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Columbus Hosts Revamped Ohio Insignia Show

It has a new name, new hosts and a new venue, but the show formerly known as “Central Ohio” reached new heights on August 13. Hosts Bill Swank and Guy Forberger welcomed collectors from 21 states to the new Ohio Public Safety Collectors Show. It was a 100-table sellout.

By Mike R. Bondarenko, Editor

COLUMBUS, O. – New location. New hosts. Same great show. A 100-table sellout. A host hotel. That’s the 2022 Ohio Public Safety Collectors Show in a Twitter tweet.

Bill Swank, Guy Forberger and hosts emeritus JJ Mead and Bruce Muraco welcomed a massive turnout of collectors from all over the USA to the Columbus suburb of Dublin on August 13. Twenty-one states and the District of Columbia were represented. Hobbyists came from as far away as California and Hawaii.

“We had a good show. Everyone seemed to have a good time. I didn’t hear any complaints. The displays were great. The only bad thing was we could only get three-quarters of the ballroom, so it was crowded. Next year, we’ll have the whole ballroom, so we’ll have a lot more room between the 100 tables,” Swank said.

The Dublin Marriott proved an excellent host hotel and venue with abundant free parking, easy loading and unloading, complimentary Internet and a good restaurant and bar. Guest rooms were large, modern and well equipped. It was the first time the show had a host hotel during its long history, which dates to the mid-1980s.

“The hotel is very pro-public safety. They took good care of us. They host a lot of public safety events, so we were welcome here,” Swank said.

Collectors came from California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and the District of Columbia.

“Ohio” generated its usual hotly-contested display contest and strong buying, selling and trading of insignia from throughout the country. Collector-owned insignia vendors Keith Mackey, Rob Jackson and Bill Burks offered thousands of emblems for sale.

The families of deceased Ohio collectors John J. Connors, Charlie Redrup and Pat Olvey attended to offer insignia their loved ones collected during their long hobby careers. While Judith Olvey, Olvey’s widow, did not display badges or patches, she asked collectors for their wants and offered to look for them in the as-yet intact collection.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary and the Columbus Public Safety Corps had tables and solicited new members for their organizations. Both sold collectibles. The Cadets held a day-long prize raffle as a fundraiser.

Swank honored the memories of longtime local collectors Bob Murray, Dick Gross, Pat Olvey, John Connors and Charlie Redrup, who died recently.

He thanked former “Central Ohio” show hosts Chuck Butler, George Maciejunes, Larry Balla, Mike Creamer Jr. and Bruce Muraco for their efforts and dedication to the hobby.

Mike R. Bondarenko was presented with an award in recognition of his 40 years of



Vinnie Turocy, Aaron Bayer and Corey Chandler featured Tennessee law enforcement in their joint “Best Overall Display” exhibit. Bayer is a police officer in Signal Mountain. He brought an impressive collection of SMPD patches, metal badges and challenge coins. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

hobby service as editor and publisher of *Police Collectors News*.

Swank said the 2023 show will held next August at the Marriott. However, no date has as-yet been announced.

Twenty-one states represented “Ohio” tableholders came from 21 states and the District of Columbia, an outstanding turnout for a regional show.

JJ Mead, New Albany, O.; Bill Swank, Westerville, O.; John J. Connors Family, Toledo, O.; Guy Forberger, Roundtown, O.; Vinnie Turocy, Nashville, Tenn.; Mark Pyne, Naples, Fla.; Andy Castro, Honolulu, Hawaii; Keith Bushey, Azusa, Calif.; Chip Greiner, Bogota, N.J.; Gary Teragawa, Grovetown, Ga.;

Rob Jackson, Knoxville, Tenn.; Justin Kleinfelter, Napoleon, O.; Mike Creamer Sr. and Mike Creamer Jr., Grove City, O.; Charlie Redrup Family, Cleveland, O.; Phil Lind and Randy Adams, Cincinnati, O.; Andy Watson and Clay Loring, Lancaster, O.; Alex Behnen, Sunbury, O.; Peter Greene, Willoughby, O.;

Marty Cassidy, New Rochelle, N.Y.; Josh Davenport, Albany, N.Y.; Dave Fox, Venice, Fla.; David Hume, Lexington, Ky.; Steve Rivers, Washington, D.C.; Matt Morgan and Alan Levy, Indianapolis, Ind.; Glenn Hughes, Washington Court House, O.; Keith Mackey, Asheville, N.C.; Ohio State Highway Patrol;

Don Howell and Bruce Muraco, Columbus, O.; Larry Balla, Oak Hill, O.; Howard Schechter, Albany, N.Y.; Ken Lucas, Chesapeake City, Md.; Tom Ross, Cleveland, O.; Steve Curry, Louisville, Ky. Robert Madison, San Antonio, Tex.; Penny Anderson, Wyoming, Mich.; Thomas Herring and

Todd Hansen, Livonia and Ann Arbor, Mich.; C.J. Duffield, Perry, Mich.; Kevin Roszko, Westland, Mich.; Jim McMillian, Huntington, W. Va.; Police Collectors News, Baldwin, Wis.; Bill Burks, Atlanta, Ga.; Mike Dreschel, New York; Brian Coates, Cincinnati, O.; Len Ritchie, Marietta, O.

Anthony Moore, Toronto, O.; Tyler Argubright, Annapolis, Md.; Ezra Stout, Kentucky; Vic Elliot, Sydney, O.; Tom Dye, Akron, O.; Tom Dorian, North Carolina; Tony Gorsek, Cleveland, O.; Jack Genius, Markham, Ill.; Dean Cameron, Michigan; Max Bellard, Pittsburgh, Penna.; Steve Petro, New York;

John Christmann, Independence, Ky.; Jeremy Herman, Columbus, O.; Tom Rees, Virginia; Ed Sachs, Bexley, O.; Pat Znadja, East Grand Forks, Minn.; Shawn Spohn, Cuyahoga Falls, O.; Steve Ferrell and Jim Fightmaster, Lexington, Ky.; Jim Shattuck, Elizabethtown, Ky.; Gerry Tibbs, New Jersey;

Brian Lyons, New York; Hervey Cote, Mass.; Nick Leary, Connecticut; William Herald, Louisville, Ill. and Columbus Police Public Safety Cadets.



Ohio Public Safety Collectors Show co-host Bill Swank pays his respects to longtime local police insignia collectors who died recently, including John J. Connors, Charlie Redrup, Dick Gross, Patrick Olvey and Bob Murray, during remarks before the awards ceremony. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Aaron Bayer (left) and Vinnie Turocy (right) accept the “Best Overall Display” award at the Ohio show. It was presented by (left to right, rear) Colonel Richard Fambro, Chief Elaine Bryant and Sheriff Dallas Baldwin as host emeritus Bruce Muraco (far right) looks on. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

2022 Ohio Show ...Continued



Longtime Michigan badge collector Tom Herring was honored with the “Best Badge Display” award in Ohio. He has been collecting Wolverine State badges and patches for nearly 50 years. Herring has extensive collections from every major city in the state. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

Turocy wins display contest Vinnie Turocy is on a roll. Fresh off winning top honors at the recent 2022 National Police Collectors Show, he repeated the feat two months later by winning “Best of Show.” Although he joined forces with fellow Volunteer State hobbyists Aaron Bayer and Colby Chandler, who showed segments from their collections on his tables, Turocy was honored for his world class collection from the Tennessee Highway Patrol.

Longtime Michigan collector Tom Herring won “Best Badge Display” for an outstanding exhibit of antique, historic badges from the Kalamazoo Police Department. It was a fitting tribute to Herring, who will celebrate his 50th year in the hobby next year. He started collecting in 1973.

“Best Specialty Display” honors went to Jim Shattuck for a massive, beautifully displayed exhibit of federal law enforcement emblems from a wide variety of agencies and services, civilian and military.

Fifty-one year hobby veteran Ed Sachs won the “Best Historical Display” for his exhibit of antique historic badges from across the country.

Turocy, a THP supervisor in the Nashville area, specializes in his agency and has amassed a massive collection that must be seen to be fully appreciated. He showed segments from his Tennessee Highway Patrol and State Capitol Police collections.

His co-tableholders also offered excellent exhibits. Bayer featured Signal Mountain and Chattanooga police insignia. Chandler showed collections from the State Capitol Police, Knoxville and Hamilton County.

Turocy displayed a unique Tennessee collectible, a wooden bat signed by legendary McNairy County Sheriff Buford Pusser, who served from 1964 to 1970. (He worked as Adamsville city constable from 1970 to 1972.) Pusser, who was six feet six inches tall, preferred carrying his large wooden bat to a handgun. The bat became his trademark.

“We decided to combine our displays so we could put out some nice things from Tennessee,” Turocy said.

Herring has been collecting antique Michigan badges for nearly a half-century. He specializes in the Kalamazoo Police Department and the Wayne County Sheriffs Department. However, he also collects other major Michigan cities.

No badge in Herring’s Kalamazoo exhibit was newer than 1970. He showed a silver-colored shield from the 1880s. City law enforcement goes back to 1882. “Kalamazoo has a very long and pretty interesting police history,” he said.

Herring featured an unusual 1880s Kalamazoo badge with the dual ranks of “POLICE” at the top and “DEPUTY SHERIFF” at the bottom. The collector believes city police officers were also deputized by the Kalamazoo County sheriff.

“I’m not absolutely sure about that, but it would make a lot of sense. They could leave the city limits and make an arrest without involving the sheriff’s department. The departments were very small back then, so there would be no issue with jurisdiction,” he said.

Kalamazoo was a village before it became a city. Records from 1874 indicate there had been a village marshal as early as 1864.

The police department was formed on April 13, 1882. It was headed by the city marshal who employed six deputies.

While Shattuck is best known for his world-class United States Air Force Security Police collection, which features literally anything and everything Security Police-related, he also collects federal law enforcement agency emblems.

His “Ohio” exhibit featured hundreds of patches from a wide variety of federal agencies shown on what can best be described as a patch wall. He put together large, double-



“Best Specialty Display” award at the Ohio show went to Jim Shattuck (center). (Left to right) The presenters were judges Chief Elaine Bryant, Colonel Richard Fambro and Sheriff Dallas Baldwin. Bruce Muraco (center right) looked on. Shattuck was honored for his federal patches. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

decked freestanding display boards covered in blue cloth in a four-table exhibit. “Best Specialty Display” recognizes a collector for outstanding achievement for a specific agency or particular interest collection, such as federal cloth insignia.

Sachs has an incredible collection of antique badges from all over the country, including many first and second issues dating back to the late 1800s. Best of all, he knows a lot about the badges in his collection and has studied dates of use and some of the officers who wore them.

Many of Sachs’s badges come in unusual ranks or services. In addition, some represent long-obsolete agencies or long-forgotten styles made by early badge manufacturers or jewelers.



Jim Shattuck won the “Best Specialty Display” award for his massive exhibit of federal law enforcement agency emblems from civilian and military agencies. Shattuck impressed the display contest judges by the completeness and quality of his presentation. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

A trio of top ranking Ohio law enforcement officials served as the display contest judges, Franklin County Sheriff Dallas Baldwin, Columbus Police Chief Elaine Bryant and Ohio State Highway Patrol Colonel Richard Fambro.

Ironically, judging the contest was Colonel Fambro’s last official act as head of the OSHP. He retired the previous day to become the new police chief in nearby Grove City.

“I was really impressed by the dedication shown here. These exhibits are awesome. I was aware there are collectors, but I was not unaware your hobby is so professional and widespread. This was a lot of fun,” Colonel Fambro said.

Sheriff Baldwin echoed the colonel’s comments. “I get asked to judge a lot of things, but this is the first time I’ve judged things police-related things like this. This [show] is really impressive,” he said.

“I’m all about events like this that put police in a positive light. I can see this hobby is a lot of fun and a good pastime for officers, which is also a positive thing. As you all know, it’s not easy being a cop these days, so events like this are important to morale,” Chief Bryant said.

The winners received beautiful custom-engraved glass awards with the show logo, an Ohio state shape, and show information, as well as a custom commemorative gold-on-black vehicle license plate.



Left to right, rear) Colonel Richard Fambro, Chief Elaine Bryant, host emeritus Bruce Muraco and Sheriff Dallas Baldwin honored half-century badge collector Ed Sachs (center, holding award) with the “Best Historical Display” award. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Peter Greene was a Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA) police officer for 19 years. He has a virtually complete collection of agency badges, patches and other insignia. The RTA was established in 1974 to consolidate regional public transit. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Winged wheel patches anyone? Bob Speed of Monkton, Md. collects them. His display showed winged wheels from 41 agencies. Speed wanted to know if he is missing any. These emblems resemble the gold-on-black patches worn by Ohio state troopers. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

“Ohio” table talk News from 2022 National Police Collectors Show co-host Jim Clark, whose G-Man Emblem company was a tableholder: The show donation to the Smoky Mountain Autism Success Hub (SMASH), the official charity, has increased by more than \$3000 since the show to an eye-popping \$15,250!

"We raised the money through proceeds from sales of Marshals Service challenge coins and the different color show patches," he said. "And, we're not done yet. We're still selling the coins and all that money is going to them, too."

Clark also announced that Ole Smoky Distillery has followed the show's lead and plans to sell autism awareness t-shirts every April, which is National Autism Month. The proceeds will benefit SMASH.

Hervey Cote offered news from the Massachusetts State Police Museum and Learning



The family of the late John J. Connors attended the show to offer segments of his badge collection for sale. (Left to right) Steve and Jill Snyder, his widow, Diana, and his sons, Colin and John Connors. Connors died late last year. His achievements will never be forgotten. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

Center. The museum has reopened in its new location in historic downtown Whitinsville. Volunteers completed setting up the museum in late July. It offers more displays in a larger, more accessible location.

