his barber shop at first and later out of his retail store, Baird Police Supply, at locations in Compton, Los Alamitos and Bellflower. He renamed his business several times, Baird Police Equipment Company, Baird Company and Baird Mercantile.

Public safety insignia was added to his inventory in the early 1970s. “I saw a need for a local business where agencies could order custom patches and badges, so I started marketing them. I made a lot of them for a lot of departments. I also started buying and selling collector badges,” he said.

By the 1970s, Baird had expanded his business into mail order police equipment and insignia sales. He developed a large customer base and produced regular catalogs and sales lists that were mailed to thousands of customers. He left barbering in 1983 to go in police equipment and mail order insignia full time. He closed his store in 2004 but continued selling online, although not as extensively as earlier in his career.

“Larry was very good at mail order. He loved it. He was doing a million dollars a year in mail order back before computers or online orders. He ran a very successful business for a lot of years,” Stewart said.

Baird attended his first insignia show in Southern California in the mid-1970s. It was held at a collector’s home and attended by many California hobby pioneers, such as Ray



Maryland law enforcement officer and collector Howard C. Heiss, 70, died in Meredith, N.H. on January 29. He worked for five Baltimore area law enforcement agencies during a long and distinguished career. Heiss had an extensive of Maryland collection. *Contributed photograph*

Sherrard, Jim Munding, Joel Ruden, John Yeaw, A.B.C. Jones, Rich Salchunas, Bill Hedges and Stewart.

He was involved with the Police Insignia Collectors Association, which was founded in California in 1975 before it moved to New Jersey.

Although Baird did not have a large personal collection, he collected badges and patches from Bellflower, Compton, Los Alamitos and Moreno Valley, all places where he either lived or worked. He also collected park ranger insignia.

Hedges and Baird became lifelong friends. They hosted regular collector shows together at the Masonic Lodge in Bellflower from 1982 to 1989, often as many as six shows a year. They also published a book together in 1988, *Badges: A Guide For The Serious Collector*.

Baird published two other books, *In Search of Badges* (1989) and *Mail Order Millions* (1995). He also wrote for several publications, including *PCNEWS*.

He became a member of the California Law Enforcement Historical Society in 2010.

Baird partnered with longtime Arizona collectors the late Harry “Moose” Blazer and Al Nordeen to form BNB, an insignia design, production and company, in the late 1980s. BNB created custom insignia for dozens of public safety agencies, mostly in Arizona but in other western states as well. Their badges were made by Sun, V and V Manufacturing and April Manufacturing under their own hallmark.

“Moose is the salesman. Al is the designer. I’m the production guy,” Baird said during an interview at a Phoenix show.

After the partnership dissolved in the 1990s, Blazer and Nordeen formed their own company, Two Cops Insignia. Later, Blazer and his wife ran the firm until his 2004 death.

Baird became mired in hobby controversy in the mid-1980s after several leading California collectors publicly accused him of marketing non-department issue badges and emblems. There was also criticism that he was creating and selling highly desirable major city California badges from parts.

Although Baird never denied the allegations, he staunchly defended his business practices. “I have the right to sell my merchandise any way I see fit. The buyer has the right to buy it or not buy it. No one runs this hobby or has the right to tell anyone what to collect or not collect,” he told Editor Mike R Bondarenko.

The controversy escalated in the late 1980s after *PCNEWS* columnist Darrell Klasey published a now famous photograph of Baird-produced insignia and one of his catalogs



Leonard Lawrence Baird, 79, of Moreno Valley, Calif. died on March 21. He was the longtime owner of Baird Police Equipment Company and produced and marketed law enforcement insignia for more than 40 years. Baird collected park ranger and California insignia. *Contributed photograph*



John C. Lewis of Yakima, Wash. died last year in a local hospice following a stroke. Better known by his nickname, “Rambo 57,” he spent 21 years with the Yakima County Sheriffs Office. Lewis specialized in his department and served as official department historian for seven years. *Contributed photograph*



(Left to right) The late Harry "Moose" Blazer, Bill Hedges and Larry Baird at a Phoenix insignia show in the 1980s. Baird and Hedges did a badge book together, while Baird and Blazer were partners in the longstanding badge and patch production company, BNB. *Contributed photograph*

being roasted on a barbecue grill. There were also scathing letters to the editor highly critical of Baird.

Baird canceled his newspaper advertising in response to the outcry against him. He threatened to sue the newspaper and the letter writers for damages but never did.

Soon, a group of California collectors organized a show counter to the Bellflower shows, "The Real Stuff," at which any non-department issue insignia was banned. The competing shows were held on the same dates and at the same times.

Baird was active in local politics in Moreno Valley. He was a member of the city parks and recreation committee for ten years. He served on the Traffic Safety Commission for seven years before he resigned following a dispute with the city traffic engineer. He ran unsuccessfully for mayor in 2018 and 2020.

Baird was instrumental in the formation of the Moreno Valley Park Rangers, a volunteer civilian group that patrols city parks and open spaces.

He was a long time supporter of the local animal shelter and helped establish its "no kill" policy for surrendered or stray animals.

Baird is survived by his second wife, Jeanette, and two sons. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Kay.

A memorial service was held on April 20 at the Evergreen Masonic Lodge in Riverside where Baird was a Master Mason. It was attended by about 100 people, including longtime badge collector Hedges, who now lives in Las Vegas, and Stewart.

"The service was very nicely done. I spoke and presented a proclamation from the mayor thanking him for his years of service to the city," Stewart said.

Courtesy of Richard A. Stewart

Howard C. Heiss Veteran Maryland patch collector Howard C. Heiss died on January 29 at his home in Meredith, N.H. following a brief illness. He was 70 years old.

Heiss was a dedicated law enforcement emblem collector. He specialized in Maryland but also collected all 50 states and other countries.

Heiss was born in Baltimore and later moved to Bel Air. He began his long and distinguished law enforcement career as a guard at the Baltimore City Prison. He worked for the Maryland Transportation Authority briefly and then joined Bel Air PD in 1978.

After three years in Bel Air, he became a Baltimore City police officer in 1981. He spent 20 years on patrol, mostly in the Northern District. He also served on the honor guard.

Heiss began collecting patches in the late 1970s. While with Bel Air, he presented the agency with complete collections of state police and highway patrol and Maryland sheriffs department emblems for display at police headquarters. Later, he presented the Baltimore County sheriff with another complete collection of Maryland sheriff patches.

He retired from Baltimore PD in 2001 to pursue his passions for old automobiles and vintage motorcycles. He had several outstanding vehicles in his personal collection. He also sold cars for several dealerships.

In 2011, he returned to law enforcement after being recruited to work at the Food and Drug Administration White Oaks Campus in Maryland. He became a police lieutenant and supervised a large staff for seven years until he retired again after ten years with the FDA.

He and his wife moved to New Hampshire in 2021.

A private funeral service was held at his home.

John C. Lewis John C. "Rambo 57" Lewis, a longtime Washington patch collector, died last year in hospice care in Yakima after suffering a stroke. He was 74 years old.

Lewis specialized in insignia from his former department, the Yakima County Sheriffs Office. He was named the department historian in 1992.

A Yakima native, Lewis joined the United States Army in January 1966. He served as an aviation maintenance specialist in Vietnam for two years. He won several medals and commendations.

After his return to Yakima, Lewis took a job as a well driller.

Lewis joined the sheriffs office in January 1978. He worked in the jail for a year before he was promoted to patrol deputy. He held several positions over the next 21 years, including canine handler and civil deputy. He retired in 1999.

In addition to his insignia collection, Lewis was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed elk hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed shooting with friends and raising ducks and geese at a pond near his home.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen, a son and a daughter.

Lewis is buried in his beloved Yakima.

Courtesy of Kathleen Lewis

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A death notice for Stan Benjamin of Tucson, Ariz. appears elsewhere in this issue. A complete obituary and tribute will appear in the next edition. EDITOR

City Workers Deputized The New Orleans Police Department may deputize some civilian city workers to issue citations for minor ordinance violations. Deputy Superintendent Otha Sandifer said workers for the sanitation, public works, homeland security and pest control departments could be authorized to write tickets upon request of their department heads. The civilians would undergo training but not have arrest powers or authority to carry a service weapon. While the City Council approved the plan in December, it remains controversial. The council and police union presidents expressed concerns over the safety of the workers, as well as potential for police impersonation.

Nova Scotia Bans Collecting Current Insignia

The Canadian province of Nova Scotia will ban current law enforcement insignia collecting following enactment of an unprecedented law that takes effect on May 12. Only serving members of an agency will be authorized to possess current insignia. There is no exemption for collectors or retired officers.

By Mike R. Bondarenko, Editor

SPECIAL – A new Nova Scotia provincial law that goes into effect on May 12 severely restricts access to law enforcement insignia, uniforms, vehicles and vehicle equipment.

Canadian Police Insignia Collectors Association (CPICA) members are working to lessen the possibility that similar legislation might be enacted by other provinces or even nationwide.

The Nova Scotia Police Identity Management Act prohibits the sale, reproduction, possession and/or use of any and all police items, including uniforms, badges, crests (patches) and hats by anyone not specifically authorized to do so.

It also prohibits unauthorized individuals from selling marked police vehicles and restricts them from possessing police vehicle markings (such as door decals) and equipment (such as lightbars and sirens).

The new law does not exempt collectors or retired officers.

The legislation comes in the aftermath of the worst mass casualty incident in Canadian history. In April 2020, a man disguised as a Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) constable and driving a former police vehicle he marked as an RCMP cruiser shot and killed 22 people at several Nova Scotia locations.

Only active members of a police agency are authorized to possess police items or operate vehicles with police markings.

According to a news release from the Nova Scotia provincial government:

"If you have police items that are currently in use by a police agency in Canada, and you're unauthorized to have them, you must forfeit them or make them unserviceable before the legislation takes effect on May 12. You can keep ceremonial uniforms and police items that are not currently in use by a police agency in Canada.

"To forfeit an item, you can turn it into your local police station or RCMP detachment.

"Making uniforms (including hats) unserviceable means that you permanently alter the uniform so it is unwearable.

"For police items like badges or crests, this means permanently encasing them in acrylic. Individuals may choose to do this to retain an item of high sentimental value."

Under the new law, retired police officers are not allowed to possess any items currently used by their former agencies. Even retirement badges must be encased in acrylic. All identification must be removed from a uniform garment or accouterments once worn by the officer.

"Collectors will no longer be permitted to buy or sell police items currently in service by a police agency in Canada unless you make them unserviceable," according to the release.



Unauthorized possession of this Nova Scotia insignia will become illegal on May 12 under the Police Identity Management Act. (Left to right, top to bottom) Halifax Regional Police Service, Amherst Police Service (badge), New Glasgow Police Service and Truro Police Service. *Contributed photographs*



Phil Bailey, a retired Edmonton, Alta. police supervisor, was scheduled to represent the Canadian Police Insignia Collectors Association at a meeting of the Nova Scotia Mass Casualty Commission on April 27. He is a longtime Canadian insignia collector and producer. *Contributed photograph*

Nova Scotia Law ...Continued

The act gives police the authority to search and seize police items if they have reasonable grounds to believe an unauthorized individual is selling, reproducing, possessing or using police items unlawfully.

It creates a new provincial crime of violating the Police Identity Management Act. Individuals can be fined up to \$10,000 or sentenced to three months in jail for an offense. Businesses can be fined up to \$25,000.

There are also forfeiture actions ranging from \$352.50 for failing to report lost or stolen police items to \$1475 for possessing police items without authorization.

Nova Scotia Attorney General Randy Delorey said the act was introduced to help prevent a similar tragedy to the April 2020 murders.

“This legislation will decrease the risk of someone with criminal intent from acquiring items that could be used to impersonate a police officer and improve the safety of citizens and communities across the province. We believe that these measures will achieve this. Our ultimate priority is to make our streets and communities safer,” he said.

CPICA members respond The federal government formed the Nova Scotia Mass Casualty Commission the aftermath of the April 2020 tragedy to study how to prevent future tragedies.

The commission provided information to provincial legislators who drafted and passed the Police Identity Management Act.

Now, it is considering possible nationwide restrictions on law enforcement insignia, vehicle and equipment availability.

Even though the Nova Scotia bill is to take effect on May 12, it appears the commission is interested in learning about the hobby and the impact additional legislation would have on retired law enforcement officers, insignia collectors and historians.

PCNEWS has learned there has been an outcry of opposition to the Nova Scotia law by collectors and especially from retired officers, who will be prohibited from possessing their former agency’s current insignia even though they may have worn it on duty.

Dwayne King, a retired Toronto police officer who is now an investigator for the commission, invited Bob Pyefinch, the CPICA president, to represent the nationwide collectors organization at an April 27 roundtable in Halifax to learn about the hobby and discuss how the Nova Scotia law will impact insignia hobbyists.

“As part of the commission’s work, we want to explore and discuss with individuals the collecting of police paraphernalia from several viewpoints. The end goal of the commission is to create informed recommendations that will help make communities safer. This may include recommendations regarding the collection of police paraphernalia,” King said.

“The commission does not wish to put recommendations in place that would adversely affect Canadians, but to do that effectively, we need to gain an understanding of why people collect police paraphernalia.”

Pyefinch said the commission’s recommendations could impact the hobby throughout Canada.

After Pyefinch announced he was unable to attend the meeting, veteran collector and insignia producer Phil Bailey of Edmonton, Alta., a retired police officer, agreed to represent CPICA.

“I have been asked to provide a collector’s perspective on the collection of police memorabilia, why we continue with our collections, the methodology behind collecting and how that has evolved over the years, and the community relationships with police because of the availability of some police collectibles, among other topics,” Bailey said.

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Joshua’s Wish Granted The Allegheny County Police Department and 75 other western Pennsylvania law enforcement agencies made a young boy’s wish come true when they delivered a large envelope filled with shoulder patches, cloth badges and challenge coins. “Joshua” is undergoing cancer treatment at Children’s Hospital in Pittsburgh and has been hospitalized for more than two months. When he posted on social media that he wants to collect police patches, 76 agencies responded. The gifts were delivered on February 2 by an 87-vehicle lights and sirens convoy down Penn Avenue that stopped in front of the hospital as “Joshua” watched from his ninth floor window.

British Museums Reopen Police museums in Oxford and Kent, England, recently reopened after extensive remodeling and exhibit redevelopment, according to the Police Insignia Collectors Association of Great Britain. The Oxford museum is located in part of the old police station, which closed after force amalgamations following World War II. (See MuseumOfOxford.Org.) The Kent museum has relocated to a new home in Faversham and tells the 150-year history of the police force in the municipality. (See KentPolice.Co.UK.) Among the many exhibits is a jail cell built in 1904.



Arian Taherzadeh is shown wearing Department of Homeland Security tactical equipment in these photographs included in the criminal complaint filed in federal court. Prosecutors said the pelican cases behind him in the center contained weapons and DHS HSI insignia. *FBI official photographs*

Pakistanis Arrested As Federal Agent Impersonators

The arrests of Pakistanis Arian Taherzadeh and Haider Ali on federal law enforcement impersonation charges captured international attention following allegations the duo gave United States Secret Service special agents lavish gifts. One of the special agents is on First Lady Jill Biden’s protective detail. Another agent reportedly works at the White House.

By Mike R. Bondarenko, Editor

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Arian Taherzadeh, 40, and Haider Ali, 35, are Pakistanis living in the United States. Ali is a former internationally-renown batsman for the Pakistani national cricket team. Taherzadeh has owned and operated multiple businesses in Missouri and other states. Neither has any law enforcement connections.

Taherzadeh and Ari moved into luxury apartments in The Crossing, a high-end rental property in Washington, D.C. in February 2020.

The pair told fellow tenants they were special agents for the Department of Homeland Security Homeland Security Investigations (DHS HSI) and investigating possible foreign involvement in gang violence.

They also claimed they were both members of an undercover task force investigating possible foreign involvement in the January 6, 2021 takeover of the United States Capitol.

Taherzadeh and Ali said they were using The Crossing as their headquarters. They told tenants the DHS was paying for their apartments, and they had been placed in charge of building security.

Because The Crossing offers discounts to federal workers, many of building tenants work for the government, including some United States Secret Service special agents. One of the agents is on the protective detail for First Lady Jill Biden. Another reportedly works at the White House.

No one, including the USSS agents, questioned Taherzadeh’s or Ali’s DHS HSI status. They were seen wearing gold-colored federal-style badges suspended from lanyards around their necks. They wore federal law enforcement-style tactical uniforms with DHS patches. They carried semiautomatic pistols identical to those carried by special agents and drove identical black unmarked SUVs equipped with emergency lights.

Taherzadeh and Ali went out of their way to befriend the USSS special agents. They provided them with rent-free apartments in the building valued at \$40,000 a year. They gifted agents a drone, a flat screen TV, I-phones, portable video surveillance systems, a home power generator, a sniper rifle with a high power scope and the latest generation Glock pistols and magazines.