"We're really excited. This is going to be a very good move for us. It's a better location and will bring us more visitors. The biggest problem we had in Grafton was we didn't have a lot of room. Now, we have more room," Cote said.

One Market Square is a completely remodeled former bank building. The museum is leasing it but members are hopeful that it will become a long-term location.

The museum is open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 11 am to 4 pm.

Whitinsville is an unincorporated village in Worcester County south of Grafton, the former location. It is located about 45 miles southwest of Boston.

Well known Ohio collector Peter Greene spent 19 years (1995 to 2013) as a police officer with the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA). He has an outstanding agency collection of badges, patches and other artifacts and memorabilia.



The late John J. Connors specialized in state police and highway patrol badges during his long and distinguished collecting career. This frame displays part of his extensive Louisiana State Police collection. It was among many badges offered for sale by his family. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Way back when Kalamazoo, Mich. police wore these Old West-style circled five-point star badges. They were part of veteran collector Tom Herring's outstanding exhibit of Kalamazoo police badges. City law enforcement dates back to the mid-1800s. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

Greene said the RTA has worn four emblem styles. The first was a unique orange and black mirror image horizontal teardrop. The legends read, "RTA POLICE." It is from 1977 and was worn on both uniform sleeves. He had a few sets for sale.

The RTA collector is missing two patches from a complete collection, both rarities. One was worn by dispatchers. The other is the right shoulder version of a security officer patch.

Maryland hobbyist Bob Speed collects Ohio winged wheel patches and put up a display with a sign, "Am I missing any?" He has mostly black, gold and silver styles from 41 police departments across the state. Most resemble the State Highway Patrol emblem.

Having retired eight years ago following a 38-year law enforcement career, it warms my heart to see young people like the Columbus Police Public Safety Corps interested in public safety careers, especially during these times of a nationwide recruitment crisis.

The program is administered by the Police Division and is open to young people from 14 to 20. Members meet twice weekly for interactive hands-on training, ride-alongs with Columbus officers, participate in community outreach and public service events and compete in statewide and national events.

Corps members over 18 are eligible to become police cadets. They undergo classroom and scenario-based training, serve at community events and undergo physical training to prepare them for the department entry level fitness test.

I choked up when I visited with the family of my longtime Ohio badge collector friend, the late John J. Connors. Getting the chance to chat with his wife, Diana, again and meeting his survivors was an emotional experience. It brought back many fond memories. Connors was a collector's collector.

It was my pleasure to spend several days with John and Diana at their Toledo home in 1988 for interviews that ultimately became a feature-length story about his incredible collection in this newspaper.

The family attended to offer some of his badges for sale. Mrs. Connors also asked his longtime collector friends to sign a remembrance book, which I was humbled to do.

Talk about memories! Larry Balla, one of the original "Central Ohio" show hosts in 1986, ventured off his 50 acre southeastern Ohio farm to return to area where he spent his long police career, mostly as a motor officer. (George Maciejunes was his co-host.)

"This show was a lot different back then. It was smaller, a lot more low key and everything was sure a lot cheaper!" he quipped.

Balla and Maciejunes hosted 22 shows in Grandview Heights in 12 years. "Central Ohio" became one of the largest and best-attended local swap meets. It built the solid foundation that subsequent hosts have utilized ever since.

He brought three large frames of patches and badges from Grandview Heights PD, his former department. He believes he has the only complete collection of agency insignia.

"I still like the hobby, but I don't collect like I used to. I'm happy with the Grandview Heights collection because it was my department. Otherwise, I'm more or less retired from the hobby," Balla said.

I had a chance to touch base with longtime Dayton, O. police historian Steve Grismer,



Larry Balla and George Maciejunes founded the “Central Ohio” show in the Columbus area (Grandview Heights) in 1986. The duo hosted 22 shows in 12 years. Now, the show is held in Dublin under a new name. Balla is shown with his Grandview Heights collection. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

2022 Ohio Show ...Continued



Ezra Stout has an extensive Kentucky State Police collection. Earlier, the statewide agency was known as the Kentucky State Highway Patrol. The officers wore a round shoulder patch and unique large silver-colored badge. The legislature changed the name in 1948. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

who has written a couple books on crime in the city and police department history. He is active in the Dayton Police History Foundation. Grismer spent 25 years with Dayton PD and serves as historian for the local Fraternal Order of Police lodge.

"I've been putting on four-hour academy classes to Dayton police recruits on department history, which has been a good experience. They look at me a little funny when I tell them about how officers worked without radios, computers or cellphones and actually solved cases and arrested bad guys," he said.

Michigan collector Todd Hansen has an impressive Ann Arbor Police Department badge and patch collection with an emphasis on agency history. He featured a display devoted to the career of Arthur T. Hughes, who served the agency from 1957 to 1988 as a patrol officer, corporal, sergeant and staff sergeant. There were his badges and insignia, as well as photographs of him on the job.

Hansen also had an exhibit devoted to his family, which has a significant law enforcement history going back to Denmark. Family members served as police officers in Louisiana, New Jersey, Illinois and Michigan.

He not only collects Ann Arbor but has a special interest in the Michigan State University Police Department and Washtenaw County and Livingston County law enforcement agencies.

Ezra Stout brought an impressive collection of Kentucky State Police badges and other artifacts. He showed five frames, including one dedicated to Kentucky State Highway Patrol badges, as well as their very rare patch. These are pre-1948 before the agency became the State Police. Stout also showed the agency's 2013 65th anniversary badge.

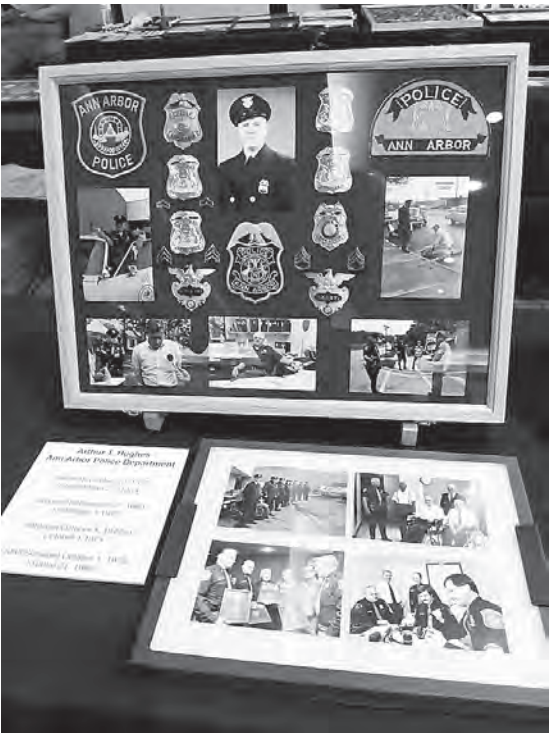
Three other leading national badge collectors were among the "Ohio" tableholders. Mark Pyne specializes in antique early American badges. He featured a variety of major city and small agency badges from across the country. Castro collects his native Hawaii, but he also pursues Dallas, Tex. police badges. Bushey has one of the hobby's largest and most complete collections and offered several frames of stars and shields for sale or trade. Even though I am not a badge collector, it was interesting to see the many fine badges these leading collectors offered.

Although Steve Ferrell lives in Kentucky, he collects Buffalo and Erie County, N.Y. badges and patches. He featured two large frames of Buffalo police insignia. One shows badges, while the other includes patches. He also showed some Erie County badges.

"I got interested because my ex-wife is from there. Buffalo has some really interesting badges. I've been able to find quite a few," Ferrell said.

His badge display included a variety of current and many obsolete styles and ranks dating to the early 1900s. There was a lieutenant shield alongside a desk lieutenant shield; evidently, Buffalo followed the lead of some large city departments with separate ranks for "desk" and "street" officers.

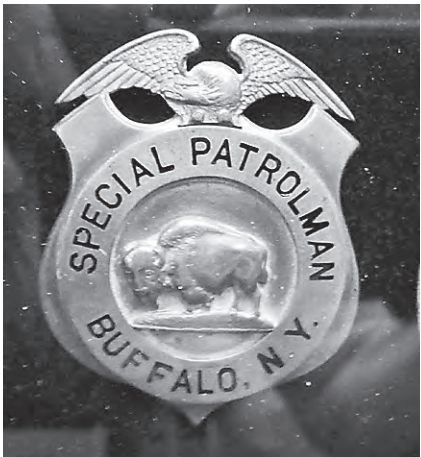
Ferrell showed off what he believes may be a one-of-a-kind Buffalo badge. It's a small, very early gold-colored eagle-topped shield with a buffalo in the center design. The rank is special patrolman. "It's the only one of these I've ever seen. I've never seen another one like it," he said.



Michigan collector Todd Hansen has an outstanding Ann Arbor Police Department collection. He featured a display dedicated to longtime city police Officer Arthur T. Hughes, who served from 1957 to 1988 and held the ranks of officer, corporal, sergeant and staff sergeant. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Among the exhibits that Ezra Stout featured at the Ohio show were a career display (left) and a beautiful collection of Kentucky State Police badges (right). Stout serves as a state trooper and specializes in the investigation of law enforcement officer-involved shootings. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



One of the rarest Buffalo police badges in Steve Ferrell's outstanding collection is this oldie but goodie once worn by a special patrolman. It is gold-colored with a buffalo as the center design. The legends read, "SPECIAL PATROLMAN/ BUFFALO, N.Y." *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

Jack Genius, the new police chief in Markham, Ill., covered a couple tables with frames of badges for sale or trade.

Genius showed a set of the recent Cook County Sheriffs Police 1922 to 2022 centennial commemorative hat and breast badges. These gorgeous badges were made by Blackinton and come in a handsome presentation case.

"The department authorized officers to buy a set, gold for ranks and silver for officers. They turned out really nice," he said.

PCNEWS will have a feature on the badges and the Sheriffs Police centennial in the November-December edition, including an interview with Sheriff Thomas Dart.

An update from Tom Rees on the popular book, *Bomb Squad and EOD Patch Reference Guide*, that he and Gary Gaffney put together: It's almost a sell out. As of August 13, Rees had just three copies left. Gaffney's supply is exhausted.

"We've found 41 new patches since the book came out. If we do a second printing, we would add them," he said.

Rees put up a colorful display of Ohio bomb squad and EOD emblems. Jeremy Herman is a relatively new collector. He is a police officer with the Columbus



Kentucky hobbyist Steve Ferrell collects Buffalo and Erie County, N.Y. badges and patches. He featured extensive collections of Buffalo Police Department patches (top) and badges (bottom). Farrell has been able to acquire many early, rare issues. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Cook County, Ill. Sheriff's Police is celebrating its centennial this year. Sheriff Thomas Dart authorized officers to buy a beautiful commemorative badge and hat piece made by Blackinton. The badges come in gold for supervisors and silver for deputies. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

Regional Airport Police Department and brought a display of agency insignia. "We police the main airport, but we also have jurisdiction over two smaller local airports, Rickenbacker and Bolton" he said. Their gold-on-black shoulder emblem features a highly-detailed depiction of the main terminal building and the red and white Authority logo. Their badge is a colorful oval that also shows the terminal, as well as the Authority seal bordered by flag-like banners. There is also a LAPD-style hat shield showing the Authority seal and the legends, "AIRPORT/ POLICE." Herman has opened a custom woodworking business that does large badge and patch plaques. Good news for Cleveland area collectors: Tony Gorsek is taking over as host of the Greater Cleveland Peace Officer Memorial Society (GCPOMS) Police Collectors Show,



Tom Rees journeyed from Virginia for the Ohio show. He brought an impressive exhibit of bomb squad and explosive ordinance disposal emblems, his specialty. Only three copies of the bomb squad and EOD book he published with Gary Gaffney remain unsold. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

which is held during Police Memorial Week in mid-May. Gorsek, a retired Cleveland police officer, has extensive show hosting experience, including the 2014 National Police Collectors Show and other Cleveland shows. His last one before the National featured 77 tables. Gorsek admitted he said as recently as last year that his days as a host were over, but he changed his mind. "It's because of my loyalty to the hobby and my loyalty to Cleveland. I don't want to see this show die. We don't have anything else in Cleveland," he said. Following the death of collector John Kascinez, a GCPOMS member and longtime show host, the once well-attended event has declined to a handful of vendor tables by non-collectors. The deterioration is a result of non-collectors being in charge of the show.



Longtime collector and show host Tony Gorsek is taking over the annual law enforcement insignia show sponsored by the Greater Cleveland Peace Officer Memorial Society. He hopes to revive the show beginning next May 20. It will be held at the Double Tree Hotel. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Jeremy Herman is a new collector and attended the show for the first time. He works for the Columbus Regional Airport Authority Police Department and brought a display of his agency's current patch, badge and hat piece. The PD patrols all three local airports. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



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Retired Akron officer Tom Dye featured a fascinating exhibit devoted to the 25-year career of city policewoman Mabel Kruse. She was the first policewoman hired in early 1937. Dye showed her three Akron and Summit County honorary deputy sheriff badges. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

“Right now, the show is dead. I know I have a lot of damage control to do, but it’ll be worth it to get this show back to where it belongs. We need a show in Cleveland,” he said. The new GCPOMS show will be next May 20 at the Double Tree on Lakeside Avenue, which was the host hotel for the 2014 National. Additional details are available in “Swap Meet Calendar.”