Ali claimed to have ties to the Pakistani intelligence service, ISI, and had three visas for travel to Pakistan and two visas to go to Iran.

The duo’s ruse fell apart in March when they were witnesses to an assault on a United States Postal Service letter carrier delivering mail to the building. A postal inspector who interviewed them questioned their credentials. He quickly learned the DHS had no record of their employment.

A subsequent joint Federal Bureau of Investigation and DHS investigation resulted in the arrest of Taherzadeh and Ali for impersonation of federal law enforcement officers in early April. The arrests made international news because of the USSS connection.



Haider Ali was a leading member of the Pakistani national cricket team until mid-2021 when he and a teammate were fired for violating team COVID-19 protocols. Their dismissal made international sports news. Ali has been living in the United States since at least early 2020. *Contributed photograph*



Arian Taherzadeh (left) and Haider Ali (right) were described as national security risks during initial appearances in United States District Court in Washington, D.C. because of their ties to Pakistan and Iran. Yet, the accused federal impersonators were granted pre-trial bail. *Contributed photograph*

Within hours after the two were in custody, the USSS announced four special agents, including the one on the First Lady's protection detail, had been placed on administration leave pending further investigation.

Search warrants of the pair's swank apartments yielded a variety of weapons, law enforcement uniforms and equipment, tactical gear, DHS patches and badges, portable radios, computer equipment and a machine capable of reproducing encrypted identification and access cards.

Three other apartments in the building were searched as well. Although authorities have not identified the tenants, it is assumed they are USSS special agents. According to media reports, many of the gifted items were confiscated.

Taherzadeh and Ali had personal information on every building resident on a computer adorned with the DHS logo. Taherzadeh showed one of the USSS agents how he could access it with a private identity verification card, which evidently convinced the agent that he was legitimate.

Collectors react negatively Federal law enforcement insignia hobbyists reacted mostly negatively to the news of the bizarre impersonation case.

"This could be the end of federal law enforcement insignia collecting. Once this plays out, getting anything current from a federal agency is going to be all but impossible. Maybe challenge coins, but forget about patches or anything else," said a New York collector.

"Seems these guys knew more about federal law enforcement than a lot of people who actually work for the government. [They] must have had inside access to know the latest weapons, gear and such. This is going to be a problem for the hobby. I see a major crackdown coming very soon," a Virginia collector lamented.

"There is no evidence either Taherzadeh or Ali asked the Secret Service agents for any favors, like badges, access or anything like that. The agents' problem is going to be over taking the gifts. I don't see how they could be considered bribes, but we all know how it goes when the agency is embarrassed in the news media. The bosses need to blame this on somebody, so they'll blame the agents," offered a leading California hobbyist.

"Goodbye current federal anything collecting. It's all going underground after this is over," said an Ohio collector.

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The Beginnings Of The Modern Honolulu Police

The family of legendary Honolulu Police Chief Dan Liu gifted badge collector Ron Sfarzo a rare collection of early HPD badges from the early 1930s to the late 1960s. The badges document the evolution of the modern Honolulu Police Department.

By Ron Sfarzo, Guest Writer

HONOLULU, Hawaii – In the late 1920s and early 1930s, crime was on the rise in Honolulu.

The handling of several high-profile cases, including the Jamison Kidnapping Murder and the Massie Rape, widened the gap between locals and foreigners.

Due to increased pressure from a group of prominent women in the community, Governor Lawrence M. Judd appointed a Governor's Advisory Committee on Crime. This committee recommended:

"...There should be a police commission appointed by the mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, with approval of the Board of Supervisors, whose duty it would be to appoint a chief of police and to supervise of operating of the police department..." and

"...The office of the sheriff shall be retained and that the sheriff be charged with the duty of serving civil process, maintaining the Honolulu Jail and to act as coroner."

In 1931, the Honolulu Police Station was located at the corner of 842 Bethel Street and Merchant Street.

Governor Judd convened a special session of the Legislature, and on January 22, 1932, it passed Act 1. The Commission appointed businessmen to the Police Commission and provided for an appointed chief of police. It appointed businessman Charles F. Weeber to be the first chief of police.

On August 12, 1932, Chief Weeber resigned and replaced George Brown on the commission. On the same date, William Gabrielson was appointed chief of police. He came from the Berkeley Police Department in California.

In that time, police officers wore seven point star badges. Starting in 1932, the department's seven point star was known as the "Berkeley Star."

In the late 1940s, a new design was created by Detective Alfred Karatti, but it wasn't



The Honolulu Police Department was headquartered in this building at 842 Bethel Street in 1931. On January 22, 1932, the Territorial Legislature passed an act that created the modern HPD. It established a police commission and provided for an appointed chief of police. *Honolulu PD photograph*

introduced until 1952.

Chief Charles F. Weeber (January 27, 1932 to August 12, 1932): Weeber was a man with an impeccable reputation in the business and social communities in Honolulu. With a military background, he was the Police Commission's unanimous choice for the first police chief.

He was appointed to the position on January 27, 1932 and given authority to act in reorganizing the department, subject to approval of the commission.

Chief Weeber immediately named as his assistant chief William Hoopai, a veteran law enforcement officer with a good reputation and background, including a high rank in the National Guard.

Chief William A. Gabrielson (August 12, 1932 to May 31, 1946): Gabrielson was the second chief of police. He had been brought to Hawaii as an instructor from his position as a lieutenant on the Berkeley Police Department in California.

While some reassignment of duties and responsibilities had been made under Chief Weeber, Chief Gabrielson made additional moves, all designed to strengthen the department and improve services to the public.

On January 1, 1934, he announced that the eagle-topped badge was being retired in favor of the seven point star badge, which he said added to the general appearance of uniformed officers.

Chief William Hoopai (July 1, 1946 to October 1, 1948): Hoopai, assistant chief of police under Chiefs Weeber and Gabrielson was named by the Police Commission as acting chief of police on April 12, 1946. On June 1, he was officially named chief of police. The position of assistant chief of police was temporarily left vacant.

The immediate problem confronting Chief Hoopai was that of convincing the public that efficient and effective police services had not been affected by the graft scandal.

Chief Hoopai was a local boy, the first to take on the position of chief of police. He was aware of his responsibility, not only to the public but to his colleagues in the service.

In 1946, Chief Hoopai created an elite unit to combat gang violence. This 12-man team, headed by Sergeant Neil A. Donohue, had been given unusual freedom in its operation by the chief. The team, called the Metro Squad, eventually expanded and became the Tactical



The first four Honolulu police chiefs by service dates (left to right, top to bottom), Charles F. Weeber (1932), William A. Gabrielson (1932 to 1946), William Hoopai (1946 to 1948) and Dan Liu (1948 to 1969). Liu joined the agency as a clerk and worked his way up to chief. *Honolulu PD photographs*



Detective Sergeant Alfred Karatti was responsible for the design of the beautiful current Honolulu police badge, often called the pineapple badge due to its unique shape. He created the prototype badge on the right in the 1940s but it was not approved for wear until 1952. *Ron Sfarzo Collection*

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Operations Division. Today, it is known as the Specialized Services Division.
Chief Dan Liu (October 1, 1948 to 1969): Liu began his career in the HPD as a clerk and worked his way up to the rank of captain before being appointed to the chief of police position on October 1, 1948.
Chief Liu initiated strong enforcement programs against vice criminals and lobbied for better working conditions for officers. He established crime prevention programs, such as



(Left) Blackinton manufactured this HPD honorary captain badge, but George F. Cake Police Supply of Berkeley, Calif. put their hallmark sticker on it. (Right) Evangelist Billy Graham was once presented with this honorary assistant chief badge by the police department. *Ron Sfarzo Collection*



Early Honolulu badges: (Upper left) 1915 to 1933 city and county eagle-topped shield (Upper right) City and county special police shield "595" (Lower left) C.F. Weeber's police commissioner shield (Lower right) C.F. Weeber's badge when he served as the first police chief in 1932. *Ron Sfarzo Collection*



(Top) A circa 1920s eagle-topped Honolulu detectives captain shield number "5." (Lower left) Captain Dan Liu's badge from September 20, 1948. It is hallmarked Dawkins Benny Honolulu. (Lower right) Chief Liu's 1969 retirement plaque and badge permanently encased in plastic. *Ron Sfarzo Collection*

the Police Athletic League.
He retired in 1969 after serving 20 years as chief of police.

Dawkins Benny Jewelry Dawkins Benny Jewelry started in Hawaii in 1873. It is one of the oldest registered business in the state and located in downtown Honolulu. The company specialized in Hawaiian heirloom jewelry consisting of the Hawaii coat-of-arms.
The first "Berkeley Star" badges were actually traced from templates and then hand-engraved by the company. Eventually, they began using steel dies and striking the badge patterns on drop hammers for the official badges and then later to make miniatures.
Detective Karatti was primarily responsible for designing and obtaining approval for the current HPD shield. A prototype was created in the '40s but not introduced and approved for uniform wear until 1952. It is believed the prototype was manufactured by Dawkins Benny.

Liu family preserved history In 2009, my wife, Maryann, and I had dinner with Dan Liu. He was born on Oahu and was one of my sergeants at the Menlo Park Police Department in California.
Liu retired around 2006 and returned to Oahu to care for his mother and father. His father was Clarence Liu, a retired HPD assistant police chief. His uncle (Clarence's brother) was Chief Dan Liu. Both are deceased.
I have been going to Honolulu for over 40 years. Liu knew I was a badge collector, but I never had the opportunity to locate any HPD badges.
During dinner that evening, Liu presented me with a blue cloth Royal Crown whiskey bottle cloth pouch. Inside the pouch was a small collection of old HPD badges. They were wrapped separately in small pieces of tissue and newspapers.
Liu told me that his father and brother were not avid badge collectors but apparently cared much about the HPD and the beginning history leading into the modern police



(Upper left) "Berkeley Star" introduced by Chief William A. Gabrielson on January 1, 1934. (Upper right) Assistant chief star believed to be William Hoopai's. (Lower left) Detective Sergeant Alfred Karatti's badge. (Lower right) Sergeant Neil A. Donohue's badge. *Ron Sfarzo Collection*

department. It is believed that was the reason why they saved them.

It appears these badges had chronological meaning from the first police chief badge to the prototype:

- Circa 1920 city and county police shield number "269"
- Circa 1920 city and county special police shield number "595"
- Captain number "5" detective shield
- First police commissioner shield hallmarked "STERLING" (C.F. Weeber)
- First police chief engraved to Chief C.F. Weeber from the Commission, 1932
- Chief of police number "1" seven point star (William A. Gabrielson)
- Assistant chief number "2" gold-filled (William Hoopai)
- Sergeant number "53" gold front (Neil A. Donohue)
- Sergeant number "25" gold-filled (Alfred Karatti)
- Captain number "3" gold-filled (Dan Liu)
- Prototype HPD shield pineapple shape (believed to be the original prototype)

In 1932, the modern Honolulu Police Department was born. Since Chief Dan Liu and Assistant Chief Clarence Liu were not avid badge collectors, I asked myself why did they save these badges and shields?

I believe that the brothers were proud and felt the importance of these badges and shields were the beginning of it all. Why else would they keep them?

In 2018, Liu gifted and added to my collection his grandfather's retired chief badge encased in acrylic.

On February 6 this year, Liu gifted me the last of the collection, an honorary captain shield hallmarked "GEORGE F. CAKE, BERKELY, CALIFORNIA." I had never seen one of these.

Recently, I contacted Phil Stegman, owner of Irvine Jachens, the police badge manufacturer in Daly City, Calif. He gave the scoop.

V.H. Blackinton made the honorary captain badge. Blackinton sold these badges to George Cake Police Supply in Berkeley in the 1960s. Cake put its hallmark stickers on the backs and sold them to the HPD. They were gifted to television and movie stars, celebrities such as John Wayne and the like.

It appears that evangelist Billy Graham was once gifted an honorary assistant chief badge.

It is my desire that one day this collection will be displayed in the Honolulu Police Museum to be seen by many visiting wonderful Honolulu.

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Oklahoma Lawman John M. Crenshaw Served 37 Years

John Moman Crenshaw served as a lawman in Oklahoma for 37 years from 1906 to 1943. He worked for ten municipal, county, railroad, coal mine and federal law enforcement agencies. Crenshaw's highest rank was undersheriff of Canadian County.

By Ronnie Jackson, Staff Writer

WILBURTON, Okla. – John Moman Crenshaw was born in Quincy, Miss. on April 16, 1877. Soon after, the family moved to Hartford, Ark. and finally settled in Howe, Latimer County, Okla. around 1880. He was three years old at the time.

The first record of Crenshaw being a law enforcement officer was on November 22, 1906.

The *Muskogee Daily Phoenix* reported Marshal Crenshaw arrested Phelan Collins near Howe. Collins and his brother, Buck, were intoxicated and scuffling over a .44 Winchester. During the tussle, Phelan pulled the trigger and shot Buck in the chest, killing him. Crenshaw arrested Phelan and the owner of the gun, Dan Perry, and took them to Poteau.

Crenshaw was later appointed and commissioned as a field deputy United States marshal on July 1, 1907 by George Prichard, U.S. marshal for the Central District of Indian Territory. He was assigned to work out of Poteau, alongside Office Deputy R.E. Patrick.

Crenshaw was appointed to replace Deputy Wilson McKinney, who had been removed from office by Marshal Prichard for allowing a prisoner to escape his custody.



Oklahoma lawman John Moman Crenshaw wore this badge while he served as a police officer in El Reno from 1923 to 1929. The five point circled star features a deer. When the city manager fired him, a petition circulated in the city to have him reinstated. *Ronnie Jackson Collection*



The El Reno, Okla. Police Department posed for a squad picture outside their station. (Left to right) William Van Wagoner, John Crenshaw, Charles Pettit, William Lamb and Chief John W. Laird. Excelsior Henderson is on the motorcycle. All the officers wore plainclothes. *Ronnie Jackson Collection*

Ex-deputy McKinney returned to Poteau on August 28 from Colorado, where he had been living since losing his job. He was intoxicated and carrying a gun when he stepped off the train. Newspaper reports said that McKinney went about the town telling people he had returned to kill Deputy Patrick, whom he blamed for his termination.

City Marshal Jap Lyle and Deputy Patrick confronted McKinney in the street and told him to drop his gun. McKinney replied, "Throw down your own guns," and began firing at Lyle and Patrick. Marshal Lyle was shot three times. Patrick escaped uninjured. McKinney fled the scene and eluded a posse of armed townspeople and bloodhounds.

A warrant was issued for McKinney for assault with intent to kill. On September 6, he returned to Poteau and gave himself up to Deputies Crenshaw and Patrick. They later transported McKinney to McAlester to be arraigned on the charge.

Records show that Crenshaw was working as a reporter for *The Heavener Ledger* in 1909.

In the 1910 United States Census, Crenshaw was working as a hotel keeper in Wilburton, Okla. His father owned and operated a hotel at that time.

It was unclear exactly when Crenshaw stopped working as a deputy US marshal.

Crenshaw documented the remainder of his law enforcement career, which lasted until 1943, in daily logs, notes and letters.

Several Oklahoma newspapers reported on his many activities as a law enforcement officer with the Degnan and McConnell Coal Company, the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company, the Missouri Kansas and Texas Railroad, the El Reno Police Department, the Canadian County Sheriff's Office and the Latimer County Sheriff's Office.

Crenshaw was working for the Wilburton Police Department as the night policeman in 1911. *The Wilburton News* reported that on July 19, 1911, Night Marshal Bash Beard and Crenshaw arrested Hope Mullins on a warrant for the assault and battery of Charley Clayton. In the November 11 edition, Crenshaw was identified as night policeman with a salary of \$65 a month.

In a handwritten resume on the back of an envelope postmarked August 31, 1929, Crenshaw wrote he was an officer for the Degnan and McConnell Coal Company from 1911 to November 1915.

The Wilburton Gazette reported on October 12, 1913, Night Watchman Crenshaw arrested James Fluckus, who lived at the Degnan and McConnell Mine No. 9. Fluckus and Lee Cauthern were intoxicated and got into a fight. Fluckus shot Cauthern in the left side of the head and neck with a charge of number seven squirrel shot. Crenshaw took Fluckus to the Wilburton jail.

Crenshaw resigned from the coal company and began working for the Rock Island Railroad Company on November 15, 1915 and continued through January 1922. His starting pay with the railroad was \$55 per month. He worked the rails from Arkansas to Oklahoma and Missouri to Texas and carried several titles while employed with the railroad, patrolman, special officer, special agent and detective.

Crenshaw wrote his daily activities in small logbooks that he kept. The logs identified inspections of rail cars, repairs made to rail cars, reports taken and arrests made while on duty.



Howe City Marshal John Crenshaw (left) and United States Deputy Marshal Wilson McKinney posed for this photograph in about 1907. Ironically, after McKinney was fired for allowing a prisoner to escape, he shot a city marshal, and Crenshaw and another deputy arrested him. *Ronnie Jackson Collection*

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From his 1916 work logbook, while working out of Oklahoma City, Crenshaw made the following entry:
“1-7-16
Arrested. E. Chapell age 38 and Bety Jones 28
For theft of coal
For stealing coal from train 1-97
Done out about 1130 pm
Witness J.M. Crenshaw
I & Reach Reasch
Mike Coner Policeman
Minervia Debs of 728 E 1st
Bitty. Jones. of. 728 E 1st
Trial of. E. Chapell
E Chapell was tried before L. J. Miller Police Judge on Jan 11-16 and was fined \$40 and cost for the theft of coal from C.R.I.&P. train 1/97 on night of Jan 7-16
J M Crenshaw”
Crenshaw left the Rock Island Railroad and went to work for the Missouri Kansas and Texas Railroad. When Crenshaw left the Rock Island, he was making \$160 per month. It is unclear how long Crenshaw worked for MK&T.
Records show that Crenshaw was living in Wilburton and was commissioned as a deputy sheriff with the Latimer County Sheriff’s Office in 1922.
In November, Crenshaw applied for a position with the Frisco Lines, but he received a letter from Special Agent A. E. Jacks informing him that a position was not available.
On January 1, 1923, Crenshaw accepted a position with the El Reno Police Department. He carried a special deputy sheriff commission with the Canadian County Sheriff’s Office at the same time.
El Reno City Manager E.W. Fassett resigned from his position on October 10, 1929 after a city commissioner’s meeting discussion of Crenshaw arose. Fassett had terminated Crenshaw in September, but a petition had been circulated around the community and submitted to the commission for Crenshaw’s reinstatement. No mention as to the reason for his termination was identified. He was being paid \$125 per month.
Crenshaw’s handwritten resume identified the reason he was terminated from the El Reno PD. He wrote, “I left on account of being fired for taking drink of whiskey while on duty.”
After being terminated from El Reno, Crenshaw lived in Alva.
In June 1930, Crenshaw received a letter from Jack Smith. It appeared Crenshaw and Smith were good friends. Smith wrote he had just been hired as the chief of police for the Guthrie Police Department. He had six officers under him and wanted to hire two more but wrote he did not think the city would allow him to hire them.
Smith went on to write that he wanted to hire Crenshaw but did not want to make any changes until he had got acquainted with the city. He finished by adding, “Let me here (sic) from you along for I might make a place here for you.”
Press C. Canon won the 1930 election for sheriff of Canadian County. On December 29, 1930, Sheriff-elect Canon announced his staff. Crenshaw was selected to be undersheriff when Canon assumed office on January 5, 1931.
Crenshaw served under Sheriff Canon until Canon was defeated by John Harrison in November 1932. When Sheriff Harrison took office in January 1933, he replaced Canon’s staff with his own.
In January 1943, old friend, former Guthrie chief of police and now Canadian County Sheriff Smith commissioned Crenshaw as a reserve deputy sheriff.
Crenshaw passed away on July 21, 1957 in El Reno. He was buried in Wilburton.
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New Insignia Debuts Across USA, Canada

With the winter doldrums behind them, law enforcement agencies across the United States and Canada are celebrating the upcoming summer with impressive new badge and patch creations. Autism awareness emblems dominated April.

By Mike R. Bondarenko, Editor

SPECIAL – As spring melts into summer, law enforcement agencies in British Columbia, Florida, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Ohio, South Dakota, Texas and Wisconsin are out with new badges or shoulder emblems.

Faribault Badges Mark City Sesquicentennial Police officers in the southern Minnesota city of Faribault are wearing a throwback badge in honor of the city’s 1872 to 2022 sesquicentennial.
According to Captain Neal Pederson, the commemorative badge is an adaptation of the earliest known style worn in Faribault, a plain six point star. Each badge is numbered. Patrol officers wear silver-colored stars, while higher ranking officers (sergeants, captains and the chief) wear gold-colored badges.
Captain Pederson was able to find a photograph of three Faribault officers taken in 1883 that shows them wearing six point stars.
Black enamel legends read, “FARIBAULT POLICE/ (TWO DIGIT NUMBER)/ 150 YEARS/ 1872-2022.”
Captain Pederson said the badges are also meant to commemorate the lives of the three officers the department has lost on duty in 150 years. Their initials are engraved into the badge backs.
Faribault was a township until the city was incorporated in 1872. The town had been patrolled by constables. The police department was formed the same year as the city was founded.
Officer Henry Kaepernick was mistakenly shot and killed by a jail officer in 1876. Jail inmates at that time included the famous Younger brothers who were captured after trying to rob the Northfield, Minn. bank. The jailer thought Officer Kaepernick was a member of



Faribault, Minn. is celebrating its 1872 to 2022 sesquicentennial with a retro badge, a plain six point numbered silver-colored star, which is believed to be a first issue. Although the department doesn’t have the original badge, it was able to find an 1880s picture of it being worn. *Contributed photograph*

the James-Younger Gang coming to break the Youngers out of jail.
In 1883, Chief David Shipley was fatally shot while attempting to disarm a man who was threatening his wife with a gun.
Officer Louis Joachim died in 1885 after he was bitten by a rabid dog.
The sesquicentennial badges will be worn until the end of the year.
Courtesy of Faribault Police Department

Student Designs New Police Emblem The Abington, Mass. Police Department has a design for a new shoulder emblem that was created by a local high school student, Dominic Vanasse. The custom design would replace an emblem that has been worn for many years.
The new insignia design is a large rounded triangle. It is gold-on-black with gold and black borders.
“ABINGTON” and “POLICE” appear at the top centered on two gold banners with black borders. The legends are black.
The stone entrance arch to historic Island Grove Park appears as the center design in gold with two gold and black stars on either side. The park is on the National Register of Historic Places.
Gold and black laurels are seen at the bottom.
The current design is a gold-on-blue rounded triangle with the commonwealth seal as the center design. This style is worn by many police departments throughout the state,
Chief David Del Papa, who took office last October, said the new insignia has not yet been implemented. The patch design contest was organized by his predecessor, Interim Police Chief Chris Cutter, who took over after longtime Chief David Majenski retired last August.
Abington is a township in Plymouth County about 20 miles south of Boston. The population is 16,500.
Courtesy of Massachusetts Police Memorabilia Collectors and Traders and Abington High School

Merrillian Wearing New Police Patch When David Hartl, now the former chief of the tiny Jackson County, Wis. Village of Merrillian Police Department, wanted a new shoulder patch, he turned to the local troop of the American Heritage Girls, a national organization for young girls, for help.
The 20-member troop made supporting law enforcement their 2021 and 2022 project years. So, after Chief Hartl contacted them about a new patch, they went to work and designed the insignia. It was approved last November. The patches were delivered in February.
“We needed new patches for our uniforms. This turned out to be such a neat project for the girls, and the patch they designed is great,” Chief Hartl said.
He gave the troop freedom in the design of the patch. With 20 members, there were just about as many ideas. Most of them included the waterfall in the village, Christmas trees, which have been part of the village for years, and bald eagles. So, the new patch combines all three of these features.
The shield shape features a full color eagle, blue waterfall and green Christmas trees as the center design. “POLICE” and “VILLAGE OF MERRILLIAN” appear in black letters on a yellow banner. There is a black outer border.
Recently, the troop packed snack bags for members of the Jackson County Sheriffs Office and Black River Falls Police Department and delivered them to both agencies.
Chief Hartl resigned from the Milwaukee Police Department after 20 years in 2016. He became Merrillian chief in April 2018 and was influential in creation of contract policing for the nearby Village of Alma Center (ten hours a week) and the Clark County Town of Mentor (12 hours a month).
Chief Hartl retired on March 25. Both policing contracts have been suspended pending hiring of a new chief.
Courtesy of Banner-Journal, Black River Falls, Wis. and Village of Merrillian

Plant City Adopts Strawberry Badge Longtime Florida collector Jim Bradford



(Left) The new Abington, Mass. Police Department patch is mostly gold and black. The center design shows the stone arch entrance to a historic local park.
(Right) The previous design was a traditional Massachusetts style with the commonwealth seal as the center design. *Contributed photograph*



Plant City, Fla. police officers will wear strawberry theme badges during the winter harvest season and 11-day strawberry festival every March. Chief Jim Bradford’s badge is shown on the left. The officer badge is seen on the right. The legend and number panels are strawberry red. *Contributed photograph*

is the new chief of police in Plant City, Fla. and has already had an impact his department’s insignia.

Chief Bradford announced he and his officers will wear a badge with strawberry red panels and two strawberries on it each year during the harvest season and the 11-day Florida Strawberry Festival in early March.

“Nicknamed the Winter Strawberry Capital of the World, Plant City area farms produce millions of berries each year. In fact, Hillsborough County produces about 15 percent of the nation’s strawberries and nearly all of its winter berries,” Chief Bradford said.

The eagle-topped shields are gold-colored for the chief and silver-colored for officers. They feature a full color state seal and two bright red berries with green stems. The legends read, “CHIEF” (or “OFFICER”)/ PLANT CITY/ POLICE/ (NUMBER),” in either gold or silver letters on bright red panels.

The badge was produced by Symbol Arts.
Courtesy of Jim Bradford

Boan Produces First Nations Insignia Canadian collector and insignia designer Craig Boan has delivered two official and one unofficial cloth emblems to the Teslin Tlingit Council, a First Nations band government in the Yukon.

The official insignia will be worn by tribal game guardians and community safety officers. These patches are round with attached top rockers. The very colorful mostly red, black and gold identical center designs feature clan symbols, a white mountain, yellow sun and blue water. The legends read “TESLIN TLINGIT COUNCIL” in black letters on the white top rockers and either “COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER” or “GAME GUARDIAN” in black letters on white banners at the bottom.

The unofficial patch is round and was designed by school children. It shows blue sky, green mountains, evergreen trees and fishing jumping in a lake. The legends read, “TESLIN TLINGIT COUNCIL,” at the top and “COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER-GAME GUARDIAN” at the bottom, all in black letters. This patch will be awarded to people who assist the officers.

Council safety manager Jeffrey Myke, a former Royal Canadian Mounted Police constable who spent most of his career in northern Canada, oversees the CSOs and game guardians.

“Community safety officers will be the eyes and ears of the community. Although they are not sworn officers, they will patrol Teslin and act as liaisons to the RCMP. They are the first points of contact,” Myke said. The first two CSOs are longtime community residents Joyce Douville and Margaret Douville.

The council created the game guardian position in 2020 to manage tribal fish and game resources.

The band has 800 members in Yukon and British Columbia. Three hundred members live in Teslin, which is located on the Alaska Highway about 110 miles southeast of Whitehorse, the territorial capital.

The Teslin Tlingit Council was one of the first four Yukon First Nations bands to become self-governing in 1992. Its governance incorporates traditional clan culture and a 25-member general council, which operates the government.

There are five clans. Each clan is represented by its own symbol on the tribal flag and seals.

Courtesy of Craig Boan and Teslin Tlingit Council

Departments Celebrate Saint Patrick’s Day Saint Patrick’s Day meant special commemorative insignia in Philadelphia, Penna. and Marblehead, Mass. The Philadelphia patches are unofficial but based on the agency’s shoulder emblem.



The local American Heritage Girls troop designed this new shoulder patch for the tiny Merrillan, Wis. Police Department, a one officer agency in Jackson County. It shows a waterfall, eagle and Christmas trees, all prominent in the village. Former Chief David Hartl commissioned it. *Contributed photograph*



Craig Boan’s latest creation for a western Canadian agency comes from the Teslin Tlinget Council in Yukon, community safety officer and game guardian. The emblems at the top are official. The patch on the bottom is unofficial. It was designed by local school children. *Craig Boan photograph*

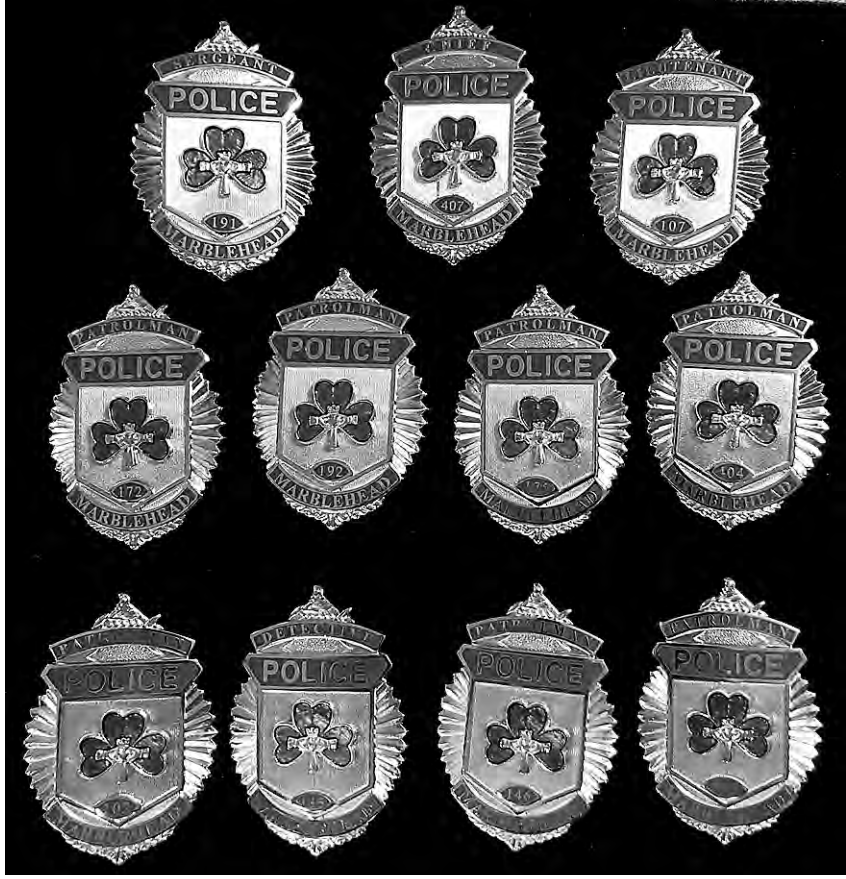
They come in five different combinations of green, gold, black, white and navy. Three have the city seal, while two feature the Celtic Cross, a symbol of Saint Patrick.

There is also a challenge coin with the green patch on one side and the cross on the other side.

All five emblems were produced by Essential Uniforms, a local firm. The Town of Marblehead Police Department takes Saint Patrick’s Day seriously! Every year on March 17, the 32-officer agency wears a green variation of its traditional standard issue badge. The chief, lieutenant, sergeants and detectives wear gold-colored shields, while patrolmen wear silver-colored badges. (Yes, the rank on the patrol officer badge is patrolman.)

The badges have green rank and number panels with reverse gold or silver legends. A green shamrock and gold Celtic Cross replace the town seal as the center design. The legends read, “(RANK)/ POLICE/ (NUMBER)/ MARBLEHEAD.”

The badges are worn only on the Irish holiday.



(Top) Five different color schemes of Philadelphia police patches celebrated Saint Patrick’s Day in the City of Brotherly Love. (Bottom) Marblehead, Mass. police wear a unique badge only the Irish holiday. It has green panels, a shamrock and the Celtic Cross. *Contributed photograph*



When it finally becomes fully operational, the new Surrey, B.C. Police Service will employ about 800 constables to police a city of about 551,000, the largest in Canada without its own police. The agency has revealed its Queens Crown badge and handsome patch. *Contributed photograph*

New Insignia ...Continued

Marblehead is located in Essex County 17 miles north of Boston. The population is 14,500. *Courtesy of Essential Uniforms and Hervey Cote*

Surrey Police Service Adopts Insignia Once it becomes fully operational, the new Surrey, B.C. Police Service will wear a handsome badge design with deep local and overseas roots and a traditional shoulder emblem depicting the force crest and the Canadian flag.

The launch of the new force has been planned for three years as the city transitions from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to its own police for the first time since 1951. Last November, 29 Surrey officers began patrolling with the RCMP to familiarize themselves with the city. They have since been joined by an additional 21 officers.

Chief Constable Norm Lipinski unveiled the new badge, which features the eye of a guardian, a symbolic checkerboard pattern and a sextet of stars. The force motto, ‘RESPECT, INTEGRITY/ HONOR,’ appears on a bright blue ring around the shield-shaped center design. A Queen’s Crown appears at the top. “SURREY POLICE SERVICE” is seen at the bottom.

“Our new badge links the past, the present and the future,” said Mayor Doug McCallum. The eye symbolizes the police role as guardians, keeping an eye out for the well-being of the people.

The checkerboard pattern is intended as a nod to Sir Robert Peel, the former United Kingdom prime minister, who is credited with establishing modern policing principles. A blue and white checkerboard pattern adorns London Metropolitan Police hats and gear.

Six stars at the bottom represent the six communities that comprise the city.