Peace Officer Memorial Commemoration Week in Cleveland is one of the largest law enforcement memorial events outside the national commemoration in Washington, D.C. It attracts hundreds of law enforcement officers from across the country and Canada. The annual tattoo, which features law enforcement pipes and drum corps from both nations, is a “must see” event.

“Because this is a GCPOMS event, we can take advantage of what they offer. They have 24-hour shuttles that will pick you up at the airport, take you to the hotel or any other hotel, take you anywhere you want to go during your stay and give you a ride back to the



A very impressive collection of cloth emblems and badges worn by members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol from Justin Kleinfelter’s fine collection. It includes specialty patches, such as motor carrier enforcement, drivers license examiner and dispatcher. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Mike Creamer Sr. and Mike Creamer Jr. showed an excellent badge and patch collection from the Grove City, O. Police Department. New Chief Richard Fambro commands a force of 67 officers who protect and serve the Columbus suburb with 41,300 people. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

airport. No charge. That’s great for out-of-town collectors,” he said.

Retired Akron police Officer Tom Dye featured an informative display devoted to the career of Officer Mabel Kruse, the city’s first female police officer. She was sworn in on March 1, 1937.

“She was called ‘Officer Mabel.’ She worked for the city for 25 years. There were only five females on the department at that time. She was the first one,” Dye said.

Dye displayed her three Akron badges, as well as her honorary Summit County deputy sheriff badge. The exhibit is augmented with photos of her during her career, newspaper articles and a local magazine feature about her, “Officer Mabel.”

“Female officers did not wear uniforms. They wore dresses. Their badges were small so they could pin them on,” the collector said.

Kruse was born in 1887 and died in 1973.

Justin Kleinfelter is a dedicated Ohio State Highway Patrol collector who specializes in license plates and vehicle photographs. He also collects patches and other artifacts and memorabilia.

Kleinfelter of Napoleon, O. featured an impressive exhibit of OSHP patrol vehicle license plates, including standard issues, obsolete styles and specialties, such as the “Blue Max,” an annual award for troopers who recover the most stolen vehicles, or the “Red Max” presented to sergeants who win the annual Colonel Tom Rice Leadership Award. The plates are displayed on their cruisers.

He has a 1956 personalized plate issued to Director of Public Safety Urie C. Felty.

There was also a 1960 Turnpike Patrol plate. It has the letters “TP” (for Turnpike Patrol) and a number.

Kleinfelter showed a historic patrol vehicle picture album, including photographs of green Turnpike Patrol sedans from 1955 to 1964. After the turnpike opened in 1955, the OSHP created a new post for troopers assigned to patrol it. Initially, the cars had white Turnpike Patrol markings. Today, turnpike trooper vehicles display standard markings.

Mike Creamer Sr. and Mike Creamer Jr. showed segments of their Ohio collection, two frames of Grove City police badges and patches, as well as displays from the Franklin County Sheriffs Office and Ohio Natural Resources.

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The lighting in the show venue was not conducive to photographing displays with glass fronts or reflective objects, such as badges. We apologize that some photos have light reflection. It was unavoidable. EDITOR

Dave Gislason Dies Longtime Minnesota patch collector Dave “Gooz” Gislason of Marshall, Minn. died in home hospice care on August 29 surrounded by his family following an extended illness. He was 67.

Gislason was among the pioneers of the Minnesota law enforcement insignia collecting hobby. He had an extensive Gopher State patch collection, including hundreds of rare, obsolete styles. His special weapons and tactics team patch collection was the finest in the state. In later years, he expanded his hobby interest to include Minnesota patrol vehicle license plates.

“Gooz” and his wife, Mary, hosted the annual police insignia show in Marshall every February. It attracts collectors from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois and the Dakotas. His friend, Kyle Helvig, will take over the show.

Gislason will best be remembered as a member of the legendary Four Horsemen of Minnesota patch collectors, along with Ron Rollins, Jerry Cuffee and Pasicznyk, who embarked on legendary statewide patch collecting trips in the ‘80s and ‘90s.

Funeral services were held on September 3.

A complete obituary and tribute will appear in the November-December edition.



Mike Creamer Jr. (left) and Mike Creamer (right) featured a fine collection of Ohio Natural Resources badges and patches. The Creamers have one of the largest and most complete Ohio collections in the hobby. Creamer Sr. is a retired Franklin County deputy sheriff. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Justin Kleinfelter collects the Ohio State Highway Patrol and specializes in patrol vehicle license plates, shoulder patches and historic vehicle photographs. He showed two special plates the agency awards for stolen vehicle recovery and sergeant leadership. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

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.

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.

Awards will be presented for the best displays.

The Rosen Hotel special room rate offer of \$119 a night for Friday and Saturday nights expired on August 3. However, rooms remain available at regular rates. Please make reservations on (800) 627-8258. The hotel now charges for parking. A rate of \$5 has been negotiated by the hosts. The usual parking rate is \$20.

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.

Calgary, Alta.

The 2022 Calgary Police Collectors Show will be Sat., Sept. 17 from 9 am to 3 pm at the Cuff ‘N Billy Club, 3730 Westwinds Dr. NE, Calgary, Alta. The show is sponsored and hosted by the International Police Association Calgary Region 3.

Free admission.

Tables are \$10. The hall will open for setup at 8:30 am.

For table reservations or additional information, contact Alex Brann at chandler@ipacanadaregion3.com.

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

Clinton, Tenn.

The Eighth Annual “Smoky Mountain” Public Safety Collectors Show will be Sat., Oct. 1 from 8 am to 3 pm at the Second Baptist Church, 777 Public Safety Lane, Clinton, Tenn. Rob Jackson will host it.

Admission is \$5.

Eight-foot tables are available for \$15 each. Registration includes two table assistants. Tables are not guaranteed until payment is made. Payment can be made using Pay Pal Friends and Family (robpatches@aol.com) or by check. The hall will be open for setup from 5 pm to 8 pm on Fri., Sept. 30.

For more information, please contact Jackson on robpatches@aol.com or call or text on (727) 455-1213.

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 CLEHS.

Admission is free.

There are 55 eight-foot by 36-inch tables available at \$40 each. Reserve your table early as the show sells 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 on the Web site.

Greenfield Park, Que.

There will be a police, fire and emergency medical services insignia trade show on Sat., Oct. 1 from 9 am to 3 pm at the Greenfield Park Legion, 205 Empire, Greenfield Park, Que. Wayne Lord, a retired Royal Canadian Mounted Police constable, will host it.

Admission is \$6.

Tables are \$12, which includes admission.

All collectors of badges, patches, pins, challenge coins, etc. are welcome.

For additional information or table reservations, contact Lord at waynelord@videotron.ca.

Altona, Man.

The Altona Police Patch and Insignia Show is back following the end of COVID-19 restrictions. The 2022 show will be held on Sun., Oct. 2 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm at the W.C. Miller Collegiate School, 181 Sixth St. SE, Altona, Manitoba. Mike Turnbull and Dan Defer will host it.

Admission is free.

A limited number of tables is available for \$5 each. Setup begins at 8:30 am. All proceeds will be donated to the school for the use of their facilities.

Lunch will be provided for all attendees and tableholders.

The school is the same location as the last show in 2019. While there is room for displays and tables, space is limited. Please enter at the north end of the building.

For reservations or additional information, contact: Mike Turnbull (204) 324-4539 or meturn@mts.net or Dan Defer (204) 304-0858 or dan.defer@altona.ca.

Riverdale, Md.

The 40th Mid-Atlantic Regional Police Collectors Extravaganza will be Sat., Oct. 8 from 10 am to 3 pm at the Elks Lodge, 6700 Kenilworth Ave., Riverdale, Md. Andy Ferraro will host it.

Admission is \$5. Spouses and children are admitted free.

Tables are \$23 each. The hall will open for exhibitor setup at 9 am.

A trophy will be awarded for the best display.

Please mail checks for tables to Andy Ferraro, PO Box 1, Brentwood MD 20722. He can be reached on (240) 723-0507.

Enterprise, Ala.

The First American Legion Post 73 Police and Fire Memorabilia Show will be Sat., Oct. 8 from 8:30 am to 2 pm at American Legion Post 73, 701 “V” St., Enterprise, Ala. Mark Lindsay will host it. This show is a fundraiser for the American Legion.

Admission is \$5.

Twenty tables are available for \$13 each. The hall will open at 7 am for exhibitor setup. Food and drinks will be available.

This is Lindsay’s first show. He relocated from Maryland to Alabama and serves as the second vice commander at Post 73. He hopes to attract collectors from Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi.

Enterprise is a city of 29,000 70 miles from the Gulf of Mexico and 30 miles from Georgia. It is best known as the home of the United States Army Fort Rucker, the home of Army aviation. It has a large aviation museum.

For table reservations or additional information, contact Lindsay on (410) 456-5762 or mlindsay_21230@yahoo.com.

Metro Boston

The 2022 Metro Boston Police Collectors Show and Swap Meet will be Sun., Oct. 9 from 9 am to 3 pm at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester, Mass. Brian Dunn will host it. This show is being held in honor of the late Taunton Police Officer John Borges, who died during the pandemic in 2020.

Admission is \$10.

Tables are \$45 each until September 15 and \$50 each after September 15. The fee includes admission for the exhibitor and an assistant. The host will attempt to honor all special requests for table locations as space permits. Early reservations are highly recommended.

Displays are encouraged.

For table reservations and general information, contact Dunn at msp1697@hotmail.com.

Williamstown, N.J.

The First Annual “South Jersey” Police Collectors Show will be Sun., Oct. 23 from 9 am to 3 pm at the Williamstown Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 1940 N. Black Horse Pike, Williamstown, N.J. Mike Matkowsky and Thomas Accoglio will host it.

Admission is \$5.

Fifty tables are available for \$30 each. The hall will open at 8 am for exhibitor setup.

Food will be available at the hall.

There will be a patch drop and a show patch. It will sell for \$5.

Proceeds will go to the Gloucester County Sheriff K9 Fund and the Monroe Township Police Unity Tour.

For table reservations or additional information, contact Matkowsky (856) 404-2294 or michaelmatkowsky@aol.com or Accoglio (609) 685-2846 or taccoglio@yahoo.com.

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 Bill Steinkuller and Kent Jefferies. The show is sponsored by the Fairfax County Police Association.

This show is dedicated to Larry Wilkins, a highly respected 37-year-old law enforcement veteran and avid badge collector. He passed away on May 25, 2022 leaving admiring colleagues and long-time friends and fellow collectors too numerous to mention. This longstanding and popular event will continue in his memory.

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

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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 made payable to Public Safety Cadets and mail to Public Safety Cadets, 50 Catoctin Circle NE-Ste. 325, Leesburg VA 20176-3124.
- For additional information, etc., contact Steinkuller or Jefferies at FCPAShow@aol.com.

Saint Louis Area

The 35th Annual “Gateway” Saint Louis Area Police Collectors Show will be Sat., Nov. 5 from 8 am to 3 pm at Pupillo’s Banquet Center, 3033 High Ridge Blvd., High Ridge, Mo. (This is a new location for the show.) Frank Selvaggio, Bob Shockey and Cody Umfress will host it.

Admission is \$3 for those 21 and older. Guests under 21 and spouses will be admitted free.

Forty-five six-foot tables are available for \$15 each. There is a two table maximum.

High Ridge is a community of 4300 in Jefferson County about 23 miles southwest of downtown Saint Louis. There are no hotels in the immediate area.

This is a private show. Entrance will only be granted to active and retired law enforcement, fire, emergency medicine and military personnel, their friends and families, as well as bonafide collectors. Exceptions can be granted to this policy prior to the show with the approval of the show hosts. The hosts reserve the right to ask for identification, Admission and table fees are not refundable.

The show has a Facebook page.

For show information, contact Selvaggio on (314) 614-9444.

For table reservations, contact Umfress on (573) 561-6053.

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.

“Central Jersey”

The 31st Annual “Central Jersey” Police and Fire Collectors Swap Meet will be Sun., Nov. 20 from 8 am to 1 pm at the Robbinsville Senior Center, 1117 Rte. 130, Robbinsville, N.J. Dom Botteri will host it.

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

Tables are \$25 each and payable in advance. One admission is included. The hall will open at 7 am for exhibitors only.

There will be a patch drop and display awards, Displays are encouraged.

Food will be available.

Patch reproductions available for sale or trade must be marked as reproductions.

Contact the host with any questions or additional information regarding this policy.

Proceeds will benefit the Robbinsville Food Pantry.

For table reservations, directions or additional information, contact Botteri on (609) 571-8201 (voice or text) or ltd104@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 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.

Titusville, Fla.

The 36th Annual “Space Coast” Patch Show will be Sat., Jan. 28, 2023 from 9 am to 4 pm at the North Brevard County Senior Center, 909 Lane Ave., Titusville, Fla. Steve and Karen Bridges will host it.

Admission is one patch.

Seventy tables are available for \$25 each until December 31 or \$30 each after December 31. Early reservations are highly recommended. The show is always a sellout. Setup begins at 8 am.

There will be awards for the best displays and a patch drop.

Lunch will be offered by a food truck on the premises.

The host hotel is the Holiday Inn Titusville/Kennedy Space Center, 4715 Helen Hauser Blvd. The hotel is offering rooms at a discount rate of \$124 (plus tax) for the nights of January 26 to January 28. The special room rate will be available until January 2. Make reservations on (321) 383-0200 and ask for the “Space Coast Patch Show Rate.” The hotel offers free parking, Internet and a hot and cold breakfast.

Titusville is home to the Kennedy Space Center and the American Police Hall of Fame and Museum.

Make table reservations by calling Bridges on (321) 302-1983 or csteveb170@gmail.com. Confirm reservations by mailing a check to Steve Bridges, 1535 Justin Ct., Titusville FL 32796.

Roseville, Calif.

The 27th Annual Doug Messer “49’er” Public Safety and Military Collectors Show will be Sat., Feb. 25, 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 the show sells out each year. Tableholders only setup begins at 8 am.

There will be awards for the best four displays.

American Legion Post 169 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, Bowman CA 95604-3212. His telephone number is (530) 613-4732.

Hasbrouck Heights, N.J.

The Sixth Annual New York and New Jersey Metropolitan Police and Fire Collectors Show will be Sun., Apr. 2 from 9 am to 2:30 pm at the Hilton Hasbrouck Hotel, 650 Terrace Ave., Hasbrouck Heights, N.J. Gerry Tibbs, Brian Lyons and Ed Zitek will host it.

Admission is \$5. Spouses and children under 12 will be admitted free. The hall will open at 8 am for exhibitor setup.

Tables are \$65 each. Reservations can be made online using Pay Pal Family and Friends to uspcld2016@gmail.com. Checks for tables can be mailed to US Police Collectors, PO Box 53, Tappan NY 10983-0053. Tables are now available.

Displays are encouraged. Awards will be presented for the best badge, patch and overall displays.

There will be patch and challenge coin drop boxes at the door.

Reproduction insignia must be marked as such.

Only public safety personnel and known collectors will be admitted. Identification is required.

Room reservations at a reduced rate can be made directly with the hotel. Use the promotional code “PCASM” to obtain the reduced rate.

The latest information is available on the show Facebook page, “2022 New York-New Jersey Police and Fire Collectors Show.”

Edmonton, Alta.

The 2023 Edmonton Area Emergency Services Swap Meet will be Sat., May 13 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion Saint Albert Branch, 6 Tache St., Saint Albert, Alta. Phil Bailey and the International Police Association Canadian Section will host it.

Free admission.

Tables are \$10 each. The hall will open at 8:30 am for exhibitor setup.

For table reservations or additional information, contact Bailey at crestcorp@shaw.ca.

Cleveland, O.

The Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society (GCPOMS) will host the 2023 Police Collectors Show on Sat., May 20 from 10 am to 3 pm at the Double Tree Hotel, 1111 Lakeside Ave., Cleveland, O. Tony Gorsek will host it. He is a former National Police Collectors Show host.

Free admission. All are welcome.

Tables are \$20 each. Purchase two or more tables and get one free. The hall will be open from 8 am to 10 am for exhibitor setup.

The show will be an official event of the annual GCPOMS Police Memorial Week celebration, which attracts law enforcement officers from throughout the United States and Canada. Please see the GCPOMS Web site at PoliceMemorialSociety.Org for information on other official events.

GCPOMS offers complimentary 24-hour transportation to and from the Cleveland airport, as well as transportation to and from anywhere throughout the city. There is no need for out-of-town collectors to rent cars.

The show has a Facebook page, “Cleveland Police Collectors Show.”

For table reservations or additional information, contact Gorsek on (216) 287-5343 or gorsek@att.net.

2023 National Police Collectors Show

The 2023 National Police Collectors Show will be Thursday, June 1, Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3 at the National Orange Show Events Center, 689 S. “E” St., San Bernardino, Calif. It will be hosted by the San Bernardino Police Historical Society and President Dennis Houser.

Thursday, June 1 will be setup day for tableholders and vendors. The hall will be open from 9 am to 5 pm. Only registered tableholders and vendors and their assistants will be admitted. A business meeting will be held from 5:15 pm to 5:45 pm followed by a tableholders and vendor reception from 6 pm to 8 pm.

The show will be open to the public from 9 am to 6 pm on Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3. The hall will open at 8 am each day for registered tableholders and assistants only.

The show will feature a vintage police and fire vehicle show. It will be held inside the show hall.

Two hundred eighty tables are available for \$90 each. Tables are eight feet long by two feet wide. There is no table limit. For reservations, please mail a check to San Bernardino Police Historical Society, 710 N. “D” St., San Bernardino CA 92401 or register online at National-Police-Collectors-Show.Com.

Sparks Police History The Sparks, Nev. Police Department recently celebrated National Police Week by staging a display of historical artifacts and memorabilia at the Sparks Heritage Museum. “Where Community Comes First: The History of the Sparks Police Department” featured a variety of exhibits, including a refurbished cell panel and door from the Sparks Jail in 1941. The department staged a display of vehicles and a canine demonstration on the opening day of the exhibition.



Kyle Landgrebe (left), host of the Indiana Law Enforcement Memorabilia Show in Bloomington, presents the “Best Overall Display” award to Iowa hobbyist Don Magruder (right) for his museum-quality exhibit of first and second badges. He specializes in pre-1900 badges. *Contributed photograph*



Dan Bukala (right) has been collecting Indiana law enforcement emblems from Lake County, the State Police and the Department of Corrections for many years. He received the “Best Patch Display” award from host Kyle Landgrebe (left). It was Bukala’s first-ever show display. *Contributed photograph*

Bloomington Hosts Annual Insignia Show

Collectors and tableholders from eleven states and Canada gathered in Bloomington for the 2022 Indiana Law Enforcement Memorabilia Collectors Show on August 6. Kyle Landgrebe welcomed 50 collectors to his 39-table sellout show.

By Mike R. Bondarenko, Editor

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – Kyle Landgrebe is a dedicated Indiana law enforcement insignia collector. In 2017, he and other Central Indiana collectors talked about a show in the region because there was none. Landgrebe, a local law enforcement officer, decided to host a show in Bloomington for the first time a year later. It was a success. Now in its fifth year, the Indiana Law Enforcement Memorabilia Collectors Show has grown steadily in attendance and tableholders. It remains the only Hoosier State show. “I received positive feedback from all the tableholders, all of whom said they would likely get table(s) at the show in 2023,” Landgrebe said. “There were several collectors who had never attended a show before, and several tableholders who had never displayed at a show before that were quite impressed with how the show turned out.” The Bloomington law enforcement officer welcomed about 50 collectors to the Monroe County Fairgrounds Community Building on August 6. Hobbyists came from Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, South Carolina, Tennessee and Wisconsin. John Malyna journeyed all the way from Canada. Out-of-state collectors were Bill Burks and Bill Charles, Georgia; Dylan Certa and Megan Maki, Illinois; Don Magruder and Mike Leeper, Iowa; Chris Detwiler, Ezra Stout, David Hume, Jim Shattuck and Steve Curry, Kentucky; Richard Fitzmaurice and Mitch Dixon, Michigan; Stephen Downin, Minnesota; Michael Buckley, New York; Jim Karas, Charlie Kneipp, Phil Lind and Jeffrey Alexander, Ohio; Keith Mackey, South Carolina, Thomas Crowe, Tennessee and Dave Fiddler, Wisconsin. The show was a 39-table sellout. Tableholders were Bill Burks, Bill Charles, Don



Ezra Stout (left) specializes in his agency, the Kentucky State Police, and won the “Best Badge Display” award in Bloomington. He was honored for a large exhibit of current and obsolete stars and shields. He also has a collection from the Kentucky Highway Patrol. *Contributed photograph*

Magruder, Mike Leeper, Chris Detwiler, Ezra Stout, David Hume, Jim Shattuck, Steve Curry, Richard Fitzmaurice, Charlie Kneipp, Phil Lind, Keith Mackey, Jeff Topping, Ernie Hann, Alan Levy, Dan Bukala, Kevin Howard, Ryan McClain, Dylan Certa and Kyle Landgrebe. Don Magruder won “Best Overall Display” for his exhibit, “Step Back In Time.” He specializes in pre-1900 law enforcement badges. His museum-quality collection features a wide variety of first and second issue stars and shields from across the country, including many major cities and other large departments. It must be seen to be truly appreciated. The “Best Badge Display” award went to Kentucky state trooper Ezra Stout for an outstanding exhibit of current and historic badges from his agency. He specializes in the Kentucky State Police and has fashioned a large and virtually complete collection of badges, patches, artifacts and memorabilia. Dan Bukala from Saint John, Ind. won “Best Patch Display” for a very impressive collection of Lake County, Ind. law enforcement agencies. The 25-year veteran collector only collects Lake County, the Indiana State Police and the Indiana Department of Corrections. He has very rare emblems from all three agencies, including Lake County defunct agencies. “Honorable Mention” went to Kevin Howard, another Indiana collector, for his extensive emblem collections from the counties of Daviess and Martin. Landgrebe offered additional show highlights: Megan Maki brought the most unusual collectibles of the day, custom-made baked goods in the form of accurate representations of Indiana police and sheriff badges and patches! The cookies were a huge hit. The only question buyers had was, “Do I eat it or save it?” She owns Megan’s Homemade Deliciousness in Saint Charles, Ill. and describes herself as an at-home, self-taught cook and baker. Keith Mackey returned to Bloomington with an even larger offering of 21 bins containing more than 20,000 law enforcement emblems for sale. He brought federal, state and local patches organized by states or categories. His Midwestern states bins were particularly popular. Mackey is highly-regarded for selling high-quality, authentic patches at very reasonable prices. There was a good variety of patches and badges available on the exhibitor tables. Indiana insignia was the most prevalent, but there were also plenty of collectibles from throughout the USA. Ryan McClain of Cardinal Police Diecasts, an Indiana-based designer and producer of custom law enforcement vehicle models and custom vehicle graphics for modelers, was among the tableholders. John Owen and McClain own and operate the company. Cardinal, named after where the owners went to college, Ball State University in Muncie,



(Top) No, those aren’t real Indiana badges and patches. They are custom cookies made by Megan Maki of Illinois. She sold them at the Bloomington show. To eat or collect? Big decision. (Bottom) Host Kyle Landgrebe’s haul from the Indiana show included badges and coins. *Contributed photographs*



Cardinal Police Diecasts built this high-quality, highly-detailed diecast of a Purdue University Police Department K-9 Unit. It's a black and white sport utility vehicle with authentic markings and emergency lights. Purdue University is located in West Lafayette, Ind. It's in the Big Ten. *Contributed photograph*

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Ind., produces highly-detailed and authentic diecast vehicles and graphics. The firm started when Owen created a Facebook page to show his custom diecast creations. Now, they do business with law enforcement agencies, collectors and modelers across the nation. While diecasts have declined somewhat in popularity since the Road Champs craze took the hobby by storm in the late '80s and early to mid-'90s, building and collecting vehicles remains a significant pastime. Landgrebe said the 2023 show will be held in late July or early August. However, the date has not been determined. "I would like to thank all of the tableholders and walk-ins for attending. These shows aren't possible unless there are a decent amount of tableholders to fill the venue and collectors who walk through and attend," he said. MIKE R. BONDARENKO (2392 USH 12, Baldwin WI 54002) pcnews@baldwin-telecom.net

Hobby Mourns Loss Of 50 Year Collectors

Mort Ward and Steve Reuther, two of the longest-tenured collectors in the hobby, and Wisconsin collector Brian McDonald, died in late July. Ward and Reuther had more than 50 years collecting experience each, while McDonald collected for at least 35 years.

By Mike R. Bondarenko, Editor

SPECIAL – The hobby was in its infancy when Mort Ward and Steve Reuther began collecting law enforcement insignia in the early 1970s. There were no regular shows. No PCNEWS. No way to know about the smattering of other hobbyists scattered across the country. Yet, Ward and Reuther overcame these formidable obstacles and remained active in the hobby for more than 50 years each. Ward, 84, died on July 28 in Santa Barbara, Calif. A distinguished Episcopalian minister who was also a special deputy sheriff, volunteer firefighter and Red Cross disaster worker during his career, Ward collected, police, fire and emergency services insignia. Reuther died on July 30 at his home in Fort Pierce, Fla. He was only 62 years old. He



Father Mort Ward, longtime California collector, died at his home in Santa Barbara on July 28 following a lengthy illness. Although he served the Episcopalian Church for more than 50 years, he was also a volunteer firefighter, deputy sheriff and disaster relief worker. *Contributed photograph*



Steve Reuther collected law enforcement emblems for more than a half century after he started writing patch request letters when he was 11 years old. Reuther had a distinguished 32-year career with the Saint Lucie County, Fla. Sheriffs Department and retired as a major. *Contributed photograph*

was a dedicated patch aficionado who specialized in Florida and his home state of New Jersey. Reuther spent 32 years with the Saint Lucie County Sheriffs Department and retired in 2013 with the rank of major. Although both smoothly transitioned into the modern-day hobby, they remained highly-regarded old-fashioned collectors with many longtime friends and trading partners. They will be sorely missed. Brian McDonald, 71, became a collector after he joined the Wisconsin State Patrol as a trooper. Although he primarily collected the Badger State, McDonald also collected state police and highway patrol emblems from throughout the country. He was a regular at Milwaukee area shows. He died on July 26 in Wauwatosa, Wisc. following a 20-year battle with cancer.