The badge appears in full color on the patch. It has a black background with white legends, “SURREY/ POLICE.” A red and white maple leaf flag is shown at the bottom.

The roll out of the new agency remains controversial. Many people have expressed opposition to the cost over contracting with the RCMP. The department is already \$C18.5 million over its initial budget estimate of \$C45 million.

With a population of 551,000, Surrey is the largest city in Canada without its own police force, according to Chief Constable Lipinski. When the department is fully staffed, he will command about 800 officers. *Courtesy of Surrey Police Service*

Maine, Massachusetts Unveil Autism Patches The Maine State Police marked Autism Awareness Month in April with a colorful shoulder patch and commemorative cruiser plate.

Colonel John Cote said the State Police partnered with the Maine State Troopers



(Top) The Maine State Police autism awareness license plate was an official plate during April. (Lower left) The 2022 edition of the Massachusetts State Police autism awareness emblem is now available. (Lower right) The Maine State Police autism patch is also now available. *Contributed photograph*



When the City of Laredo, Tex. decided to rebrand itself, the police department took advantage of the opportunity for a beautiful new badge (right) that features the downtown cathedral and the International Bridge. The previous design (left) was an oval with the city seal. *Contributed photographs*

Foundation to create and market an autism awareness version of the trooper’s shoulder patch.

“STATE POLICE” appears on an attached top rocker. The state seal is seen in full color as the center design. “MAINE” lettered beneath the seal completes the design. The background is the now-familiar multicolored pattern autism logo.

The troopers’ foundation is selling the emblems on their Web site for \$10 each or five for \$40 and \$1 per patch for shipping and handling.

The white-on-blue license plate appeared on all marked patrol vehicles during April. It features the logos of the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism and the Autism Society of Maine.

“After the plates are taken out of service, they will eventually be auctioned off as official State Police plates with the money contributed to the foundation and the society,” Colonel Cote said.

The Massachusetts State Police autism patch for 2022 is a new design, according to Hervey Cote of the State Police Museum and Learning Center.

The patch is the same size and shape as the standard uniform emblem. However, it has a dark blue background and outer border. “MASSACHUSETTS” at the top appears in multicolored letters, while “STATE/ POLICE” is seen in blue letters bordered in white. There is a multicolored ribbon at the bottom.

The 2022 autism patches are \$10 each with free shipping in the USA and can be ordered through the museum’s Facebook page. Payment can be made online. (The 2021 autism patch is sold out.)

Courtesy of Maine State Police and Massachusetts State Police Museum and Learning Center

Laredo PD Unveils Badge Design The Laredo, Tex. Police Department has adopted and worn several distinct badges during its 172-year history.

Following direction from the City Council and city management to various departments to update and redesign their logos, the police took this opportunity to create a new badge.

After several months of design proposals and feedback from officers, the badge was created. It is rooted in the history of not only the department, but city history as well.

Originally established as a villa or collection of ranches, Laredo was founded in honor of Saint Augustine of Hippis (Agustin de Hipona). As such, one of the prominent features of the badge is the San Agustin Cathedral of the Catholic Diocese of Laredo located in the heart of downtown.

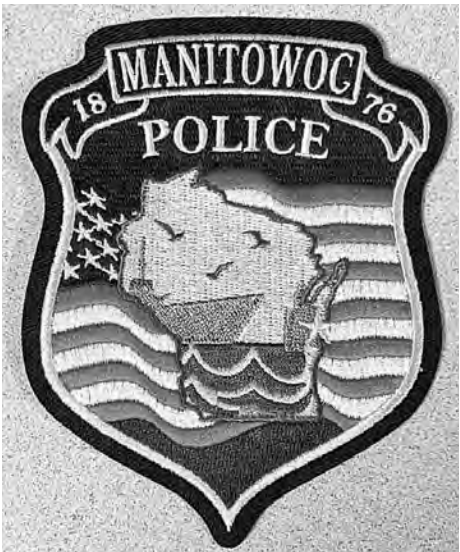
In the foreground is the Juarez-Lincoln International Bridge that spans the Rio Grande connecting two nations. The bridge signifies the unity between Laredo, Texas, in the United States and Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas in Mexico. It is one of the oldest crossing points on the U.S. and Mexican border. *Courtesy of Laredo Police Department*

New Emblems In Sagamore Hills

Observant residents of Sagamore Hills, O.



The new Sagamore Hills, O. patch is shown in the center of this patch display at police headquarters. It replaced the emblem in the lower right. The progression is from the upper right to the lower left. The 2013 patch commemorated the September 11 terrorist attacks. *Contributed photograph*



(Left) Merrimac, Mass. officers who are military veterans can wear a badge with their service branch logo on Memorial Day and during November (Veteran’s Day). (Right) The new Manitowoc, Wis. emblem shows a state outline with a freighter on Lake Michigan and gulls. *Contributed photographs*

may have noticed a change on local police uniforms, a new shoulder patch. Police Chief David Hayes told the *Akron Beacon Journal* it had been time for a change. “Our prior patch was designed in 2003 and honored the first responders who lost their lives on September 11. I wanted a new and refreshed patch, which displays our community, state and country. The prior one really didn’t have any characteristics that were part of our township,” Chief Hayes said. The previous patch will be kept in a display shadow box in the police station, the chief said. The display also includes the three previous emblems. The new patch includes an image of Brandywine Falls. It is the fifth since the department was formed in 1981.

Officers were encouraged to submit their ideas for the new style. “We had about five different ideas and narrowed them to two choices. The idea of the design was by an officer who knew someone involved with a computer graphics design background. Variations of the new patch were shown and two were agreed on. I then had all officers vote on the two. The one selected was approved overwhelmingly,” Chief Hayes said. The township ordered 500 patches for the officers’ uniforms. The design work cost \$200. The patches were \$750. “We are all proud of the patch as it reflects so much of what is nice about living in Sagamore Hills. Our residents have expressed positive comments,” he said. Sagamore Hills operates a full-time police department with 11 full-time officers, including the chief, a lieutenant and two sergeants. Four part-time officers supplement the patrol division. Sagamore Hills Township was formed in 1947 from Sagamore Hills Village, which was created after voters approved separating from Northfield Village in autumn 1930. *Courtesy of Akron Beacon Journal and Sagamore Hills Police Department*

Merrimac Police Honors Department’s Veterans Merrimac, Mass. police Chief Eric Shears has come up with a unique way to honor military veterans serving as officers on his department. Every Memorial Day and during the month of November (Veterans Day), Merrimac officers who are vets can wear a special badge with the seal of the Armed Forces branch in which they served, Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy or Coast Guard. The military branch seal replaces the commonwealth seal on the standard issue badge. “The badges honor the service these officers gave our country,” Chief Shears said. *Courtesy of Merrimac Police Department*

Wisconsin Welcomes New Emblem Styles Police in Manitowoc and Poynette are wearing the newest emblems in the Badger State. Manitowoc, which is situated on the Lake Michigan shoreline in far east central Wisconsin, used a nautical theme for its new style. A lake freighter, three gulls and waves rolling against the shore, all in full color, on a state outline appears as the center design, which is centered on the red, white and blue United States flag. A gold star denotes the city location. The patch is a unique shield shape with a black background, black and gold outer borders and white legends, “MANITOWOC/ 18/ 76/ POLICE.” The city name and founding date appear on a black banner bordered in gold at the top. “After several months of preparing a new patch, it has become a reality,” the agency posted on its Facebook page. Three officers were responsible for the design. It was approved by Mayor Justin Nickels. When Adam Rogge became police chief in Poynette in January, he met with all his officers and asked their opinions on things they would like to see changed. A shoulder patch was a unanimous recommendation. “The reason being is they felt it was a little outdated and not specific to Poynette,” Chief



The Poynette, Wis. Police Department has replaced its previous patch (left) with their new style (right) only two months after the village hired a new police chief. The department’s five officers wanted to replace the “Naturally” emblem with one more unique to the village. *Contributed photograph*

Rogge said. It became a reality only two months later. The patch the department had been using was in place for about 30 years, according to former officer Tom Belay. He told the chief he had worn it while he was a village officer from 1994 to 2000. It featured a pheasant flying above a body of water with Poynette’s slogan, “Naturally,” above a pine cone and the scales of justice. Chief Rogge said he has been told the pheasant paid homage to the MacKenzie Environmental Center. The new patch has a background of the American flag with a rendering of Rowan Creek encircled in the center. The words forming a circle around Rowan Creek are, “RESPECT, COURAGE, INTEGRITY, HONOR,” the core values of the department, along with the village name. On the bottom is a thin blue line with “1892,” the village incorporation date, on it.

“It was really important to the guys that they wanted to emphasize our core values that you see, so the guys talked about those being displayed. Some officers liked the U.S. flag, representing when we take our oath to the Constitution, but also incorporating the thin blue line,” the chief said. Rowan Creek is a well-known, popular trout stream. It flows through two village parks. Chief Rogge wanted his officers to come up with all their ideas before they made a final decision as a group. Other ideas were having an outline of the state with at star at Poynette’s location, the Wisconsin River and possibly keeping the pheasant. Former officer Belay helped design the new emblem, as well as three other emblems not chosen by the officers. “The new patch looks fantastic,” Chief Rogge said. Poynette is a community of 2500 in Columbia County. It has five police officers, including the chief. *Courtesy of Manitowoc Police Department and Poynette Police Department*

South Dakota Patch Gets Makeover Deputy sheriffs in tiny Turner County S.D. had worn a plain two-color shoulder emblem on their uniforms for so many years that no one could remember when it was introduced. The best guesses were either the 1950s or ‘60s, but no one knew for sure. Late last year, Sheriff Steven Luke approved a handsome new style that gives the small department a modern, professional appearance. It was designed by Deputy Darrell O’Connor. The rounded rectangle has a black background with tan borders and legends, “TURNER COUNTY/ SHERIFF,” inside a black banner bordered in tan at the top and “EST. 1871” at the bottom. The center design is a full color depiction of the department’s five-point ball-tipped star badge with the state seal. It appears on a blue county outline bordered in tan. Eight small stars are shown at the bottom, four each side of the bottom legend. Recently, Deputy O’Connor received permission to create two variations of the new patch to market as fundraisers for breast cancer and autism awareness. Both creations are available to collectors for \$15 each. “So, I came up with this idea after I kind of started collecting my own patches, and I saw a lot of big departments on the East Coast have autism patches. We’re the first sheriff’s office in South Dakota to have an autism patch,” he said. Sheriff Luke said the department is on board with both charity projects. “We began talking about how we can make an impact with somebody else, so the patches are a great idea,” he said. Initially, the department was going to give the patches to the charities to let them sell them. However, the decision was made to have the department sell them so people would directly associate them with the sheriff’s office. The breast cancer patch has a black background and pink legends and borders. Autism is identical to the standard issue except the background is the multicolored autism puzzle logo. Emblems can be ordered on the department’s Facebook page or by emailing tcso@turnersheriff.com. *Courtesy of Turner County Sheriffs Office*



(Top) The Turner County, S.D. Sheriffs Office introduced this modern, professional emblem late last year to replace a style that had been worn since the 1950s or ‘60s. (Bottom) The department is selling autism awareness (left) and breast cancer awareness patches (right). *Contributed photograph*



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CLEHS News Updates

CLEHS Firearms Collection The California Law Enforcement Historical Society recognizes the historical significance of firearms to the law enforcement profession. To preserve the firearms history, the Board of Directors approved the expansion of our artifacts collection to include firearms.

The first order of business was to obtain a federal firearms license (type 3) as a collector of curios and relics. This was accomplished with Brian Smith and Gary Hoving as designated agents. It required a certificate of eligibility from the California Department of Justice. Thus, the legal requirements were met.

It is important to note that type 3 license holders can accept firearms directly that were manufactured at least 50 years ago (1972) or designated as collectibles by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Examples of modern items that meet the requirement are commemorative firearms produced for the LAPD, FBI and CHP. We can also collect modern firearms but must transfer ownership through a licensed Federal Firearms License dealer.

With our legal issue being met, an opportunity arose to accept a firearms collection from a historical society, including several items used by law enforcement officers. The historical society realized the changing restrictions and liabilities associated with the possession of firearms and acknowledged they would likely never display them.

The firearms collection transfer was completed last year and a gun safe was provided to house the items. To improve the safe housing of the firearms collection, a larger safe was approved for purchase. It was delivered on April 8. This safe arrived in unassembled sections that had to be bolted together from the interior. The advantage is that the safe components can be assembled by one person without machinery. The completed safe weighs 900 pounds. Also, the safe can be disassembled and relocated with ease.

While the firearms collection will likely never be our primary focus, it will certainly protect some of the weapons used in law enforcement.

As a final note, the CLEHS can now accept firearms donations within the restrictions of our license. Please contact us with your donation proposal. Do not mail the weapon based on California law.

Submitted by President Gary Hoving

Virtual Show Successful The California Law Enforcement Historical Society hosted another Virtual Police Memorabilia Show on April 16.

With the fuel savings realized from our virtual show, we could all afford some nice collectibles. Cash sales were well over \$22,000. This does not include deals made through messaging or those which will be conducted after it closed.

For those who sold items, we greatly appreciate a donation based on sales. As a result, the show produced \$400 in donations, and for that, we offer our appreciation.

Our virtual shows seem to be big successes supported by the many comments and messages received after the event.

“Great show. Thanks!” posted Randall Grago.
“Thank you for this opportunity,” said Stan Berry.
Darryl Lindsay posted, “Thank you, Gary.”
“Great show, Gary,” wrote Art Fox.

As is customary, the sellers have been generous and made donations to the CLEHS, which is appreciated. We also had purchasers and visitors make donations, and we also offer our appreciation to them.

Submitted by President Gary Hoving

Get Yourself Mugged! Now is the time to get mugged! No, not on the street or in



The California Law Enforcement Historical Society is now legally structured to move forward with a historical law enforcement firearms collection. CLEHS accepted delivery of a safe to house it on April 8. This handgun was carried by San Luis Obispo County Sheriff Albert Cali. Gary Hoving photograph



The new, official 2023 National Police Collectors Show logo (top) and commemorative shoulder patch designs (left) have been released. Dennis Houser and the San Bernardino Police Historical Society will host the event at the National Orange Show Event Center next summer. Dennis Houser photograph

a jail booking room but by the California Law Enforcement Historical Society.

The CLEHS is out with a top quality set of beverage mugs for sale as fundraisers for this organization. The mugs are white with black handles and interiors. There are three different designs, the museum logo, Award of Excellence and Fan Favorite Award, each in beautiful full color.

Each mug is \$25, which includes sales tax and shipping.
Orders can be placed with CLEHS President Gary Hoving on sloghov@aol.com.
Submitted by President Gary Hoving

2023 National Logo Designs for the official 2023 National Police Collectors Show logo and commemorative patch have been announced by Dennis Houser, who will host the event on June 2 and 3 at the National Orange Show Center in San Bernardino.

The logo is “2023/ NATIONAL/ POLICE/ COLLECTOR’S/ SHOW” in large white legends bordered in gold. The “o” in Police is a round circled star San Bernardino police 1905 to 2005 commemorative centennial badge.



The California Law Enforcement Historical Society has produced a series of three high quality collectible mugs. Each is available for \$25, which includes sales tax and shipping. The mugs show the California Police Museum, Award of Excellence and Fan Favorite Award logos. Gary Hoving photographs

The patch is a CHP shape. It features white legends on a light blue background with a white border. The center design is an arrowhead with a black-on-white Route 66 highway sign, a steam locomotive and Native American symbols.

Houser also announced he will attend the National Show in Gatlinburg in June to promote the show and take table reservations.

Submitted by Dennis Houser

Larry Baird Dead At 79

Longtime badge collector and police equipment dealer L. Lawrence Baird, 79, passed away on March 21 in Moreno Valley, Calif. after a long illness. Born in Southgate, Calif., he lived in Moreno Valley over 30 years.

Baird was a badge collector for over 50 years and gave up his profession as a barber to go into the police equipment business. His various enterprises were very successful. At one point, he was doing over \$1 million a year in mail order sales long before computers were used for online sales.

He was a longtime member of the California Law Enforcement Historical Society.

Baird Company, BPEC (Baird Police Equipment Company) and Baird Enterprises were some of his companies.

He was the author of several books about badges and the mail order business.

Baird was a reserve park ranger in Orange County, as well as Riverside County. He was a major factor in the City of Moreno Valley starting its park ranger program.

Baird was very active in civic affairs in Moreno Valley. He served on the city traffic safety committee and later on the traffic commission. He was concerned with animal issues and was a founding member of "No Kill Moreno Valley," a group dedicated to increasing animal rescues and reducing shelter euthanasia.

At the time Baird started his police equipment company, he first began selling items at a discount out of his barber shop in Bellflower. Most all of the police uniforms and leather goods in Los Angeles County were controlled and sold by no more than three dealers. Their prices were all retail. He introduced discount prices to a welcoming group of law enforcement officers anxious to save money.

Later, Baird bought out several smaller companies selling police-related items and novelties, such as Dick Tracy mementos and more. Then, he entered into the business of selling replica police items, which caused many law enforcement collectors to avoid his companies because many purists (as he called them) dislike replica items and those who sell them.

However, he did fill a void in that many of the replica items he sold were one of a kind. As such, collectors had no hope of ever obtaining a legitimate version. Still, many collectors today avoid replicas of any kind, even those made by the Franklin Mint.

Baird had a reputation as an astute businessman but was known for his generosity and fairness to customers and fellow collectors.

He owned an old fire engine from the East Coast and used to run it in the annual Fourth of July in Moreno Valley every year. Often the mayor and other dignitaries rode on his fire engine.

Almost to the day he died, Baird would suit up and patrol the Riverside County Box Springs Park near his home, noting anything that needed the attention of the county and showing the flag to dissuade vandalism and minor offenses. He did this without any financial compensation, as most reserves do.

Baird his survived by his wife, Jeanette Pierce-Baird, and two sons, Leonard and William. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Kay.

A memorial service was held on April 20 at the Evergreen Mason Hall in Riverside.

Submitted by Richard A. Stewart

DeWitt State Hospital Police History

In 1943, the facility known as the DeWitt Governmental Center in Placer County was an abandoned fruit orchard that had been converted to an irrigated livestock pasture.

Orchards, fruit production and shipping had become a major industry in the county in the years after mining waned. However, in the 1930s, the price for fruit plunged during the Depression. Many orchards were abandoned.

The War Department acquired the land for a military hospital. War was still raging in the Pacific before Nazi Germany surrendered in May 1945. Now, the full attention of the United States military focused on defeating the Empire of Japan.

War planners strategized for the eventual invasion of the Japanese home islands. Okinawa had been invaded in April 1945 and the ferocity of the battle was an early indicator of what awaited the United States Marines on their next island jump.

Anticipating the massive casualties such an invasion would inevitably suffer, the military began preparing for large numbers of American wounded. Estimates of possible casualties from an all-out invasion of Japan numbered in the millions.

One of the entities assigned to prepare for this eventuality was the United States Army 9th Service Command, which was responsible for military operations in the western states, including Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada and Utah. It built



Constructed as a military hospital and prisoner of war camp during the final days of World War II, when it appeared an invasion of Japan was inevitable. DeWitt transitioned to a state mental hospital in 1947 and housed as many as 2800 patients as late as 1972 when it closed. *Contributed photograph*



United States military planners anticipated bringing thousands of Pacific War casualties back to California for treatment and convalescence following a ground invasion of the Japanese home islands. The DeWitt General Hospital in Placer County opened in February 1944. *Contributed photograph*

convalescent hospitals for returning war wounded on the West Coast.

DeWitt General Hospital was constructed on a 284-acre former orchard site in March 1943. The cost of the project was \$5.4 million. The military hospital opened in February 1944 "to receive and treat war casualties, as well as those from Zone Interior posts, camps and stations."

The hospital provided general medical treatment for the Reno Army Air Base, Chino Army Air Base, Camp Beale, Camp Kohler, McClellan Field and the Sierra Ordinance Depot in anticipation of massive casualties later in the war.

The hospital was named after Brigadier General Calvin DeWitt of the Civil War Medical Corps.

In June 1945, an adjacent prisoner of war camp was built at the site to house anticipated captured Japanese. It was closed in March 1946.

On August 6, 1945, the first atomic bomb was dropped on Japan. When the Japanese surrendered, the need for hospitals for war wounded from the Pacific Theater significantly decreased. There would be no need for an invasion of Japan and the massive slaughter that would have resulted had been averted.

DeWitt General Hospital was declared government surplus on December 31, 1945.

In March 1947, the hospital was deeded to the State of California. However, the only approved use for the site for the first 25 years was for a state mental hospital.

DeWitt State Hospital was created by the state and opened in 1947, receiving transfer patients and admissions directly from local communities from the counties of Modoc, Lassen, Sierra, Sutter, Placer and El Dorado in 1950. One of the services provided was electric shock therapy.

DeWitt reached a peak capacity of 2800 patients by 1960.

In 1972, the 25-year United States government restriction for its use as a mental hospital expired. The facility was transferred to Placer County. Sheriffs office headquarters moved from behind the Auburn courthouse to the main two-story administrative building of the hospital.

Security and safety were obvious needs for the DeWitt site. Under federal control, the hospital was protected by military police. When the facility was transferred to the state, the California Department of Hospitals Police became responsible for law enforcement.

Since DeWitt was a state hospital, the police at each hospital had similarly-themed patches with a bear, American and state flags and the state outline. However, each hospital had their own facility name on their shoulder patch.

When Placer County assumed ownership of DeWitt, the county sheriff became responsible for the site and has remained the law enforcement agency ever since.

Submitted by Placer County Sheriffs Office

Legislation Would End Sheriff-Coroner Offices

Legislation recently introduced in California would end the longstanding practice of consolidation of county sheriff and coroner offices.

Assemblyman Mike Gipson (D-Carson) has proposed sheriffs and coroners become independent county offices, although his bill would still allow counties to chose whether their coroners are appointed by county supervisors or elected by voters.



(Left) A military era DeWitt General Hospital police badge from World War II when military police were responsible for law enforcement on the campus. (Right) A DeWitt State Hospital patch from when the facility was operated by the California State Department of Hospitals. *Randy Grago photographs*



(Left) This combination six-point ball-tipped sheriff-coroner badge from Orange County has a colorful center state seal and extensive filigree. (Right) The seal of the combined sheriff-coroner office in Fresno County. It features a six-point ball-tipped badge as the center design. *Contributed photographs*

California has combination sheriff-coroner offices in 48 of the 58 counties, according to the assemblyman. State law presently allows counties to choose between combined or separate offices. In the combined counties, the elected sheriff is also the coroner. Gipson argues sheriff and coroner are two vastly different jobs that routinely come into conflict, particularly when sheriffs determine causes of in custody deaths inside their jails or involving their deputies or other law enforcement officers.

In 2017, two forensic pathologists resigned their positions after claiming San Joaquin County Sheriff Steve Moore, who was also the coroner, interfered with their work. Doctors and technicians in the department claimed Sheriff Moore ordered the causes of death to be charged from “homicide” to “accident” in three cases in which law enforcement was involved in the deaths. The county board responded by creating a separate, appointed medical examiner’s office.

On April 14, the influential *Los Angeles Times* editorialized in favor of separation of sheriff-coroner offices into independent offices. “Only two other states permit combining the sheriff and coroner positions. It’s a bad practice, and California should take steps to fix it,” the editorial board wrote.

If the state does separate sheriff-coroner offices, current and historic combination badges will be instantly more desirable and some counties would need to modify their sheriff’s badges to drop the coroner title.

Submitted by Mike R. Bondarenko

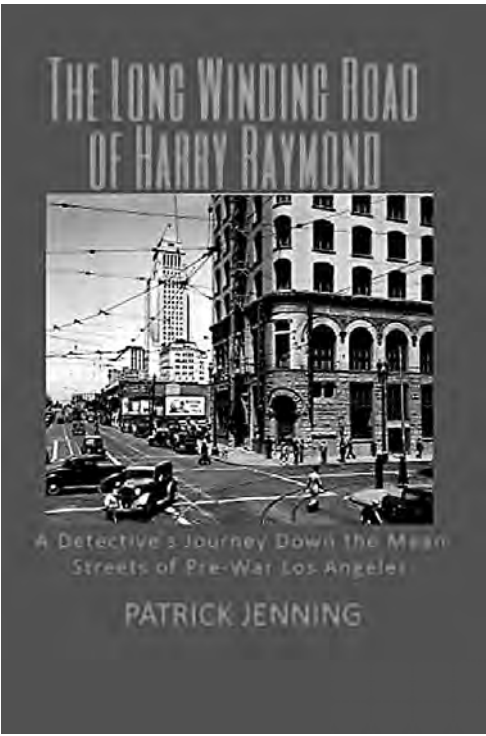
The California State Association of Counties tallies the number of combined sheriff-coroner offices in the state as 41, not 48, as listed by the assemblyman’s new release and the *Los Angeles Times*. EDITOR

The Long And Winding Road Of Harry Raymond

I have been reading a book, *The Long Winding Road of Harry Raymond*, by Patrick Jennings. Although the book is a biography, it gives the reader a great perspective into the winner workings of crime in Los Angeles during the 1920s and 1930s.

Raymond had a very interesting life as a private detective for several Los Angeles agencies and the California Automobile Club tracking stolen vehicles. Although no evidence exists of his ever being a sworn member of the LAPD, he did work off an on as a special investigator for the chief of detectives and later chief of police George K. Home.

Raymond was even the chief of police for the Venice Police Department before that area was annexed by Los Angeles and the San Diego Police Department, although both jobs were short lived.



The Long And Winding Road Of Harry Raymond by Peter Jennings is a new book about the career of a celebrated private detective in Los Angeles who was involved in several cases with the LAPD. An attempt on his life resulted in a crackdown on police corruption in the city. *Peter Harris Collection*

As a badge collector, one paragraph in the book made me take notice: “Raymond was heralded for his work in the Brent-Clester murders. LAPD Chief Everington presented him and his fellow Auto Club detectives with diamond-set gold badges purchased by a consortium of civic groups.” Would those badges not be the crown jewels in someone’s collection today? It made me wonder where they still exist today.

Brett and Clester were LAPD motor officers who were the first two to have the unfortunate distinction of being LAPD’s first multiple line of duty deaths. They were killed in what is now the Hollenbeck Division.

After making this post, I started looking for more information in my archives and interestingly I had a photograph of the badge presented to Raymond.

With the photograph, there is a handwritten sign that reads:

May 4th 1922
Police Badge Engraved On Back
Presented To
Harry J. Raymond
By The
Los Angeles Realty Board
Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce
Better American Foundation
Los Angeles Clearinghouse Association
Merchants and Manufacturers Association
William M. Garland, Walter P. Story, W.W. Mills
For The Faithful Service Performed In The Arrests Of
The Five Outlaws Who Killed Police Officers
William L. Brett and Harry Clester
Dec. 6th 1921

Submitted by Peter Harris

This Peter Jennings book was published in 2021 and is available on Amazon in paperback or Kindle formats.

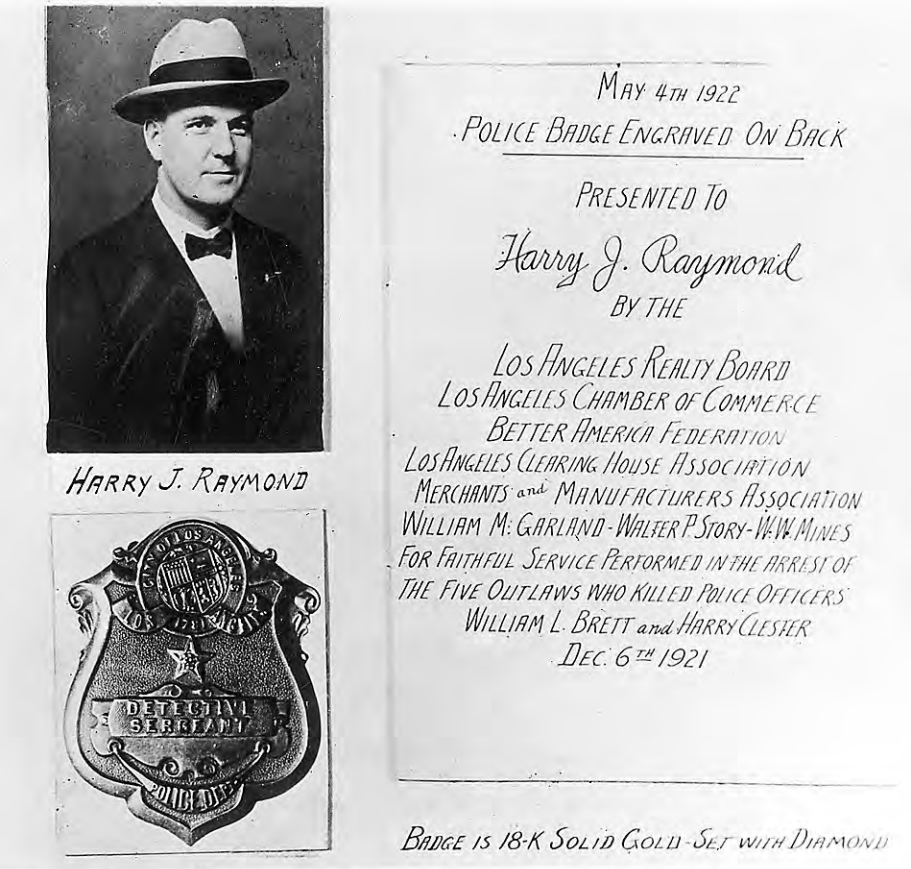
The book description from the Amazon site offers additional information about Raymond:

“Harry Raymond is remembered by historians for surviving a bomb placed in his automobile by a secret squad of the Los Angeles Police Department. After the bombing, newspapers across the country ran photographs showing him stalwartly smoking a cigarette while doctors removed shrapnel from his legs.

“This brazen attempt on his life would transform Los Angeles, leading to the recall of the mayor, the termination of many LAPD leaders and the imprisonment of members of a



A variety of California very attractive and collectible sheriff-coroner badges: (upper left) Placer County, (upper right) San Bernardino County, (lower left) Riverside County and (lower right) Humboldt County. Now, there is a proposal to ban combined sheriff-coroner offices. *Contributed photographs*



An appreciative community gave Harry J. Raymond a beautiful custom gold badge with a diamond-setting for helping the LAPD apprehend the killers of Motor Officers William L. Brett and Harry Clester in 1921. He was also the police chief in Venice and San Diego, although briefly. *Peter Harris Collection*

secret LAPD police squad. The assassination attempt would also fuel the growth of Las Vegas, to where many LA underworld figures migrated afterward.

“For some, Harry Raymond would go down in Los Angeles history as a modern knight in the story of the city’s corrupt days, a real-life Philip Marlowe.

“Although Raymond often worked for the LAPD as a special investigator, he was also associated with leading underworld figures of the Twenties and Thirties. Although it was never clear which side he was on, there was no doubt that he knew a lot about what was wrong with Los Angeles and almost paid the ultimate price for his knowledge.

“While this book focuses mainly on Raymond’s career, its backdrop is LA’s growth in the first decades of the 20th century. It not only tells Raymond’s story for the first time but also recounts the history of LA’s criminal underworld in the pre-War era. It should appeal to both to the general public and scholars interested in the history of Los Angeles in the first part of the 20th century.”

Submitted by Mike R. Bondarenko



Torrance police motors sergeants and officers are now wear unit specific badges for the first time in agency history. The two badges on the left are worn by sergeants, while the two on the right are worn by officers. Previously, motor officers wore standard issue patrol badges. *Torrance PD photograph*

Torrance Motors Badges Make History

When members of the Torrance Police Department Motors Unit gathered in late March for a squad photograph, they made department history.

Chief Jay Hart presented seven motor sergeants and motor officers with their new badges. Now, motor sergeants and officers are wearing a unit specific oval for the first time. Previously, members wore standard patrol sergeant and officer badges.

The new ovals are two-tone silver and gold with a full color state seal as the center design with small United States flags on either side. The legends appear in blue enamel letters at the top, either “MOTOR SERGEANT” or “MOTOR OFFICER,” followed by “TORRANCE POLICE” beneath the seal. Each badge has a five-digit identification number on a number panel at the bottom.

“We’ve had motors since the 1930s. They’ve been an integral part of our department. It’s only fitting that they now have their own badges,” Chief Hart said.

Submitted by Mike R. Bondarenko

Vallejo Badge Bending Goes on Trial

A Solano County Superior Court judge testified in late March that former Sonoma County Sheriff Rob Giordano’s investigation into the Vallejo police tradition of badge bending after shooting someone on duty has “no value” and “was not designed to bring some light into the practice.”

“I don’t think anything Mr. Giordano said matters,” Judge Daniel Healy said following the sheriff’s testimony in a criminal case involving several Vallejo officers who fired toward an Oakland school in 2018.

Sheriff Giordano admitted on the stand that his investigation into the badge bending ritual didn’t include any records from the police department or the Ed Jones Company, the Berkeley-based manufacturer who supplies Vallejo police badges, about repairs or replacement badges.

“For the purpose of this [proceeding], I never had anyone tell me they bought a new badge,” the sheriff had testified earlier.

The testimony offered further insight into one of the Bay Area’s most officer-involved shooting departments; one that has been protected by privacy laws that previously shielded any misconduct from becoming public, the *Vallejo Sun* newspaper reported.

The Solano County Public Defender’s Office called Sheriff Giordano to the witness stand in its ongoing defense of Dominic Milano, a Fremont man who led Vallejo police on a chase that exceeded 120 mph Vallejo to Oakland where Milano exchanged gunfire with several officers, including Vallejo police Corporal Matthew Komoda.