"Heard a louder alarm bell!" Mort Ward was truly a man of God and served the Episcopalian Church for nearly 50 years, not only in California but other states as well. He was ordained in 1963 and became a priest in 1965. He also truly enjoyed his "other" career in public safety, where he also served with distinction. He was a special deputy sheriff, volunteer firefighter and a Red Cross disaster preparedness and relief worker in California. During an interview with PCNEWS at the 2017 National Police Collectors Show in Ontario, Calif., where he gave the invocation, he spoke of his lifelong interest in police work, firefighting and emergency services, which led to his insignia collecting hobby. "I started collecting in about 1970 or so. My only interest at first was fire badges. My church was in San Diego County, so I volunteered with the Poway Fire Department. I loved it because I love helping people in time of need. People who have fires are pretty needy, you know! That's been my life, and I wouldn't change a thing," he said. Ward also joined the San Diego County Sheriffs Department as a special deputy. Although he spent some time on patrol, he served mostly as a combination chaplain, counselor and on call priest. "I loved that work as well. I get a lot of personal satisfaction comforting crime and accident victims, and I had to do a quite a bit of that, unfortunately, especially crime victims," he said. With the Red Cross, the longtime collector served as an instructor and member of its Disaster Action Team. An emergency medical services technician and board-certified crisis chaplain, he was also a disaster mental health lead, spiritual care advisor to the Central California region and a Services to the Armed Forces lead. The Red Cross awarded him the prestigious Clara Barton Award for meritorious volunteer leadership. He was chaplain to the Santa Barbara Fire Department. When asked if ever considered being a full-time firefighter or police officer, Ward responded with his characteristic quick wit and easy smile, "I heard a louder alarm bell!," he said, as he pointed toward the sky. Of course, he meant the priesthood. "I've got kind of an eclectic approach to the hobby. I collect things from all over that strike my fancy, especially from places where I've been or worked. It's a lot easier to collect now than it used to be, that's for sure, and I've been blessed to have many great friends in the hobby that have helped me over the years," Ward said. Ward was born Samuel Mortimer Ward IV in New York City in 1937 to his namesake father, an attorney, and his mother, a hospital aide. He graduated from Windsor Mountain School, a private high school in Lenox, Mass. He received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Heidelberg University in Germany. Ward relocated to California and received his master of divinity degree from Church Divinity School of the Pacific in 1963. He ministered to Native Americans in the South and Southwest for several years in the 1960s. After serving parishes in Southern California for 30 years, Ward trained as a specialist in interim ministries in the 1990s. He served often troubled congregations as far away as Illinois, Missouri and Michigan. "I guess they chose me for these assignments because I was a fireman. I got pretty good at putting out t fires!" he quipped. Ward said his most unusual interim assignment came in 2006 when took over a



Saint Lucie County Sheriff Ken Macara speaks at the funeral for Major Steve Reuther. The longtime Florida collector served the department for 32 years and rose through the ranks to join the command staff. Reuther had an outstanding collection from the department. *Contributed photograph*



Veteran Wisconsin patch collector Brian McDonald, also known as “Big Mac,” died on July 26 following a courageous two-decade battle with cancer. He was a regular at Milwaukee area insignia shows in the late 1980s to the late 1990s. McDonald attended the 1987 National. *Contributed photograph*

congregation in Lompoc, Calif. that had been rocked by allegations that their pastor had been implicated in a shooting involving a parishioner.

Longtime California collectors Gary Teragawa, Mike McDowell and Keith Bushey offered condolences and memories.

“Please accept my sincere condolences and deepest sympathies on the passing of Father Mort. May he rest in peace. He was a Christian gentleman and a true friend. He will be missed and is never to be forgotten,” Teragawa said.

McDowell offered, “By the time we met 34 years ago, Mort was already a respected fire buff and had an incredible fire badge collection. Having never met him, Mort invited me to his home to show me his collection in 1988.

“Then he offered to sell me well over a hundred fire badges at a ridiculously low price, and he knew it. I accepted his offer but didn’t have the money. He told me, a total stranger, ‘Take the badges and send me the money when you can.’

“Mort was also generous with his knowledge. He taught me to offer more than I receive in a trade or throw something else in the box after the deal is made, teaching gentleness and generosity in a competitive and cut-throat world. Valuable lessons learned at the feet of a gentle and masterful human being.”

Bushey’s stirring tribute appears in *California Police Historian* elsewhere in this issue. Ward’s family announced a celebration of life will take place in the near future. However, no details have been finalized.

“At least 1000 letters!” Steve Reuther was growing up in northern Bergen County, N.J. in the early 1970s when he read a newspaper story about a police patch collection. It sparked his interest in the hobby that lasted more than 50 years.

“I was 11 years old when I saw a story in the local paper about the patch collector. I thought it would be fun to collect patches, so I decided to start a collection of my own,” he recalled during in interview with *PCNEWS* at the 2021 “Space Coast” show in Titusville, Fla. hosted by his longtime friend Steve Bridges.

Reuther began handwriting letters to police departments across the country asking for patches, which is the way the hobby worked back then. He estimated he sent out at least 1000 letters. “It’s kind of funny now. Most young guys wrote love letters. I wrote patch letters,” he said.

Reuther described the early ‘70s hobby as vastly different than today. “Things were a lot different back then. Departments were a lot more collector-friendly. I sent out a lot of letters and got patches back from about half the departments. I was never asked to buy one or send one in return. Most of the time, there was a cover letter enclosed thanking me for my interest,” he recalled.

When Reuther wrote to the North Bergen County Police Department in his hometown, a uniformed patrolman delivered a patch to his house and handed it to him! That would probably never happen today.

After his family relocated to Florida in 1977, he continued his hobby, again writing to agencies and asking for patches. He avidly collected Florida, New Jersey and Alaska. His collection grew to over 7000 emblems.

“I couldn’t wait for the mailman to stop every day. I felt every envelope to see if there was a patch in it. It was a lot of fun then, and it’s still a lot of fun,” he said.

Reuther credited his hobby with his choice of law enforcement as his lifelong career. “How could I have started collecting when I was 11 and then not be a cop?” he said.

The collector joined Saint Lucie County in 1989. He rose through the ranks over the years and retired as a major in 2013. He said he enjoyed a great career with a great department.

“It is with a heavy heart that I report to you the death of a friend, retired major and patch collector,” Bridges said. “He will be missed greatly by his family, friends and the collecting hobby,”

Interestingly, Reuther kept every letter he received from a law enforcement agency in



Brian McDonald spent 28 years as a Wisconsin State Patrol trooper following his military discharge. He spent his entire career in Washington and Dodge counties in eastern Wisconsin. McDonald was a dedicated trooper and received commendations for his performance. *Contributed photograph*

response to his patch request. He featured a large album containing some of them at the Titusville show.

“I’ve known Steve for a long time. He is one of the good guys in the hobby down here, and a very serious collector,” Bridges said. He introduced us and asked that I include him in my show story. It was a pleasure to do so.

Reuther’s dedication to the hobby at such a young age is truly unique and remarkable. How many 11 year old boys are willing to write letters by hand to pursue a hobby? Not just one letter, but a lot of letters. And, how many continue to do so for many years, even after they become teenagers? He was definitely a collector’s collector.

Reuther was born in Weehawken, N.J. in 1959. He graduated from high school in New Jersey and then attended Barry University in Miami, where he received a masters degree after the family relocated to the Sunshine State.

While serving with Saint Lucie County, he graduated from the FBI National Academy.

Reuther is survived by his wife of 37 years, Becky, two sons and two brothers.

Funeral services were held in Fort Pierce on August 6. He is buried in a Fort Pierce cemetery.

“Nothing like being a trooper” The Wisconsin State Patrol prides itself on troopers like Brian McDonald. A United States Air Force veteran who served in Vietnam, he served for 28 years in Washington and Dodge counties in eastern Wisconsin and retired following a distinguished law enforcement career.

Born in North Dakota in 1950, McDonald’s family relocated to the Badger State. He graduated from high school in Greendale, a Milwaukee suburb, in 1968, then joined the military. Later, he became a Wisconsin state trooper.

McDonald took great pride in being a state trooper. “There’s nothing like being a state trooper. We’re unique in Wisconsin law enforcement because we have a single focus, which is traffic safety. That’s all we do,” he said.

He became interested in the hobby while serving as a trooper in Washington County. “I stopped by one of the police departments in the county. They had a patch board from other departments. I thought, ‘Hey, that’s pretty neat,’ so I decided to start collecting, too,” he said.

McDonald embarked on a long hobby career that spanned more than 35 years. He collected Wisconsin police and sheriffs, as well as state police and highway patrols and other emblems that interested him. An avid outdoorsman, he developed an interest in emblems depicting wildlife.

The trooper became a regular at Milwaukee area police collector shows hosted by the late Gene Matzke and the late Bill Harrington. He also attended the 1987 National Police Collectors Show in Chicago.

McDonald was an old-fashioned collector. While he attended shows, he traded mostly by mail with a nationwide network of collectors, especially state police and highway patrol aficionados, such as Bob Speed in Monkton, Md., who became a close friend.

McDonald was highly regarded by his fellow Badger State collectors for his quick wit and self-effacing demeanor. Well before state troopers were given criminal law enforcement authority, he told a county deputy sheriff, “Well, I guess I’m Cop Lite...until you get behind the wheel.” (That deputy was me.)

Sadly, McDonald was diagnosed with cancer in the early 2000s. He scaled back his collecting activity to concentrate on his family, especially his grandchildren, and sold much of his collection, according to his wife, Patricia.

McDonald was a longtime member of his local Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

His funeral with military honors was held on August 5 in West Bend, Wis. He is buried in a Milwaukee cemetery.

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Marshals Service Museum Opening Set For Mid-2023

The official United States Marshals Service Museum is finally scheduled to open in mid-2023 at its new location in Fort Smith, Ark. The \$50 million museum will preserve and document the history of the nation’s oldest federal law enforcement agency.

By Mike R. Bondarenko, Editor

FORT SMITH, Ark. – The long-awaited opening of the new United States Marshals Service Museum in Fort Smith, Ark. is tentatively set for summer 2023, according to an announcement by Douglas Babb, chairman of the museum board of directors.

“Fabrication of the exhibits is planned to be finished by spring, barring any vendor, labor or supply chain issues, with everything to be installed by late spring or early summer. The museum will announce an opening date once the exhibits are substantially completed,” Babb said.

The \$50 million project has experienced delays as a result of fundraising shortfalls, the pandemic, a 2020 flood and the arrest of the president and chief executive officer (CEO) late last year. The unique star-shaped building was completed in January 2020 on the east shore of the Arkansas River along the Arkansas-Oklahoma border, but remains largely vacant.

Although the museum is officially sanctioned by the Marshals Service, it is being financed by private donations and grants. Babb said \$45 million has been raised so far but another \$5 million is needed to complete the project, which began with initial fundraising in 2007.

Last year, the board of directors signed a \$7.8 million contract with Thinkwell, a Los Angeles-based company, to build the exhibits, which will chronicle the history and legacy of the nation’s oldest federal law enforcement agency. About \$1.7 million will be spent on exhibits, while other \$1 million will go toward furniture, equipment and fixtures.

The museum has been without a president and CEO since last December after Patrick Weeks, 53, of Fort Smith was placed on administrative leave following his arrest in Sebastian County for two counts of aggravated assault with a firearm. He resigned on March 4.

Weeks, who headed a museum consulting business in Dublin, O. before he took the job in Fort Smith in 2016, pled not guilty to the felony charges earlier this year. His case is



The United States Marshals Museum is built on the east bank of the Arkansas River in Fort Smith on the Arkansas-Oklahoma stateline. The \$50 million museum will preserve the history and legacy of the nation’s oldest law enforcement agency. The USMS was founded in 1789. *USMS photograph*

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scheduled for a jury trial in October.

Weeks oversaw the construction of the building and initial plans for the exhibits. The alleged crime took place at his residence, not at the museum. Police arrested him after he reportedly pointed at a handgun at two utility workers, claiming they had trespassed on his property.

Babb said the museum has conducted a nationwide search for a new president and CEO. “We want a person with extensive experience in museum operations and management,” he said.

The board hopes to hire the new employee soon. He did not disclose the salary range, saying it will be dependent upon the successful candidate’s qualifications and experience.



An artist’s conception of an interactive exhibit area at the USMS Museum. According to curator David Kennedy, the museum has a collection of more than 1000 pieces, including the “America’s Star” traveling museum, which visited 22 cities nationwide from 1989 to 1991. *USMS photograph*

The museum is a state-of-the-art 53,000 square foot facility. In addition to exhibit space and business offices, it offers two large event rooms available for rent and a gift shop, “The Outpost,” which sells apparel, USMS books and other collectibles. The emphasis is on history.

Curator David Kennedy said the museum collection presently numbers about 1000 pieces, mostly donated, and he anticipates it will grow larger as the opening date nears.

Initially, the Marshals Service operated a small museum in Laramie, Wyo. where it housed the traveling exhibit “America’s Star,” which visited 22 cities on a two and one-half year nationwide tour to celebrate the agency’s 200th anniversary in 1989. The museum closed in 2003. The exhibits are now in storage but many will be displayed in Fort Smith.

Former USMS Director John Clark chose Fort Smith as the location for the new museum on January 4, 2007. Nashville, Tenn., Saint Louis, Mo. and Laramie also expressed interest in hosting the facility but were not chosen.

Clark said he selected Fort Smith because of its historical significance to USMS history. It was the home of the federal territorial court of Judge Isaac Parker, the infamous “Hangin’ Judge,” who presided over the Western District of Arkansas in the mid-1800s with an iron fist and hangman’s noose.

Judge Parker heard more than 14,000 cases during his 21 years on the bench and sentenced more than 160 people to death by hanging. More than 8500 defendants either pled guilty or were found guilty in his court.

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An artist’s conception of an exhibit dedicated to frontier United States marshals and deputy marshals from the 1800s. Many famous marshals and deputies worked in Fort Smith, such as Bass Reeves, the first African-American appointed west of the Mississippi River. *USMS photograph*



Legislators and law enforcement officials gathered around Hawaii Governor David Ige (seated) as he signed into law legislation that creates the new law enforcement department and transforms the current public safety department into a corrections and rehabilitation agency. *State of Hawaii photograph*

Governor Signs Law Enforcement Reorganization Bill

Statewide law enforcement in Hawaii will undergo sweeping changes next year as a result of legislation signed into law by Governor David Ige. All state law enforcement agencies will move to the new Department of Law Enforcement, while the Department of Pubic Safety will become the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

By Mike R. Bondarenko, Editor

HONOLULU, Hawaii – Hawaii is the only state that doesn’t have a centralized, independent state law enforcement agency. That is about to change.

On July 8, Governor David Ige signed legislation at the State Capitol in Honolulu creating the new Department of Law Enforcement (DLE). The newly-created agency will take over all statewide law enforcement when it goes into service on July 1, 2023.

“The new department will allow more efficient and effective emergency response, criminal law enforcement, investigations and homeland security operations,” Governor Ige told a large audience at the signing ceremony in Honolulu.

The last time a new state law enforcement agency was formed in Hawaii was 1989 when Department of Public Safety (DPS) was created.

The DLE will include the current DPS Law Enforcement State Sheriff Division, Narcotics Enforcement Division and Internal Affairs Office, Department of Transportation Harbors Division and Department of the Attorney General’s Criminal Investigative Division. It will also encompass the Department of Defense Office of Homeland Security and the Hawaii State Fusion Center.

Jordan Lowe, DPS deputy director, said his agency will be renamed the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR) by January 1, 2024. It will administer corrections, rehabilitation and reentry of inmates throughout the state.

“The consolidation will centralize command and control for the state’s critical incident management, improve interoperable communications and the ability to handle complex multi-island investigations. It will improve the overall efficiency of statewide law enforcement operations,” he said.

DLE and DCR will be independent state agencies, the governor said.

The law also establishes a statewide law enforcement training center under the direction of the DLE. It will be made available to federal and county law enforcement agencies at their request.

The reorganization will result in major changes to most current state law enforcement insignia. All current DPS, Attorney General, Harbors Division, Homeland Security and



Hawaii deputy sheriff vehicles will have to be outfitted with new markings next year. The current door decal is depiction of the agency’s gold badge with the state seal as the center design. Deputy sheriffs will be transferred to the new Department of Law Enforcement. *State of Hawaii photograph*



Hawaii Public Safety sheriff and Hawaii Department of Public Safety Corrections will become obsolete. Sheriffs will move to the law enforcement department, while corrections will become a renamed, stand alone agency, the Corrections and Rehabilitation Department. *State of Hawaii photographs*

Fusion Center badges, patches and vehicle markings will become obsolete.

Not state police, but... While the new Department of Law Enforcement will perform functions similar to those of state police agencies elsewhere in the USA, the Hawaii Legislature stopped short, by design, of naming it a state police department. The bill the governor signed specifically requires that patrol officers retain the title of deputy sheriff under the command of the state sheriff. William "Billy" Oku Jr. presently serves as sheriff.

"The legislature intends that patrol officers assigned to the Department of Law Enforcement shall continue to retain the title of deputy sheriffs. During the Kingdom of Hawaii, sheriffs oversaw law enforcement activities on each island under the supervision of a kingdom-wide marshal.

"From 1905 to 1960, sheriffs protected the public as elected county officials, including Duke Kahanamoku, who was elected Honolulu sheriff from 1934 to 1960.

"Modern-day deputy sheriffs have protected the people of Hawaii for nearly 50 years, beginning in 1963 when the legislature created the Office of the Sheriff within the Department of the Attorney General."

Presently, the State Sheriff Division is under DPS jurisdiction, even though the agency's primary function is corrections and rehabilitation.

Sheriff Oku supported the legislation and praised its passage at the signing ceremony.

DLE will be headed by a single executive, the director of law enforcement, and two deputy directors. One deputy will head law enforcement programs, while the other deputy will oversee administrative functions.

Support not unanimous While the creation of the DLE and the conversion of DPS to DCR received support from most elected and appointed state officials, including a majority of legislators, it was not unanimous.

Opposition was expressed by the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers (SHOPO) and Daniel Hanagami, chief special investigator in the Attorney General's Office, in written testimony entered into the legislative record.

SHOPO President Robert "Bobby" Cavaco said the bill "will give sheriffs the authority to conduct law enforcement investigations throughout the state.

"However, the bill is silent as to what that means or what that will entail, and at the same time states that the bill is not intended to 'impair or diminish' our officers' responsibilities. What all of this means is anyone's guess," he added.

SHOPO represents 2700 patrol officers on the Honolulu, Kauai, Hawaii County and Maui County police departments.

Chief Investigator Hanagami testified, "The proposed legislation offers lofty goals without real substance to achieve those goals. The bill does not include county police departments as a major consulting entity and establishes the Public Safety Department as the driving force behind this bill. The Public Safety Department lacks certification, experience and expertise. The planning of the law enforcement department should have better leaders to pursue this effort."

His department will be transferred from the Attorney General to the DLE.

Pomp and circumstance The signing ceremony was done with much pomp and circumstance in the State Capitol courtyard, including a bagpiper heralding the beginning of the festivities. Large contingents of state sheriffs deputies and corrections officers lined up in formation. All top state law enforcement officials attended the event.

"I have been involved with public service for three decades. I think this is the first new department or establishment of a new agency I can remember in a long time," Governor Ige said.

"Over the past few years, we have been focused on two really, really important issues that both deal with the Department of Public Safety.

"This first has been the transformation of the correctional system from being about incarceration and punishment to being about rehabilitation and reintegration of those incarcerated back into our community.

"At the same time, over the last couple years, we have been focused on transformation of state law enforcement into a single entity," he said.

The governor believes it makes sense to divide law enforcement and corrections functions into separate departments.

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Bobby Helmet Manufacturers According to the Police Insignia Collectors Association of Great Britain, almost all British police helmets are made by two manufacturers, Christy's of London and CW Headdress of Whitney, Oxfordshire. Current helmets are made of ballistic plastic produced in Scotland. Sheets of plastic are placed into a heated machine that molds each custom-made helmet. A blue felt cover, made in China, is then glued to the helmet. The final steps are application of plastic edging, banding and a metal helmet plate.

Latest Duckett Book Christopher Duckett, a former *PCNEWS* columnist, has published the third edition of his book, *Police Patches of the United Kingdom*. The 385-page volume shows full color illustrations of more than 2500 different emblems. Patches from both previous editions are included in the update. The book sells for £25 plus postage.



(Left) The Wenham, Mass. Police Department has adopted a gender-neutral badge. The title "patrolman" has been replaced with "police officer." It is a Boston-style silver shield with blue banners. (Right) The department made no changes to its handsome shoulder patch. *Contributed photographs*

New Insignia Brings Summer To Red Hot End

As the long hot summer nears its end, collectors will long remember it for the debut of a red hot array of new law enforcement insignia from throughout the USA and as far away as Australia.

By Mike R. Bondarenko, Editor

SPECIAL – It's been a red hot summer for new insignia debuts from across the country and as far away as Australia.

The latest badge and patch creations come from Wenham, Mass., Clinton, Mass., North Attleboro, Mass., Salem Township, Penna., New York State University, Los Angeles County, Calif., Berkeley County, S.C., Brookville, N.Y., Craig Beach, O. and Western Australia.

Wenham Goes Gender-Neutral Wenham, Mass. police Chief Kevin DiNapoli has ended the agency's longstanding tradition by adopting gender-neutral badges for patrol officers. He announced the style change in early July.

Wenham male and female officers have always been known as patrolmen. Their now-obsolete Boston-style shields showed the rank of "patrolman." The otherwise identical new shields display the rank of "patrol officer."

"The title 'patrolman' has been officially retired and replaced by 'patrol officer,'" Chief DiNapoli said. "This is a step forward for our department that reflects the value we place on inclusiveness."

Male and female officers advocated for the change, the chief said.

All Wenham patrol officers now wear the new badge on their uniforms. The shield is silver-colored. The legends appear on blue banners, "WENHAM/ POLICE/ PATROL OFFICER." The officer's number is shown in blue numerals on a small silver bottom banner.

The agency opted to retain its current emblem design, which is gender-neutral.

Courtesy of Wenham Police Department

Clinton Announces Custom Insignia By autumn, Clinton, Mass. police officers will wear a new custom-designed shoulder patch. After many years, the department is updating and changing its emblem and logo.

According to their official Facebook page, "We made the change because we wanted a fresh, more modern look. But, more importantly, we wanted a patch that better represents our community. We abandoned the Massachusetts state seal and instead included the seal for the Town of Clinton, our community.

"In addition to the town seal, we changed the background color to dark navy to match our uniform color, and used silver and gold for the border to represent all ranks of officers within the department. We kept the straight lettering style of 'CLINTON/ POLICE,' but



Police in Clinton, Mass. are wearing a new shoulder patch, which is shown on the right. The colorful custom town seal appears as the center design. It has a dark blue and yellow color scheme. The soon to be obsolete emblem on the left featured a depiction of the state seal. *Contributed photograph*



“Axel” is the official mascot of North Attleboro, Mass. The cute little dog now has its own official North Attleboro Police Department shoulder patch. The colorful emblem is being sold as a fundraiser for the local animal shelter. (Yes, North Attleboro is the home of Blackinton.) *Contributed photograph*

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increased the size and changed the color to a richer gold,” the announcement continued. The custom seal is round. It has a wide white border with the legends, “TOWN OF CLINTON/ MASSACHUSETTS,” in black letters on it. There are black borders. A black and white rendition of the Town Hall built in 1909 is depicted as the center design. “INC.” is seen above the historic building and “1850” beneath it. It has a light blue background. (The town was incorporated in 1850.) The previous patch had a light blue background and dark blue border. The seal is dark blue, gold and white. The old patches will be replaced by new emblems as officers purchase new uniforms, but the entire department will be wearing it this fall when officers change over to long-sleeve shirts this autumn. The agency made no changes to its metal badge. *Courtesy of Clinton, Mass. Police Department*

Patch Sales Benefit Shelter “Axel” may not be the cutest little dog ever, but don’t say that in North Attleboro, Mass. where the tiny canine is the beloved community mascot. Now, “Axel” appears in all his cuteness on a North Attleboro Police Department patch being sold as a fundraiser for the friends of the local animal shelter, a non-profit, all-volunteer organization. “Axel” canine patches are being sold at the police department and animal shelter for \$10 each. All proceeds go to the shelter. The emblem is the same size and shape as the patrol officer insignia. It has a white background, blue inner and outer borders and red lettering, “NORTH/ ATTLEBORO” at the top and “POLICE” at the bottom. “Axel” is depicted in full color in the round center design surrounded by a wide white band bordered in blue. “COMMUNITY MASCOT/ AXEL” is lettered in red on the band. Two blue paw prints separate “Community Mascot” from “Axel.” *Courtesy of Friends of North Attleboro Animal Shelter*



(Top) The Salem Township, Penna. Police Department supports the Ukraine as it opposes the Russian invasion of its country. The agency is marketing a custom challenge coin. (Bottom) There is also a shoulder emblem depicting the Ukrainian president. *Contributed photographs*

Police Insignia Supports Ukraine Salem Township Police Chief Michael McNeal felt helpless when Russia invaded Ukraine earlier this year and, like many Americans, wanted to do something to come to the aid of the embattled nation. Chief McNeal, whose department has created and marketed several challenge coins and emblems to raise funds for various causes and community events, decided on Ukraine-themed Salem Township PD coins and patches as fundraisers for the Ukrainian people. “We did well with our other coins. Then, when the invasion of Ukraine came up, we all were feeling helpless about it. We decided to sell the coins and patches as a fundraiser,” Chief McNeal said. He described the insignia as moral support for the Ukrainian people. So far, the department has raised more \$5000 selling patches and coins. The patch is yellow and blue, the colors of the Ukraine flag. It is a fully embroidered rounded rectangle. The center design features a likeness of President Zelenskyy on the left and the image of a tractor and bullets on the right. “SALEM TWP.” appears at the top, while the Russian word for together, “RAZOM,” is seen at the bottom. Beneath is the center design is famous quote by the Ukrainian president when President Joe Biden offered to evacuate him and his family to the USA, “I NEED/ AMMUNITION/ NOT A RIDE.” The very colorful challenge coin shows the Salem Township patch superimposed over the United States and Ukraine flags on one side and the Ukraine coat-of-arms superimposed over a blue and yellow background on the other. There are sunflowers on both sides of the crest. The legend reads, “SALEM TWP. STANDS” at the top and “WITH UKRAINE” at the bottom. The patch and coin sell for \$12 each through the police department. Chief McNeal said all proceeds go to current Bloomsburg resident and Ukrainian native Kristina Martyniuk, who uses the money to buy things troops need on the front lines. Her entire family is in Ukraine and unable to leave because of the Russian invasion. Martyniuk purchases body armor, helmets, medical supplies and equipment, which is flown to Poland, picked up by volunteers and taken into Ukraine The supplies are distributed by other volunteers. Her most recent shipment was 30 23-kilogram bags filled with gear. *Courtesy of Chief Michael McNeal*

California, New York Pride Patches The New York State University (SUNY) Police and Los Angeles County Sheriffs Office showed support for Pride Month in June with LGBTQ commemorative shoulder patches. Both insignia were sold as fundraisers. Los Angeles Sheriff Alex Villanueva introduced the 2022 Pride Patch at a news conference on June 1. It was sold for \$10. All proceeds were donated to a college scholarship fund for LGBTQ youth. “Last year, we raised \$16,000 to help a fund a homeless LGBTQ youth shelter. We hope to exceed that this year,” he said. The emblem is identical to the well-known standard issue, except for the background of multicolored horizontal bars in red, orange, green, blue and purple. The colors represent the Pride flag. SUNY officers wore a variation of their rounded rectangle with red, orange, green, blue and purple horizontal background stripes. The emblems sold for \$5. Proceeds went to an organization that helps empower LGBTQ students to meet their academic goals. Mike DePaull, Cortland campus police chief, told local media the Pride Patch originated on his campus. “Officer Danielle Salisbury came up with the idea for these official patches. We wore it last year. This year, the university police commissioner approved the patch to be worn statewide,” he said. Although the university police commissioner authorized the emblem for statewide wear during June, it was stressed that its use was strictly voluntarily. *Courtesy of Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department and State University of New York Police*

Berkeley County Celebrates Anniversary In celebration of its 140 years of service to Berkeley County, S.C., the Sheriffs Office will wear a special commemorative badge until the end of the year, Sheriff Duane Lewis announced. It debuted in mid-July. “This badge means more than the eye can see. This badge represents the oath and commitment that deputies take when they swear in. We’ve have made a lot of



(Top) The New York State University Police commissioner authorized campus police throughout the state to wear this emblem during Pride Month. (Bottom) Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva authorized wearing this Pride patch and sold it as a fundraiser. *Contributed photographs*



The Berkeley County, S.C. Sheriffs Office is wearing this custom-designed retro badge to commemorate its 140th anniversary of service. Sheriff Duane Lewis authorized it. The two-tone silver- and gold-colored circled star features a five-point gold center star. *Contributed photograph*

advancements in 140 years, and we are devoted to continuing to work hard for the citizens of this county,” Sheriff Lewis said.