Milano faces attempted murder and other charges related to the exchange of gunfire, which occurred after he crashed his vehicle into a pole outside a school in Oakland.

It was Corporal Komoda’s third shooting in three years. Each followed a vehicle pursuit and involved his partner, Officer David McLaughlin.

Officer McLaughlin testified former Lieutenant Kent Tribble, nicknamed “Captain Taser” by prosecutors, bent a tip on his badge and Corporal Komoda’s badge following a fatal shooting in 2016.

Reportedly, informal badge bending ceremonies took place at the Relay Club, a tavern across the street from police headquarters.

The officer said he hadn’t heard much about badge bending in the department after Lieutenant Tribble bent his and Corporal Komoda’s badge following the 2016 shooting.

“The way everything was explained to me, it wasn’t a big deal,” he testified.

Lieutenant Tribble testified earlier that he brought the badge bending tradition to Vallejo with him from his former employer, the Concord Police Department. But, he said it was not a celebratory one as previously alleged. Instead, it is one that recognizes officers for quick thinking in life-or-death situations.

The new testimony was the most significant public discussion of the badge bending tradition since July 2020 when Chief Shawny Williams publicly admitted it takes place in the

department.

The city hired Sheriff Giordano to conduct an outside investigation into the practice. The city has acknowledged the investigation was completed last September but continues to block the 150-page report from being made public. Judge Healy denied a defense motion to make it public.

On the witness stand, Sheriff Giordano testified he didn’t review invoices from the Ed Jones Company because he didn’t think officers would go through the department to get a new or fixed badge. He said, “Officers never considered replacing their badges. They just bent them back themselves.”

While Sheriff Giordano asked officers to bring all their badges with them during interviews with him, he testified only Corporal Komoda brought a badge, but the sheriff was unsure whether it was his officer badge (the one Lieutenant Tribble bent) or his corporal badge.

“Nobody’s going to bring me a bent badge,” he said.

Also, Sheriff Giordano said Ed Jones didn’t have any records of their own. He wasn’t sure if any invoices would specify repairs made to a badge.

Public Defender Nick Filloy told Judge Healy he received thousands of records from the badge company. Some of the documents were specific to work being done, including one to fix a bend in the tip over the letter “E” in Vallejo. He claimed Sheriff Giordano’s investigation “furthered intentional efforts by the city to hide records for police misconduct.”

Following Sheriff Giordano’s testimony, Filloy called him a “professional apologist and cover up artist” for police departments since his retirement as the Sonoma County sheriff.

Judge Healy said the testimony suggests the badge bending tradition isn’t a good natured one as officers alleged but rather a “notch in the belt by the police department with a Wild West culture.”

Submitted by Mike R. Bondarenko

History Of The CSUN Campus Police

When the San Fernando State College opened its doors in 1958, the campus police opened as a branch of plant operations. The chief ran the department out of a temporary building located along Lindley Avenue in Northridge (Los Angeles).

At the time, the campus police had both sworn police and non-sworn security officers. For the most part, police officers worked during the daytime hours, while security officers maintained safety and security at night.

Campus police officers received minimal training but were armed. Most criminal activity was investigated by the West Valley Division of the Los Angeles Police Department. Officers responded to calls for service in retired black and white police cars purchased from the California Highway Patrol. They did not have radios. They were summoned from the campus boiler plant by use of a steam whistle. When they heard the whistle, they had to call the boiler plant for information on the call.

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, college campuses throughout the United States seemed to be under siege because of student unrest over opposition to the Vietnam War. At Kent State in Ohio, the National Guard was involved in shootings. At San Francisco State College, President S.I. Hiyakawa was attacked by students. At the University of California in Berkeley, there were multiple violent demonstrations and ongoing protests.

In Northridge, student protests revolved around the military presence in Vietnam. Thousands of students marched from the campus to the National Guard base in Van Nuys to protest the war. Dupont Chemical Corporation, the makers of napalm, was recruiting on campus and also became the focus of the protests.

There was also racial tension in the 1970s. The Los Angeles Police Department took over policing on the campus, using tear gas and batons to put down a violent takeover by student protesters over racial injustice. When the LAPD counter-terrorism unit was caught spying on various student groups, John Doe warrants were issued to arrest students involved in takeover.

Campus administration was upset by the tactics used by the LAPD. As a result of this concern, the California State University and College System hired Ed Grace, a retired LAPD captain, as a consultant for campus police system wide. He focused on Northridge.

Captain Grace studied the campus police and produced a report. He envisioned the campus police within the organization of a university, not the state, with a department head. He recommended creation of a public safety department that would include four divisions, police, parking enforcement, environmental health and safety and communications. Each division would be semi-autonomous with a division head who reported to the campus public safety director.

In the early 1970s, the chancellor accepted Captain Grace’s report and hired him as the first public safety director of the renamed California State University Northridge.

CSUN became the pilot project to determine if the Grace-inspired public safety concept could be implemented system wide. Overall, it was a success. The idea was then implemented system wide, although each campus was given the freedom to make adjustments to the pilot program at Northridge.

CSUN became a California Police Officer Standards and Training certified agency in 1974, which required a particular level of training and continuing education. It is now a nationally accredited law enforcement agency.

As the campus grew, temporary buildings were replaced by permanent buildings. The police moved away from plant operations to become its own department. The department was moved to a rented residential house on campus.

Captain Grace felt the police presence was too harsh for the campus environment at the time. He softened the department’s image by using all white police cars with a simple star as door decals.



Public defenders and defense attorneys in Solano County are using a Vallejo police tradition of badge tip bending to allege police officers reward use of force. The city commissioned a former county sheriff to investigate the practice. The report has not been publicly disclosed. *Contributed photograph*



Police at the California State University Northridge wear the standard badge and patch. The badge is a seven-point star with a full color state seal. The shoulder patch is a CHP-style with a full color state seal. The legends read, “CALIFORNIA/ STATE UNIVERSITY/ POLICE.” *Contributed photographs*

Officers wore tan-colored uniforms to differentiate themselves from the dark blue clad LAPD. The trend throughout the California State University system was to place campus police stations out of public view. Frequently, it was difficult for the campus community to locate the police station. Signs and maps indicated where “Camus Security” or “Public Safety” was located, but the word police was seldom used. Under Grace’s leadership, the CSUN Police Department had 24 sworn police officers. All former security officers were absorbed into the department to serve in other capacities. It was literally a model for other campuses. The chief retired in 1984. Stan Friedman, a former police lieutenant at the University of California at Los Angeles, was named as the new chief. He served for ten years. He implemented the highly successful motorcycle patrol and a student housing patrol unit, although it was later disbanded. In 1986, Ron Seacrist was hired as police chief. Plans were made to move the police station to a more visible location. Patrol cars became black and whites, and the officers wore dark blue uniforms similar to those worn by surrounding agencies. The January 1994 Northridge Earthquake struck the San Fernando Valley and damaged every campus building. Several had to be demolished. The university president brought in temporary buildings to reopen the campus only two weeks after the quake and hired a crew of security guards to help the police officers maintain security while the permanent buildings were replaced or repaired. Anne Glavin became the police chief in 2002 after more than 20 years commanding the campus police at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She created a dedicated community police team, brought in the first-ever explosives detection canine, purchased a 35-foot mobile incident command center and supervised building a 26,000 square foot state of the art police station, which opened in April 2007. She retired in 2018. The current chief is Alfredo Fernandez. He is an interim department head, serving until CSUN hires a permanent chief, which is expected soon. *Submitted by James Stotler*

California’s Early Crime Scene Investigators

“New murder case” read the note that the criminalist jotted in his journal on August 24, 1925. He slipped a white lab coat over this dark suit, settled into his chair and slid over a microscope. Now he was forced to look over the clue once again, fully examine it, a horrid task, even for a trained investigator. In many murder cases, Oscar found that the killer or the victim would seem fascinating to him. In this case, it would be both. The sky had darkened outside as Oscar snapped rubber laboratory gloves over his hands. The Berkeley Hills neighborhood was silent at night after families flicked off their lights, but inside this cavernous lab, Oscar prepared to solve a dreadful case involving an enigmatic victim who would trouble him the rest of his career. The criminalist stared down at the brown object that the boy had discovered the day before in the tule swap of El Cerrito. A dainty, delicate human ear slid from his sanitized container and landed on a sheet of white construction paper. He squinted at the matted light brown hair; the ear was attached to part of the scalp. It rested there on his desk like a trinket sent by a macabre admirer. Oscar leaned toward it, adjusting his spectacles. The ear’s exterior was covered with small light freckles, likely from years of sun damage. He noted the ear’s size and shape. There was a tiny hole in the lobe for an earring. Detectives had missed that detail. So, this was likely a woman’s ear. Oscar placed her scalp on the some paper and reached for his measuring tape. He scribbled down some numbers and gently lifted sections of her hair. No evidence of blood clotting. “Cut after death,” he wrote. “Dismembered.” But why? Oscar knew that many times a killer dismembered his victim to prevent identification. Maybe he knew her? Searchers found another segment of scalp nearby, wrapped in a month-old newspaper. Investigators were canvassing the neighborhoods near the swamp, hoping to find witnesses. Detectives entered every duck blind and hunting lodge along the shores of San Francisco Bay and tiptoed along the edge of the swamp where they discovered some woman’s clothing that had been cut into small pieces and wrapped in Oakland newspapers. Oscar sensed urgency from investigators because the bloodthirsty media would soon pick up on the story, the violent tale of a depraved killer would surely frighten all of El Cerrito. In his lab Oscar picked up a hatchet laying on his table, a sharp weapon discovered inside a cottage a half mile from the swamp. The owner claimed she hadn’t stayed there for more than two weeks. She said she had been rattled by the crimson spots on the blade. “I do not know how blood stains got on it, for I have not killed chickens, rabbits or anything else,” said Iva Graham. “How blood got on it, as the police say, is a puzzle to me.” Oscar fingered a small bottle filled with clear liquid and “Benzidine” written on the side. Using an eye dropper, he dribbled it onto the edge of the hatchet and waited for the red liquid to turn blue, signaling blood. Nothing. Even if the killer had hidden inside the cottage, he hadn’t used the weapon on his victim. Oscar worked for nearly 12 hours inside his lab that day, assembling a composite profile of the victim: a woman in her 20s, naturally blond with hints of red and brown, a lady of some refinement because of the high-quality texture of her hair and skin. Oscar could tell she took pride in her appearance. She was Scandinavian descent, he suspected. Based on the wound, he estimated that she had died a week earlier. A knock came on his laboratory’s door, and standing in the doorway was Contra Costa County Sheriff Richard Veale, who had been the lead investigator on Charles Schwartz’s case weeks earlier. Oscar smiled. He and Veale had communicated well on that case, and now they would be working together again.



An unidentified officer poses with a current police vehicle at the California State University Northridge (CSUN). The vehicles are black and white. The officers wear dark blue LAPD-style uniforms. The department has 28 full-time patrol officers on the San Fernando Valley campus. *Contributed photograph*

August Vollmer also sent Captain Clarence Lee, the cop who had chatted with Schwartz as he secretly plotted how to commit the perfect murder. Oscar frequently worked with the same investigators, especially in cities much smaller than Los Angeles or San Francisco. Berkeley boasted a strong cache of detectives, thanks to Vollmer, but there were just a few he trusted with major crimes. These were two of his favorite cops. Oscar wondered to himself: Who was this woman, and where was the rest of her body? With metal tweezers, the forensic scientist retrieved several fly larvae, which he found developing in the fatty tissues underneath her ear. These tiny insects would help him estimate her time of death. He flipped open *The Control of House Flies by the Maggot Track*, a short book he had received seven years earlier from John Boynton Kaiser. The reference librarian delighted in new scientific techniques and realized that the book might help Oscar determine the time of her death using bugs. The study of insects in crime solving, known as forensic entomology, had been used since the mid-1800s by a handful of scientists in Europe who he hoped to use as co-investigators, but the method had never been documented in a criminal investigation in America. This case would be the first. There are two primary ways to determine time of death, or postmortem index (PMI), using insects. The first is to use the secessional wave of bugs. In Kaiser’s book, Oscar read that calliphoridae (known as blowflies) typically are the earliest of all insects to respond to a decomposing body; much of the time they lay their eggs on the corpse with 24 hours. Other species, like beetles, arrive only after advanced decomposition. Oscar found only blowflies on her ear, signaling that she had been recently killed. He was relieved. The longer a body was missing, the harder it would be to find, and Oscar desperately wanted to find the rest of this woman. He also used a second method in forensic entomology, which was to measure the larvae’s age and development, their relative age. These insects were in their earliest stage, so the murder was recent, perhaps within 48 to 72 hours before he had received the ear in his lab. It was a remarkable claim that few criminalists at the time could have made. And then Oscar entered the mind of the killer, the only way he could discover who would have dismembered a body and then hid its pieces. “Assuming an additional 24 hours required to prepare the body and clothing fragments for distribution,” he wrote, “I estimate the time of death as approximately 96 hours before the afternoon of August 24th.” Oscar had to narrow the timeline down even more. If someone had just killed someone and wanted to dismember her body, he thought, it could take quite a long time. When might he have the most time to work undetected? The darkest night of the week. Oscar flipped through a local newspaper until he found a table of tide and moon phases over the past few days. “The murder and distribution could be performed unobserved at any time after 8:30 pm of August 19, 20, 21 and 22,” Oscar wrote. Within 12 hours of being handed just one dreadful clue from the swamp, Oscar had created a profile of the victim and then estimated when she had been murdered. Now police tasked him with directing them to the rest of her body. He picked up the clothing found in the neighborhood near the swamp, a jacket with a fur collar that likely belonged to the woman. Using a magnifying glass, he discovered wet sand throughout the fabric, a key clue. He turned to a reliable tool, one of his most favorite. He slid is chair over to the petrographic microscope, the same one he had used in Father Herlin’s case four years earlier. “Small fragments of plaster, coal, decayed redwood and similar debris which leads me to believe that burial of the clothing during temporary concealment of it was under a house,” Oscar noted. He was coming closer to finding her. The same was his best clue; evidence that might lead police to her body. And now, the press was adding to his strain. “Tule Swap Drained to Find Body,” one headline read. When reporters realized that “America’s Sherlock Holmes” was working the case, they hounded him for details. He ignored them all. Oscar was still sorting out his relationship with the press, which was shaky and even hostile after years of inaccurate reporting and unflattering profiles. “The city editor is, without exception, a spud-bug and a road-hog on news,” he complained to Kaiser about the newspaperman, “and his reporters scurry around like a nest of road lice getting it in, ready on the instant to apply the powerful screws of the great press they represent, like cockroaches.” Oscar cooperated with a select number of reporters, and he often praised papers like the *San Francisco Chronicle* for being judicious with their crime coverage. But he was still suspicious of the media, even when he was at the center of a case with a favorable outcome, the Siskiyou train robbery, and he viewed the press as a tool, not an ally. “Because of the higher presence under which they work, their chestiness over their jobs, their intense rivalries,” he wrote Kaiser, “their suspiciousness, their cynicism, they require special handling.” Ironically, Oscar didn’t seem to realize that he was facing those same challenges with own professional counterparts, the forensic experts who were his antagonists during dramas that would be on display in American courtrooms for the next two decades. Oscar revealed bits and pieces of new evidence, and investigators snatched each one to feed to the press. The sand from the victim’s clothing contained small particles of clamshells. There were enough shells to suspect that the sand originated near the ocean, but not enough to come from a seaside beach. Oscar stared at the grains. What type of water was near an ocean in this part of Northern California? There was no sand hidden within the tule stalks of El Cerrito, just black muck. He pushed his microscope to the side and grinned.



Celebrated forensic criminalist Edward Oscar Heinrich (1881-1953) works in his laboratory in Berkeley a hundred years ago. Heinrich solved several major cases as a consultant to local police in the San Francisco, Los Angeles and other cities. He was also a university lecturer. *Contributed photograph*

Oscar's explanation was slow, thorough and confounding to the investigators. He described the results from his petrographic test. The woman's clothes contained just a tiny amount of salt and chloride (like ocean sand) but quite a lot of freshwater matter and chemicals, like sand from a bog. The detectives seemed to follow his logic.

"From the size of these grains of sand, I determined that they came from a spot where there was freshwater gullies and where movement of the water over the land was slow," he explained.

The sand came from slow moving water, and that's what he wanted to find on his geological survey map. That spot.

"The most likely place was Bay Farm Island," Oscar explained. "The island is separated by Alameda by a slough and into this the fresh water of San Leandro Creek flows. That accounts for the fresh water element I've talked about and would provide conditions to produce sand similar to that which I found."

Oscar didn't know it yet, but his methods would make forensic history once again. He had used yet-unpublished methods of discovering quartz grain surface textures to point police toward a new location. It's a technique now used by modern forensic geologists, but Oscar didn't have the benefit of using today's atomic force microscopes.

Those devices create high resolution 3-D images using a small probe with a sharp tip that scans back and forth across a grain of sand to measure the surface topography at up to atomic resolution. Instead of using a spacial database on a computer to chart the body's coordinates, as current researchers might, Oscar used his geological map and plotted out the origin of the sand, a remarkable technique.

The detectives looked at each other. Oscar Heinrich was rarely wrong, they concluded. The men prepared to issue new orders to the searchers.

If Ed Cerrito was a lush marsh, Bay Farm Island was a muddy bog. Police and volunteers slipped and slid along the mudflats under the drawbridge, hauling shovels and spades with the intention of unearthing a corpse.

Newspapers printed Oscar's description in their headlines: "Victim Young, And Woman of Refinement, Experts Declare after an Inspection of Clues."

Police desperately searched for the identity of the young, blond, well-kept woman of Scandinavian decent. And in less than 24 hours, they would find her.

Her tibia lay next to her fibula. A measuring tape stretched out alongside her humerus, her upper arm. It was easy to lose count of some many tiny bones. She had been scattered across the mudflats of Bay Farm Island, precisely where Oscar Heinrich predicted she would be found, about 12 miles from El Cerrito.

Two searchers carrying shovels found the skull pieces buried beneath a drawbridge by a river. Small clamshells adhered to her bones.

When Oscar received the evidence at his lab, he felt satisfied, even relieved. Once again, his unique methods worked, separating him from the lesser investigators who claimed to be his peers. No one else could have accomplished this, he crowed to himself. Oscar removed his tweed jacket, rolled up the sleeves of his white dress shirt and snapped on his dark rubber gloves.

"Examined a skull which has been cut in several fragments with a saw and cast into the waters of San Francisco Bay from the bridge leading to Bay Farm Island," Oscar wrote. "Killed by a blow on top of the head with a blunt instrument and thereafter her body was dismembered and cut up into small units and these units distributed over Alameda and Contra Costra County."

Oscar slid her upper and lower jawbones in place, completing her skull. Her head faced toward the ceiling with her jaws wide open, as if she was killed mid-scream.

A pair of schoolboys unearthed a bag containing her kneecaps, ribs and other bones, meaning that someone had tried to remove her flesh using chemicals.

The killer had also buried a large piece of her torso under the bridge on Bay Farm Island, along with a lung. Police found a piece of a woman's breast and her abdomen in Rodeo, 30 miles north. The El Cerrito marsh where the scalp was found was about halfway between the two locations.

"It may be tentatively assumed that dismemberment was affected near the scene of the attack," Oscar noted.

The murderer likely killed her and them mutilated her body in the same location to avoid being caught with a corpse, he thought.

As Oscar finished reassembling the mystery woman, an Oakland dentist confirmed her identity using a customized porcelain crown in her lower jawbone: Bessie Ferguson. She had recently been reported missing.

Oscar stood to the side while her mother wept. After her family had left, he stepped back and surveyed the ghastly jigsaw puzzle. He had assembled a nearly complete skeleton of a woman who was once beautiful, provocative and devious.

Oscar had never met someone quite like Bessie Ferguson. But now he depended on her to reveal her killer.

From the fascinating 2020 book, American Sherlock: Murder, Forensics and the Birth of American CSI by Kate Winkler Dawson, published by G.P. Putman's Sons. EDITOR

End California Police Historian

MSP Badge Buried Trooper Robert H. Whittier, 71, the longest-serving member of the Massachusetts State Police and proud wearer of badge number "1," died on January 28 at his home in Melrose, Mass. He had served the commonwealth for 47 years. Trooper Whittier joined the MSP in 1974 and had been assigned to the Motorcycle Unit since 1992. Following his funeral with full law enforcement honors, he was buried with his badge. "Rest easy, Badge '1.' We have the watch from here," the department posted on its Facebook page in a tribute to Trooper Whittier.



Brian Lyons (left), co-host of the New York-New Jersey show, welcomes Tyler Argubright (right) to the New York-New Jersey show in Hasbrouck Heights, N.J. on April 3. Argubright was among several collectors who attended the Riverdale show on Saturday and NY-NJ on Sunday. *Contributed photograph*

Letters To The Editor

Shows Made Amazing Weekend

It was an amazing weekend!

It started off on Saturday morning going to the Riverdale, Md. show. I took my D.C. Sniper displays, and I was honored to take best display at the show.

Once that show was over, it was a three and a half hour ride to Hasbrouck Heights, N.J. for the New York-New Jersey show.

I got in and started hanging out with collectors from all over the country. I sat in the hospitality room and had a beer with everyone. At 28, I was the youngest collector there, but I was accepted.

The collectors of 40 years saw that I'm passionate about the hobby and preserving law enforcement history. I have carried myself and earned their respect. I also gained a lot of respect by putting on my first successful show.

Sunday was show day. I was able to do some patch and challenge coin trading. I gained the title of "Maryland Guy" at the show. I was able to promote my show for later this year and make new friends.

I drove a total of 410 miles in 48 hours, found a new beer I like, educated people on espantoon history, laughed until I cried, convinced the NY-NJ folks to come to my show this year and made great memories with great people!

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LAPD Reserve Diamond Shape

In the great article about the Los Angeles Police Department reserves, the caption under photo of a diamond-shape badge states it was never issued. This is not true for reserve officers.

While the regular officer diamond shape (Series Five and One-Half in Ray Sherrard's



Shaelyn Bruce of Dover, Penna. is enamored with law enforcement canines. Her mother, Kelly, is trying to collect canine-related collectibles for her daughter and would appreciate any donations. Shaelyn was born with Noonan Syndrome and has developmental disabilities. *Contributed photograph*

Letters to the Editor ...Continued

book) was never adopted and issued, the diamond shape reserve badge (which was larger than the regular officer prototype) was issued and used for years; I believe in the late 1940s until around 1970.

When I was a small child, my Dad took me to many Rams games at the Los Angeles Coliseum, and I always noticed the many reserve officers directing traffic, all wearing the big diamond-shaped reserve badge. I am fortunate to have one in my collection today.

A few years ago, the LAPD issued a commemorative badge in the diamond shape to honor the reserves. I was lucky to acquire one of these as well.

Many police and sheriff departments have struggled with the issue of giving badges to their reserves that are identical to the regular officers. As a Los Angeles County sheriff reserve deputy in the late 1960s, our badges merely had an 8000 serial number series. (9000 serial numbers were used by the posse.) Here in Riverside County, the 4000 serial number series is used by reserves. In Merced in the 1970s, reserve badges were silver-colored while regular badges were gold.

The purpose of wearing badges similar to the regular officers' badge was for officer safety. It is believe the bad guys are more apt to "try" a reserve than a regular.

RICHARD A. STEWART (PO Box 7030, Moreno Valley CA 92552)

Sheriff Updates Badge Discovery

Thank you for the great story about the discovery of one of our badges in an abandoned bank desk drawer in your last issue. It was a really neat story, and we had fun "investigating" Sheriff Arthur A. Briggs and his history.

We learned through people who actually knew him that he was a tractor salesman and got to know all the farmers in the area. He earned their votes when he ran for sheriff in the mid-1920s. He served his two year term and went on to be a loan officer for farm-related loans.

We're speculating that the desk his badge was found in (inside an old bank in Oshkosh) was maybe the one he worked from many decades ago. The moving company said it was a very old wooden desk, so its possible this is the bank that Briggs worked for.

As for history, I do enjoy researching our roots. To this day, I try to keep in touch with our four previous sheriffs who are still alive.

I also happen to employ a custodian who is 87 years old and worked for the sheriff's office for many years and in many roles. His father was the sheriff when he was a kid back in the 1940s, so he is basically our in-house historian. (He was ten years old in 1945.) It's awesome to have him part of our agency. He loves working here today as much as he did when he was full time back in the day.

RYAN F. WALDSCHMIDT, Sheriff (Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Office, 180 South Main Street, Fond du Lac WI 54935)

Pennsylvanian Loves Police Canines

My daughter, Shaelyn Bruce, was born with a genetic condition called Noonan Syndrome. It can have many health issues associated with it. She had open heart surgery when she was six months old. She also has developmental delay. Most people think she is around ten or 12 years old when, in fact, she just had her 20th birthday.

Shaelyn loves all dogs but is particularly fond of police canines.

Her grandfather, Tom Bassett, told us about this publication. We are hoping that some of you might have an extra patch, trading card, coin or something related to law enforcement canines that you would be willing to share with her. As a fun project, we are planning to make a pin map to see where all the canines live!

Thank you very much to those collectors who might help brighten her day.

Please address items to "Shaelyn B. K9 Lover" at the address below.

KELLY BRUCE (2537 Willapa Drive, Dover PA 17315)

Saved By The Badge

I have been going over the last couple copies of *PCNEWS*. One item brought back some memories. It was about an officer's badge stopping a bullet.

My close call was when I did a stint with the detectives whilst on restricted duty. One day, I took an old badge with me to show one of the detectives. I placed it in my pocket.

I responded to a call about a school kid causing trouble at the local railway station. He was about 12 years old. The stationmaster had him in his office. I obtained details about the problem and then took the juvenile back to the detective's office. My intention was to have the kid's parents come to the office and pick him up.

It was all too easy...except the stationmaster forgot to mention that he had seen the kid hide a large pair of scissors down the front of his trousers.

I had just seated him to await his parents' arrival when he came up out of the seat with a large pair of scissors and made three or four attempts to stab me. I was able to grab his wrist and force him to drop the scissors before another detective came in to help me get him under control.

While catching my breath, a female druggie we were holding on another matter said, "What's on your shirt?" I looked down and saw a small cut on my left pocket. Luckily, I had placed the badge in that pocket. It prevented the scissors from doing any major damage to me. Someone was watching over me!

Later on, I did have a little chat with the stationmaster...

GEOFFREY CHEVALLEY (31 Saidor Road, Whalen NSW 2770, Australia)

Honolulu Police Impersonator Although Taylor Yoshitomi-Jones is only 19 years old, he already has three arrests for impersonating a law enforcement officer in Honolulu, Hawaii. In his latest arrest Yoshitomi-Jones was driving a Nissan Sentra equipped with blue flashing lights and carrying a flashlight and radio. He had a gold-colored badge suspended from around his neck. A year ago, he was arrested inside the men's locker room at the HPD Emergency Communication Center after showing a badge to a security guard who allowed him to enter. Yoshitomi is suspected of impersonating a first responder at traffic crashes but has not been charged. He is also faces unrelated drug and drunk driving charges.

Saved By Star A constable in New Brighton, Minn. owed his life to his badge more than a century ago. Historian Rick Walsh of Cheyenne, Wyo. recently found a *Saint Paul Globe* newspaper story from August 1901 reporting Constable Walter B. Monti's star-shaped badge deflected a knife. The officer was trying to arrest Lewis Barnhart after a domestic disturbance when Barnhart grabbed the knife and tried to stab him in the chest with it. When the badge deflected the blade, Constable Monti was able to subdue Barnhart and take him into custody. The newspaper noted that Barnhart's face was "badly disfigured" when he appeared in court the following day. Perhaps some street justice was involved?



(Upper left) The NSW Police autism awareness emblem. (Upper right) NSW Police Dog Unit tactical vest tab. (Lower left) NSW "PIGS" is an unofficial novelty emblem. (Lower right) Northern Territory Police is made on plastic and Velcro-backed for tactical uniform wear. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

New Styles From Police In Australia

Australia is a law enforcement insignia collectors' paradise despite the small number of agencies. Each agency has a wide variety of official and unofficial insignia. Rob Beath of Hunter Badges and Patches shares the latest new designs to reach the USA.

By Mike R. Bondarenko, Editor

WEST WALLSEND, N.S.W. – Australia is a paradise for law enforcement insignia collectors, even though it only has one federal agency, the Australia Federal Police, and seven state and territorial agencies, New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Tasmania, Western Australia, South Australia and Northern Territory.

The hobby Down Under centers around the Police Insignia Collectors Association of Australia, which promotes annual swap meets, mostly in New South Wales, although the organization now exists mostly online, particularly in light of the worldwide pandemic.

Longtime Australia collector Rob Beath, a former PICA officer and owner of Hunter Badges and Patches in New South Wales, recently shared a variety of recent style changes, as well as a few little known old patches.

Recent styles include New South Wales (NSW) Rescue and Bomb Disposal Unit (RBDU), Australia Customs Border Force, NSW Police Dog Squad (Velcro-backed), NSW Police Autism Awareness, NSW Police Dog Unit (Velcro-backed), NSW Police PIGS (novelty), Northern Territory Police (Velcro-backed), Western Australia Police (pink), Queensland Road Policing Task Force, NSW Tactical Operations Unit, Cumberland Highway Patrol (unofficial) and Cumberland Highway Patrol Founding Member (unofficial).

Beath also shared current styles to reaffirm agency emblems, Australian Federal Police and Queensland Police, as well as an interesting, unique (for Australia), Nares County



(Top) Flag patches for NSW Police Rescue and Bomb Disposal Unit and Australia Customs Border Force. Both styles are designed for tactical uniform and vest use. (Bottom) Velco-backed versions of the NSW Police Dog Squad also designed for tactical uniform wear. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



(Upper left) NSW Police Tactical Operations Unit is a custom design. (Upper right) Queensland Police Road Policing is commercial vehicle enforcement. (Lower left and right) Cumberland Highway Patrol are unofficial from NSW Police Traffic and Highway Patrol. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

Sheriffs Department, a law enforcement fundraising novelty.

NSW Police Rescue and Bomb Disposal Unit is a small gray-on-black flag-shaped Velcro-backed patch designed for tactical vest wear. The design is an adaption of the Australian flag. "POLICE RBDU" is lettered across the bottom.

Customs Border Force is a similar design with a flag motif but slightly larger and in red, white and blue on a blue background. The white legends read, "CUSTOMS/ BORDER FORCE."

NSW Police Dog Squad is a mirror image set of Velcro-back mostly white-on-blue CHP-shaped emblems featuring a gray and white dog as the center design inside a round center design with a Queen's Crown at the top surrounded by green laurels. The force motto appears across the bottom. The patches are designed for tactical vest wear. There is also a square white-on-blue dog unit vest tab, but the legend reads, "NSW POLICE/ DOG UNIT," not Dog Squad.

The force has a multi-colored autism awareness emblem. It's the same size, shape and design as other agency patches but with the multi-colored background puzzle that has come to symbolize autism.

There is a novelty NSW "PIGS" patch that shows a smiling pig wearing a police hat.

Northern Territory has a plastic patch the same size and colors as their standard cloth issue but with Velcro backing for tactical uniform or vest wear.

NSW Tactical Operations Unit is a round emblem with a black background, gray and red legends and a gray border. A black and white eagle in flight over a dark blue state outline is seen as the center design. Beneath the outline are gold banners carrying the legends, "TACTICAL OPERATIONS GROUP," in black letters. Around the center design on a gray outer border are "COURAGE TEAMWORK DUTY HONOUR" in gray letters at the top and "TACTICAL OPERATIONS UNIT" in red letters at the bottom.

Nares County Sheriff is novelty but looks very much a so-called stock eagle sheriff patch from the USA. It is worn by members of a volunteer organization in Northern Queensland that raises money for mostly law enforcement-related children's charities. Members wear uniforms with the patch and an American-style badge. They have an old sheriff department patrol car imposed from the members that drive in parades.

Cumberland Highway Patrol are members of the NSW Police Traffic and Highway Patrol Command assigned to the Cumberland Patrol Area west of Sydney. They have two unofficial patches. Neither is worn on duty.

One is small gold-on-blue emblem with brown wings protruding from either side of a gray and black tire. The gold legends read, "CUMBERLAND/ HIGHWAY/ PATROL" at the top and "PROUD COMMITTED PROFESSIONAL" at the bottom.

The other is round with attached top and bottom rockers. It is mostly gray-on-dark blue with a gray round center and gray legends. The center design is a light blue and gray Spartan helmet and "STEALTH & CUNNING." "CUMBERLAND HIGHWAY PATROL" appears on a blue ring around the center design. The rockers read "FOUNDING" at the top and "MEMBER" at the bottom.



(Upper left) Nares County Sheriff is a volunteer group from Queensland. (Upper right) Western Australia Police is their 2020 pink patch. (Lower left and lower right) Current styles from the Australian Federal Police (Capital Territory) and Queensland Police Service. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

Road Policing Task Force is a commercial motor vehicle enforcement emblem from Queensland. It is the same size and shape as the standard issue insignia but with a dark blue background and white border. The full color center design shows a police motorcycle, semi-tractor trailer and patrol car superimposed over a maroon state outline. The legends read "ROAD POLICING" at the top and "TASK/ FORCE" on the sides in gold and "Q.P.S. (Queensland Police Service)" in light blue at the bottom.

The Western Australia Police breast cancer awareness is a pink background version of the standard issue emblem.