The unique custom design is a two-tone silver- and gold-colored five-point circled star. Ranks are shown in blue letters on a gold rank ribbon at the top of the circle. The gold occupies the top third of the circle; the remaining two-thirds is silver. The remainder of the panel carries (left to right), a blue star, “SINCE” in small blue letters, a full color United States flag, “BERKELEY COUNTY” in gold letters, the South Carolina flag, “1882” and another blue star.

Sheriff Lewis said the department was formed in November 1882. A large collection of department artifacts and memorabilia, including badges, patches and uniforms, can be seen at the Berkeley County Museum in Monks Corner, the county seat.

The agency has 187 sworn deputies and 75 civilian detention officers. *Courtesy of Berkeley County Sheriffs Office*

New Long Island Department Long Island has a new law enforcement agency, according to longtime New York collector Howard Friedberg. The Brookville Police Department began operations in June.

“Brookville patrols the villages of Brookville, Cove Neck, Matinecock and Mill Neck. These villages were previously patrolled by the old Brookville police department,” Friedberg said.

The new shoulder emblem is a mostly blue, gold and white shield shape. It has a blue background and gold border. The custom round center design depicts the state seal in black and white superimposed over a full color United States flag surrounded by a gold wreath. There are two small gold five-point stars in either side.

“BROOKVILLE/ POLICE” is seen at the top, while “NY” appears at the bottom, all in white letters.

Beneath the seal, on white banners bordered in gold, appears the motto, “COURAGE/ SERVICE/ INTEGRITY,” in blue letters.

Courtesy of Howard Friedberg

Craig Beach Adopts Insignia The recently-reorganized Craig Beach, O. Police Department has adopted a new emblem. It went into service in July, according to Chief Kyle Pettus.

The insignia is Cleveland-style with a black background and white legends and borders. The legends read, “CRAIG BEACH/ POLICE.” The round custom center design is a colorful lake shore scene with Lake Milton and a sunrise in the background.

“Due to the hard work of the uniform shop, they were able to get the officers outfitted with the new patch sooner than we expected,” Chief Pettus said.

“The patch concept was designed to display a warm welcoming community, along with compassionate and caring officers. It truly encompasses the Village of Craig Beach.”

The chief said the new design was put before the officers to get their ideas and input. The goal was a simple but unique insignia.

“The end result, we feel, is amazing, and something we are truly proud to wear,” he added.

Craig Beach’s police reorganization includes a new command staff, set of core values,



(Top) The new Craig Beach, O. police patch is Cleveland-style with a custom-designed center design. It is part of department-wide makeover. (Bottom) Brookville is a new agency on Long Island, N.Y. The agency policies Brookville, Cove Neck, Matinecock and Mill Neck. *Contributed photographs*



The long-awaited new style Western Australia Police Force patch debuted this summer. It has a dark blue background and border with white legends. The center design features a highly-detailed depiction of the beautiful force crest, which also serves as its hat badge. *Contributed photograph*

newly-hired patrol officers and an image makeover, which includes the new emblem. The department has had a jaded recent past. The former chief is presently serving a five-year federal prison sentence on a child pornography conviction. The village of 1250 is located in northeastern in Mahoning County. *Courtesy of Craig Beach Police Department*

New Western Australia Style “Down Under” has a colorful new insignia. The long-awaited new Western Australia Police Force emblem debuted in late July.

The shield-shaped insignia features a highly-detailed full-color depiction of the agency crest on a dark blue background. There is a dark blue border. It has white legends, “WESTERN AUSTRALIA,” at the top and “POLICE” at the top.

It is worn by all uniformed constables. Previous versions abbreviated the force name as “W.A Police” at the top with a less detailed crest and eliminated the name, depicting only the crest and “Police” at the bottom.

The crest is used as the hat badge. Like most Australian law enforcement officers, Western Australia police do not wear breast badges.

It depicts a Queens Crown, five-point star, laurel wreath, the state emblem and the motto, “DUTY WITH INTEGRITY,” all in full color.

Agency history dates back to the first part-time constables appointed in 1829 to patrol the cities of Perth and Fremantle. Today, it policies the largest law enforcement jurisdiction in the world, two and one-half million square kilometers. It has 150 police stations, eight metropolitan and seven regional districts.

Courtesy of Western Australian Police Force
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New patches or badges in your area? Let us know so we can share the news with collectors all over the world. Many hobbyists collect patches and badges from outside their home states, so they would welcome knowing about new insignia. Let us know! EDITOR

“Ole Smoky” Brought Out Hobby’s Best

The 2022 “Ole Smoky” National Police Collectors Show in Gatlinburg, Tenn. brought out our hobby’s best. Our three-day annual convention was a celebration of law enforcement collectibles that gave hobbyists an opportunity to show off their finest and share it on the prestigious national stage.

By Mike R. Bondarenko, Editor

GATLINBURG, Tenn. – While the 2022 “Ole Smoky” National Police Collectors Show is a fond memory, it doesn’t mean there still aren’t stories to tell, badges and patches to see and great collectors to meet. Here’s what I experienced during a pleasurable weekend in the picturesque heart of the Great Smoky Mountains.

EOD book nearly sold out The first printing of *Bomb Squad and EOD Patches* by Tom Rees and Gary Gaffney, the only reference guide to bomb disposal and explosive ordinance disposal cloth insignia ever published, is nearly sold out.

“We’ve only got a few copies left. It’ll probably be a sellout by the end of this show,” said Gaffney, a fire inspector in Houston, Tex. The full-color volume went on sale late last year and has been very popular.

“We’ve had a strong response to the book. We’ll probably have another run printed,” he said.

Rees and Gaffney are among the hobby’s most avid collectors of their specialty and combined their massive collections for display in the profusely-illustrated full-color volume.

“It’s probably gone over so well because there’s never been a reference for bomb squad and EOD collectors before,” Gaffney said. He has been surprised by how many previously unknown collectors the book has uncovered.

Gaffney brought four large frames of bomb squad and EOD emblems. He also showed some fire marshal and arson investigation unit patches, which he also collects.



Jan and Gary Gaffney journeyed from Houston, Tex. to promote the reference book that he and Tom Rees published last year on bomb squad and explosive ordinance disposal emblems. It is nearly sold out. Gaffney also featured segments of his personal collection. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

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He had a great banner on his table showing a couple cartoon characters holding explosives above the motto, “Patch Trading Is A Blast!”

McMillian shows West Virginia badges West Virginia is not a heavily collected state but don’t tell Jim McMillian. The veteran hobbyist collects the state and has put together an extremely impressive collection over the years.

“Sometimes, it’s a good thing that not everybody else collects what you collect. I’ve been able to come across a lot of nice badges because no one else wanted them,” McMillian said.

He also collects Kentucky and other states as well and featured several cases of badges, as well as a some patches. “I like old stuff. The new stuff is okay, but the old stuff is better,” he said.

West Virginia law enforcement is small in comparison to other states. According to Department of Justice statistics, there are nine statewide agencies, 209 municipal police departments and 55 county sheriffs offices. In all, they employ about 3400 sworn officers.

“It’s hard to collect because most departments are small. Some have only one officer. Some counties only have a few deputies. Badges are hard to come by,” McMillian said.

The State Police is the largest agency in West Virginia with 628 sworn personnel as of 2019.

McMillian knows I collect motor carrier enforcement and generously gifted me two old emblems, Department of Highways Weight Enforcement and Public Service Commission Investigator. In West Virginia, the PSC is responsible for commercial motor vehicle enforcement.

I didn’t see a lot of West Virginia badges at “Ole Smoky,” but there were a few. State Police badges are silver or gold pinched shields with full-color state seals. I found a few. I also saw several municipal police State Police-style pinched shields or eagle-topped shields. Sheriff badges were mostly six-point stars.

Gold mine for NYPD collectors Tucked away in a far corner of the massive convention hall was a gold mine for New York Police Department collectors, especially those interested in special units.

The well stocked tables of Andrew and Nancy Nelson offered hundreds of NYPD emblems and other insignia created by their company, Huntzman Enterprises. The Nelsons produce most special unit patches for the nation’s largest police department. As NYPD collectors like me know, the agency has dozens of special unit and service patches.

There were several large plastic bins filled with thousands of colorful custom Huntzman creations, not only from New York City but other states as well. A variety of federal law enforcement emblems were also available, including some very hard-to-find agencies.

A retired NYPD sergeant now living not far from Springfield in central Illinois, Nelson, who was a World Trade Center first responder on September 11, 2001, is the hobby’s leading expert on the elite NYPD Emergency Services Unit. He has written and published two volumes of *Uncommon Valor: Insignia of the NYPD ESU*, which is a must-have collector reference guide.

I spent some time prospecting at the Huntzman tables and came away with a handful of new styles at reasonable prices.

Many collectors are unaware that Nelson is also a highly accomplished best-selling author who has written a series of crime mystery novels, most of them set in New York City. He has created two popular fictional characters, Alex Taylor and James McGuire. There have been three Taylor and four Maguire novels. He has also written two novels about cold cases.

I have read most of his books. Each has been a great read. I like crime novels written by Nelson because he weaves authenticity and street smarts into his writings, unlike some authors who write about crime but are only as good as their technical advisors. I highly recommend his books. They can be purchased on Amazon.



For the first time in his 50-plus years in the hobby, Ed Sachs declared he “brought out the good stuff” at “Ole Smoky.” His exhibit featured law enforcement badges from the 1800s. A few date to the Civil War. Many are very rare first issues or little known pieces. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



(Upper left) A special deputy sheriff badge from Kings County, N.Y. in the Ed Sachs Collection. (Upper right) A Cleveland, O. Sanitary Police shield from the 1800s. (Bottom) Not often seen styles from Leonia, N.J. PD and Lancaster County, Penna. Humane Society. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



George Motley represented the Prince William County Police Historical Society at the show and featured his outstanding collection of department insignia. This segment shows a rank set of PWCPD shields, hat badges on the top and breast badges at the bottom. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

Nelson was born and raised in Queens. He joined the NYPD in 1985 and held the ranks of patrol officer, detective and sergeant.

Before his 2005 retirement after 20 years of service, he had a variety of assignments. One was the elite Intelligence Division, which provides protection for dignitaries. Nelson was involved in protecting Pope Saint John Paul II, President Bill Clinton, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other notables during visits to New York City.

Sachs brought the good stuff “Ole Smoky” will long be remembered for the quality of the insignia exhibits. Ed Sachs, who recently celebrated his 50th year in the hobby, brought one of the highest-quality badge exhibits I had ever seen. It wasn’t massive, nor did it win an award, but it was nevertheless extremely impressive.

Sachs featured a frame of 30 very old badges he has acquired over the last half-century. He has never shown them before.

“I wanted to show the really good stuff. Everything here is pre-1900. A lot of these were made by S.A. French. You can see a lot of them in their 1884 catalog,” he said.

Coshocton is a city in central Ohio northeast of Columbus. The badge is a large, well-worn silver-colored shield with an oversize applied state seal. The seal looks almost octagon-shaped.

Cleveland Special Police “86” is another silver-colored shield with black incuse legends. It has a round state seal.

Cleveland Sanitary Police “8” was made by Beattie, a long-defunct manufacturer. It is silver-colored with a round state seal. “CLEVELAND POLICE” appears on a banner around



Five members of George Motley’s family have served as United States Capitol Police officers, so it’s a natural that he featured a collection of their badges, as well as patches and a framed door decal augmented by a Constitution Avenue street sign from Washington, D.C. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Back in 1997, George Motley arranged with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for a Prince William County Police shield go into Earth orbit on a Space Shuttle mission. He has the badge, pictures of the crew and launch and the mission patch. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



“We have ignition! Lift off!” George Motley assembled this large collection of NASA security and law enforcement emblems from the Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral in Florida. The collector is an admitted space aficionado and closely follows the agency. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

the seal, while “SANI/ 8/ TARY” is seen on a banner across the bottom.