Finally, there are current Australian Federal Police and Queensland Police styles. Both have Queen's Crowns at the top and force crests as very colorful center designs. (The Federal Police has jurisdiction in the Australian Capital Territory, which is much like the District of Columbia in the United States.)

Some of these emblems may be available from Hunter Badges and Patches, PO Box 152, West Wallsend NSW 2286, Australia or email hunterbadges21@dodo.com.au.

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Historic Police Postcards

Colorful turn of the century postcards captured members of the Cincinnati Police Bureau during their annual inspections, which were mandated by the city. Pat Olvey's police postcard collection shows our hobby is far more than just patches and badges.

By Pat Olvey, Staff Writer Emeritus

CINCINNATI, O. – We once had annual inspections of the police force in Cincinnati. Officers had to wear dress uniforms and hats. The rank and file presented themselves for the inspection on a parade grounds, an athletic field or even at Crosley Field, the former home of the Reds baseball team.

Dress uniforms were very costly, and the officers had to pay for them out of their own pockets. Understandably, some officers rebelled at having to pay for them themselves, especially since they were worn only for the annual inspection or other formal occasions, which were few and far between.

In 1918, members of the Police Welfare League protested the mandatory purchase of a dress uniform. A delegation was sent to complain to the chief of police. The delegation didn't get very far because the officers were suspended from duty without pay!

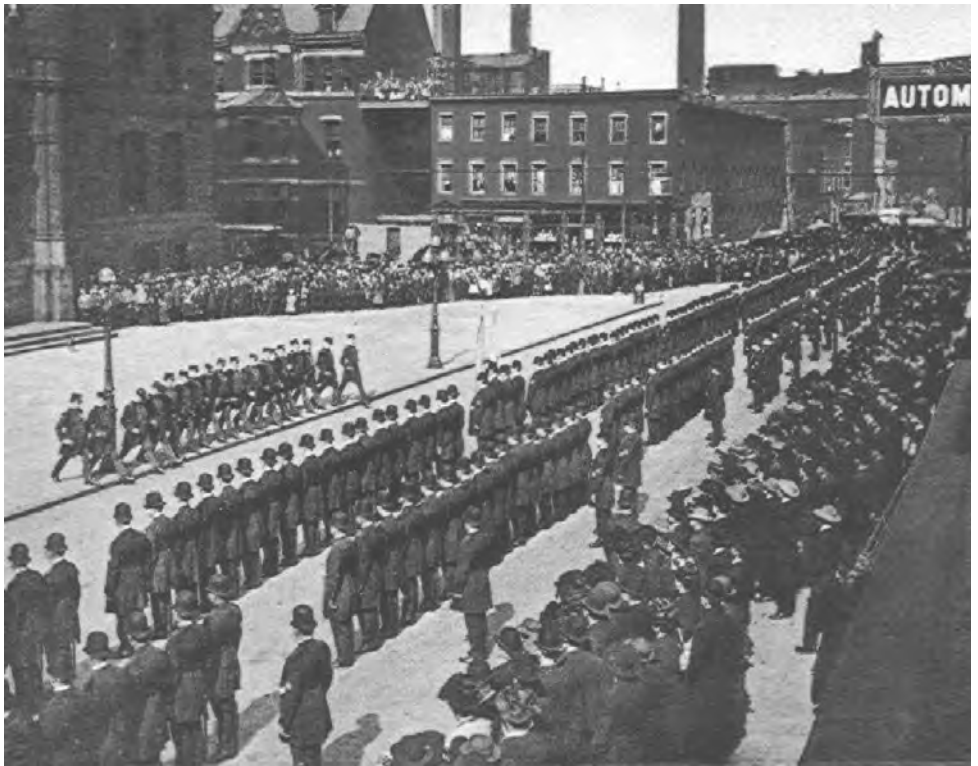
The Police Welfare League reacted with a three-day general strike by its members, which left the city without police protection. The city safety director settled the walkout in favor of the officers, and the force returned to work.

During the strike, the Cincinnati Home Guard took over police functions in the city. A previous installment of my "The Badge Beat" column was devoted to the Home Guard, which was a uniformed paramilitary organization formed during World War I to assist the city with emergencies.

Some historic postcards from my Cincinnati police collection show city police officers in their colorful dress uniforms and in precise rank and file formations, including two cards that depict mounted officers, who also underwent annual inspections.

Who says the hobby has to always be only badges or patches?
PAT OLVEY

Pat Olvey was a PCNEWS staff writer for more than 20 years before his untimely death during the pandemic in 2020. He submitted dozens of columns and stories, some of which have not yet been published. We will continue to publish them from time to time until all have been printed. EDITOR



The force used to have to turn out in dress uniforms and hats for an annual inspection. This one was carried out in front of City Hall on Plum Street way back when. The officers had to pay for the uniforms themselves, even though they were worn just once a year. *Pat Olvey Collection*



When members of the Cincinnati Police Bureau held their annual inspection on Redland Field, which was later renamed Crosley Field, they filled up the place. Crosley Field was home to the Reds baseball team for years. The annual inspection was an unpopular department tradition. *Pat Olvey Collection*



“Police Inspection, Plum Street, Cincinnati, Ohio” is the title of this turn of the century postcard from Pat Olvey’s fine Cincinnati police collection. It shows officers in dress uniforms and hats in ranks in front of the old City Hall, which was a fabulous example of ornate public building design. *Pat Olvey Collection*



Members of the Mounted Patrol are in Eden on this historic postcard from Pat Olvey’s collection. The officers are wearing their Potosy-style helmets and standard uniforms, which included three-quarter length tunics. Olvey had a large number of old Cincinnati police postcards. *Pat Olvey Collection*



Malyna Turns 98 Winnipeg, Man. military and police insignia collector John Malyna Sr. turns 98 years old on May 23. He has been collecting patches for 80 years ever since he served in the Canadian military following the end of World War I. Malyna is unique because he collects only uniform takeoffs; he is not interested in unused insignia. “I only want patches that were actually worn,” he said. Happy Birthday, John!

Minnesota State Symbols A group of Minnesota lawmakers is advocating for creation of a commission to study redesigning the state seal and state flag. The legislators claim the current seal and flag are too similar to those of 19 other states in design and color. The North American Vexillological Association ranks Minnesota as the 67th most representative among the 72 United States state and Canadian provincial flags. A state representative also said symbolism in the seal is disrespectful to Native Americans. Any seal or flag changes would have widespread impact on badges and emblems worn by Gopher State law enforcement officers.

Bill Swank Honored Well known Buckeye State collector and show host Bill Swank was recently honored by the Ohio State Highway Patrol with a 2021 “Partners For Safety” Award. Swank is founder and president of Light Ohio Blue, which shows support for law enforcement, and Operation Santa’s Sleigh, which benefits children. “His efforts for community events benefited the Patrol, the law enforcement community and the citizens of Ohio,” according to the official award announcement. Congratulations, Bill!

Ranger Statue Removed A beautiful 12-foot statue of Texas Ranger Jay Banks on a granite pedestal greeted arriving passengers at Love Field in Dallas since 1963. The Ranger, wearing a cowboy hat, two six-guns and boots, extended one hand as if to indicate all is well. A sign on the pedestal read “One Riot, One Ranger.” No longer. Last summer, the airport authority took down the iconic statue following publication of a book that alleges Ranger Banks kept black children out of a white school in 1957, even though the author admits, “He was just following orders...” The statue removal sparked outrage in the Texas law enforcement community, as well as a backlash against the book, which will not be named in this publication.

Police Department Disbanded The Town of Mocksville, N.C. has disbanded its police department and entered into a three-year contract with the Davie County Sheriffs Office. The town manager said it could no longer afford its own law enforcement agency. He said the town will save \$1.3 million over three years. However, the North Carolina Benevolent Police Association called the decision political. “It was more of a political issue before it ever became a budgetary issue. They are using the budgetary issue to get rid of the police department for other reasons that started before the budget was on the table,” spokesman Brandon McGaha said. “They were doing too good a job.” Mocksville insignia is now obsolete as a result of the decision.

Maryland Impersonator Arrested A Garrett County, Md. locksmith came up with a unique way to make sure he got paid for vehicle lockout service calls. He told his customers he is a police officer and would have their licenses suspended if they didn’t pay him. Now, Kevin James Greene, 57, of Mountain Lake Park faces two counts of police impersonation. He identified himself as “Officer Greene, ABC Lock and Key, with the State Police of Maryland.” A search warrant at his home produced several bi-fold wallets with police-style badges and a laminated police-style badge with a police pin on a clip, according to the criminal complaint against him.

Historic Connecticut Truck A historic 1942 Connecticut State Police truck has been restored by the Connecticut State Police Alumni Association Museum in Meriden. The truck, which was in storage for decades, was once used for special duty jobs like riot control. Jerry Longo, museum director, said the truck was restored by a firm in New Britain. It will be used as a teaching tool, traveling to schools, parades and community events. The restoration was accomplished entirely with private funding.

New Exhibition Open The National Emergency Services Museum in Sheffield, England has opened a new exhibit, “Daring Detectives and Dastardly Deeds.” It showcases policing in the Victorian Era and is set in the museum’s Victorian jail cells. Exhibits cover the life of a “Bobby on the Beat,” detectives who investigated more serious crimes and portrays the daily lives of prisoners housed in the cells. The main exhibit deals with the career of Detective David Swanson, who headed Metropolitan Police Criminal Investigations Division when he retired. He revealed the identity of the infamous killer Jack the Ripper.

New Boessenecker Book California collector and historian John Boessenecker is out with a new book, *Wildcat*, the story of Pearl Hart, the Old West’s most notorious woman bandit. Born Lillie Naomi Davy in Ontario, Canada, she used the false name of Pearl Hart as she drifted across the Midwest and eventually to Arizona, often earning money as a prostitute. Hart and a partner committed their first stagecoach robbery in 1899 near Globe, Ariz. Hart was disguised as a man. She was once the only female inmate at Yuma Territorial Prison. Hart died in 1934 in Los Angeles, Calif.

National Police Parade In 1974, police from Newport, Middletown and Portsmouth, R.I. began a longstanding tradition staging the very first Aquidneck Island National Police Parade every Police Memorial Day, featuring their combined color guards and drum and bugle corps. The agencies purchased a large blue and gold felt banner that three marchers carried before the color guard. Now, the banner is displayed at the National Law Enforcement Museum in Washington, D.C. as part of an exhibit about Police Memorial Day.

Badge Retirement Request The family of a Navasota, Tex. police officer who was killed in an off-duty traffic crash has asked his department to retire his badge number “9323.” Officer William Cooper died in a motorcycle accident in South Dakota in 2020. His sister, Sarah Cooper, is circulating petitions in Navasota and Grimes County requesting that no other officer ever wear his number. She said her brother was highly regarded in the community and throughout the county. “It’s disheartening to hear his number being used by another officer on the police radio. It makes us cry every day,” she said. The petitions will be presented to the police chief for consideration.

On Screen Collection Small but impressive displays of Florida police patches are seen in the office of fictitious Banyon Key, Fla. police Chief Matt Whitlock, played by Denzel Washington, in law enforcement thriller *Out Of Time*. While only glimpses of the nicely framed patch collections are seen in the film, the emblems appear to be from South Florida police and sheriff departments.

(Left) The Mounted Troop posed for this postcard photograph during their annual inspection. The officers had to wear dress uniforms and hats, which they had to pay for on their own. The practice became a union issue with the city, and police staged a protest work stoppage for three days. *Pat Olvey Collection*



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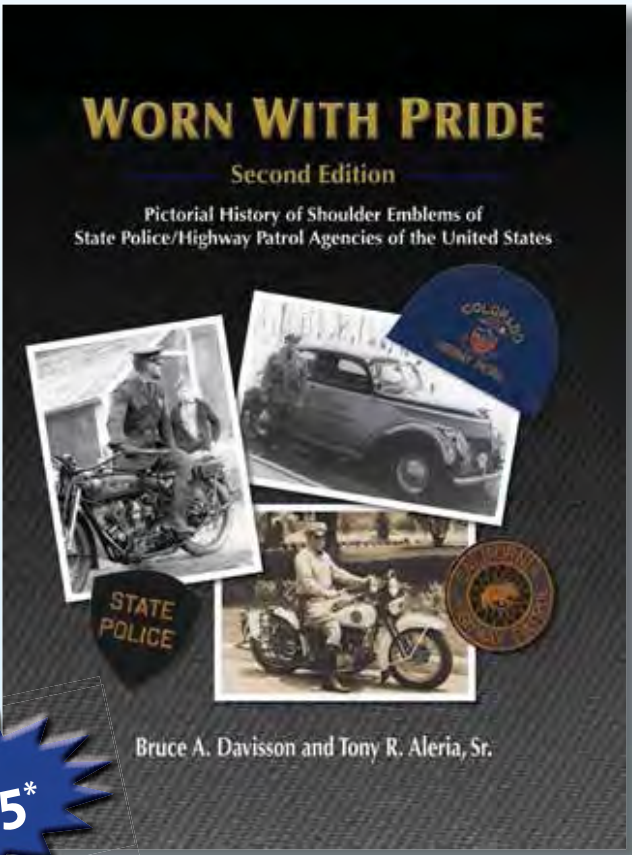
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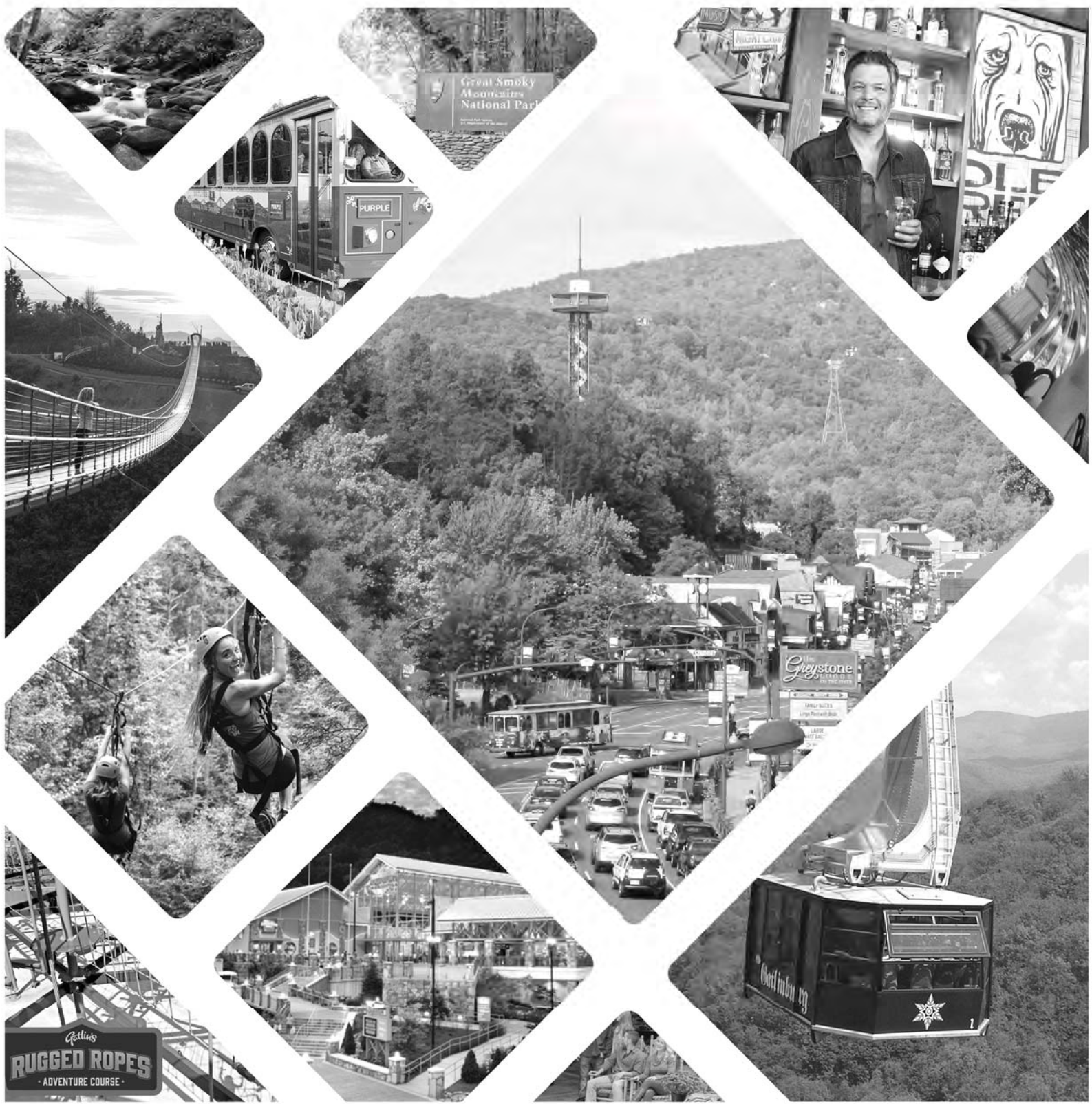
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