“It’s from 1868. These officers had dual roles. They were police, but they were responsible for public health. Some of their jobs were evicting prostitutes and inspecting tenements,” Sachs said.

Peekskill, N.Y. Sergeant is a gold-colored eagle-topped shield with a large state seal as the center design. “PEEKSKILL” and “POLICE” are shown on banners above the seal. “SERGEANT” appears in small letters on the right eagle wing. It is from 1900.

Police “27” is a very old shield with the state seal as the center design. It is from Newark, N.J.

What makes this badge unusual is it has been charred by fire. Sachs has no idea how it got burned. Perhaps it fell off at a fire scene and was recovered, or maybe it was in a fire after it was retired from service? That makes it an interesting piece. If only it could talk.

Ohio Capitol Police is a silver-colored pinched shield with a gold applied state seal. “CAPITOL” is lettered above the seal and “POLICE” below it. The legends and seal are well worn.

Summerville Police “2” is an ornate circlet from New Jersey. It is silver-colored with a



Longtime Canadian law enforcement collector John Panayotiois was among the “Ole Smoky” tableholders and featured a wide variety collectibles for sale or trade, including a red serge from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He said he truly enjoyed the show. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



John Panayotiois showed five prototype shoulder patches and a cloth badge (top) in this exhibit of Royal Canadian Mounted Police insignia. The Mounties will change from Queen’s Crowns to King’s Crowns once Queen Elizabeth II is no longer the monarch. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



George Stumpf featured USMS badge displays. (Left) A collection from 1900 to the mid-1900s, long before the agency had a standard issue. (Right) USMS deputies worked on railroads in the early 1900s. In the upper right is an 1886 badge from Deputy C.C. Everhart. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

gold applied state seal. The legends, “SUMMERVILLE” and “POLICE,” are shown above and below the seal, respectively, while the the number “2” appears on a small banner at the bottom.

Norwich Police “29” is a Connecticut badge. It is a silver-colored shield with a state seal as the center design. The numerals “29” are applied at the bottom.

Sachs has a couple Newburgh, N.Y. badges:

...Police “6” is a silver-colored shield with a custom city seal. The number “6” is seen in gold on an oval disc attached to a small banner at the bottom.

...A silver-colored eagle-topped shield depicts the city seal with the number “57” above it in applied numerals. “POLICE” is shown on a banner beneath the eagle, while “NEWBURGH, N.Y.” is seen at the bottom in applied lettering.

Fishkill Police “4” comes from the 1870s. It is a large silver-colored eagle-topped shield with a small applied state seal. “FISHKILL” appears above the seal. “POLICE” is seen beneath it. Both legends are in black letters on banner. “4” is applied at the bottom.

Leonia Police “9” is the same style as the second Newburgh badge. It has the New Jersey state seal. The legends are “POLICE” at the top and “LEONIA, N.J.” at the bottom in black letters.

Police Lancaster County Humane Society is from Pennsylvania and features a round state seal as the center design. It is small circlet with top and bottom wreaths. “POLICE” appears on a banner at the top. “LANCASTER POLICE HUMANE SOCIETY” is lettered on



(Left) A display of state-specific USMS badges from the George Stumpf Collection. The star in the lower left is from South Dakota. (Right) Additional state- and city-specific USMS badges from Texas (upper left), California (lower right) and Alaska (upper right). *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



George Stumpf’s breathtaking USMS badge collection features many premium pieces. These are some of the best. The center ring shows coin badges. The oval (upper right) displays two special operation badges. In the lower left are three old presentation pieces. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

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a ring around the seal. The legends are black.

Oklahoma City Police “433” is a silver-colored sunburst with ball tips and a lion applied at the top. “OKLAHOMA CITY POLICE” is lettered in black on a ring around the number “433” in the center. Oklahoma City has had a lion on top of their police badges since 1919.

Rensselaer County Deputy Sheriff is a small gold-colored shield from New York. There is no seal or center design. The legends appear on small panels, “DEPUTY/ SHERIFF/ RENNELAER/ CO.”



Jim Thomas found this gem for his collection. These are retirement credentials that once belonged to Colonel Ed W. Jones, who headed the North Carolina State Highway Patrol from 1973 to 1977. Jones added the badge after the creds were issued without one. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Ten year-old Emery Baker was a special guest at the “Ole Smoky” show. His family are members of the Smoky Mountain Autism Success Hub, the official show charity. Emery, who has several medical conditions, loves police officers and especially patches. He did well! *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Skip Murray, the son of legendary badge and patch collector and former show host Bob Murray of Louisville, Ky, brought the initial segments of his collection the family has decided to sell. The offering was highlighted by vintage Chicago pie plates and rank sets. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

Paterson Police “49” is a shiny silver-colored eagle-topped shield. There is a small New Jersey state seal in the center. It is surrounded by the silver legends, “PATERSON POLICE.” The numerals “49” are stamped into the face in black numerals.

“The workmanship on this one is really impressive considering how old it is. The shield has a beveled edge. See how the eagle is perched on the top bevel?” Sachs said.

Sioux City Police “23” is an Iowa badge. It is similar in size and design to the Paterson design. There is a small round custom seal. “POLICE” appears above the seal and “SIOUX CITY” beneath it in black legends. “23” is stamped into the bottom.

There are two historic special deputy sheriff badges from New York City:

...A small custom-die silver-colored shield with an applied banner and eagle head. It has a large city seal as the center design. The unusually-worded legends read, “DEPUTY/ SPECIAL/ SHERIFF/ 112.” The number is stamped into the badge face in very small numerals.

...A silver-colored eagle-topped more traditional shield carries the title, “SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFF/ 683.” It surrounds three sides of the seal in raised stamped letters, while the number “683” is stamped in at the bottom. It is from 1883.

“This is an interesting piece. Back then, New York City special deputies had three-year commissions, so their badges were reissued every three years. This is one of them,” Sachs said.

Morgantown Police is an unnumbered silver-colored eagle-topped shield from West Virginia. It has a large state seal as the center design. The legends appear on banners, “POLICE” above the seal and “MORGANTOWN” beneath it and “W.VA.” at the bottom.



Florida collector Kelly Coopman collects law enforcement breast cancer awareness emblems from across the country. His pink patch display featured 261 patches from state, county and municipal agencies. Coopman said he started the collection two years ago. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Meet the North Carolina contingent! (Left and right) Jim Thomas and Hunter Simmons, while Jack Richardson (center) is a retired trooper and Simmons’s grandfather, Thomas said “Ole Smoky” was his best National and offered high praise for the show hosts. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Chris Brown is a Cannon County, Tenn. deputy sheriff. He has been collecting his department, as well as the Woodbury Police Department, the county seat, for eight years. Brown started by collecting patches. Now, he also collects badges. He brought a fine exhibit. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

Sachs described it as very rare and dates it to the 1890s.

Gloversville Police is from New York and features the state seal. It is an ornate gold-colored eagle-topped shield with a beveled edge. It is unnumbered.

City of Yonkers "38" is New York City badge. It's a rounded pinched shield. The state seal appears as the center design. "38" appears on a rounded rectangle at the top. Beneath are the legends, "POLICE" above the seal and "CITY OF YONKERS" below it. It was made by S.A. French.

Philadelphia Police is a very early silver-colored pinched shield with a beveled edge and an oversize round city seal. Interestingly, the city name is abbreviated as "PHILAD" on a banner above the seal alongside "POLICE." There is a very faded engraved number on a panel at the bottom. It appears to be "967."

South Bend Police hails from Indiana. It is a pinched silver-colored shield with applied copper features, panel, center disc, wreaths and number. "POLICE/ SOUTH BEND" is shown in raised letters on the panel. While the center disc is now blank, it is possible it once probably carried a state or city seal that wore off over the years. "46" is applied at the bottom with wreaths on either side.

Queens County Special Deputy Sheriff "190" is another New York City badge. It's a rectangular shape with a small city seal at the top and ornate silver raised stamped lettering, "1895 1893/ QUEENS COUNTY/ SPECIAL/ DEPUTY SHERIFF/ 190." There is a great deal of scroll work on the front and raised borders.

Police is a generic eight-point silver-colored star. "POLICE" appears in large stamped letters in the center surrounded by a raised ring.

Police Phoebus is a eight-pointed silver-colored star with raised edges and black legends, "POLICE/ 7/ PHOEBUS," in the round oversize center design. There is black filigree on the star points. It comes from a city in Virginia with a history that predates the Civil War.

Davenport Police "31" is a silver-colored plain six-point star from Iowa. The stamped in legends read, "POLICE/ 31/ DAVENPORT."

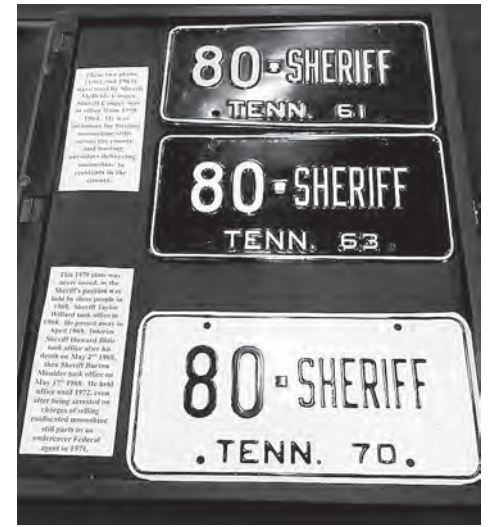
Kansas City Police "20" is a silver-colored eight-point star from Kansas with an oversize round center design. "20" is centered in the plain center surrounded by top and bottom banners upon which appear "KANSAS CITY, KAN." and "POLICE." The edge of the center design is raised.

Elsewhere in his exhibit, Sachs featured another outstanding New York City badge for a Kings County special deputy sheriff. It is a silver-colored circlet with top and bottom banners accented by wreaths. An oval-shaped banner applied to the top shows the scales of justice. It is numbered "182."

This badge is personalized to Charles E. Van Eden, a Civil War veteran, who became a special deputy in Brooklyn. The legend reads, "SPECIAL/ DEPUTY/ SHERIFF/ KINGS COUNTY," in raised silver letters. Van Eden's name is engraved on the bottom panel with



(Top) Chris Brown's patch and badge collection from the Cannon County Sheriffs Office. The round rocking chair patch is at the bottom. (Bottom) Brown started his career as a part-time officer in Woodbury. The stock eagles in the lower right are rare, especially meter maid. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



(Left) Patrol vehicle license plates from Cannon County show its state designation numbers, "80" by population and "8" alphabetically. (Right) Early '60s and '70s license plates from Cannon County. The black-on-white plate (bottom) was never issued. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

the number at the bottom.

Prince William County police history George Motley served as an ambassador for the Prince William County, Va. Police Historical Society at "Ole Smoky" and presented his beautifully framed exhibits of department insignia.

Motley offered a multi-table display that included five frames showing complete department badge and patch chronologies. He also featured animal control officers, crossing guards, special units and services, auxiliary police, park rangers and tactical units.

The current Prince William County badge is a large eagle-topped shield, while the shoulder patch is a large rounded rectangle.

One of his most interesting exhibits was a Prince William County badge that went into orbit on a Space Shuttle mission in May 1997. It was carried into space by Mission Commander Charles Precourt. The display features the badge, a letter of authenticity signed by Precourt, NASA and mission patches and a picture of the launch from the Kennedy Space Center.

Prince William County Police was founded in 1970 after the county commissioned a study that recommended abolishing the former county sheriffs department and creating a county-wide police department to replace it.

Initially, the new department had about 50 employees. Today, it has over 800 sworn and civilian staff who protect and serve a population of about 467,000 people in northeastern Virginia not far from Washington. It is headquartered in Woodbridge.

The historical society was instrumental in the creation of the historical display at the new Central District Station in Woodbridge. Exhibits feature weapons, equipment, a vintage Harley-Davidson motorcycle, evidence displays from significant cases, such as the Beltway Sniper investigation, and a Hall of Heroes honoring fallen officers.

Motley also collects the United States Capitol Police and featured three large cases showing badges and patches accented by a door decal and even a street sign from Constitution Avenue.

Finally, he put up a very impressive collection of 39 different law enforcement and



Sevier County, Tenn. Deputy Matt Wyrick collects his department and county police agencies, Blount County, Knox County, Knoxville and the Tennessee Highway Patrol. He has been collecting since he joined the agency 18 years ago. He was thrilled by the show. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Matt Wyrick featured this fine display of law enforcement and public safety agencies in Blount County, Tenn. which is next to Sevier County where he serves as a deputy. Volunteer State collectors agreed many small agencies around the state are difficult to obtain. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



David and Kellie Jensen showed off their world-class collection of patches and patches from the Memphis Police Department where he serves as a police officer. Their display was a chronology of Memphis insignia from the earliest days of the agency to today. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

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security emblems from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The patches made for an interesting and colorful display.

RCMP facing major insignia change Longtime Canadian law enforcement patch and badge collector John Panayotiois of Burlington, Ont. talked about an inevitable forthcoming major change in Royal Canadian Mounted Police insignia. It will impact many other law enforcement agencies as well.

Queen Elizabeth II has been the reigning United Kingdom monarch for 70 years since her coronation in 1952. She became queen following the death of father, King George VI, and celebrated her 96th birthday earlier this year. Her Majesty has had recent health issues.

“The Queen’s Crown has appeared on RCMP insignia ever since her coronation. But, she’s 96. That’s going to mean a big change once she is no longer monarch. She will be succeeded by a king, so that means everything will have to have a king’s crown instead of a queen’s crown,” Panayotiois explained.

According to Panayotiois, the RCMP has been working on contingencies to replace its cloth and metal insignia once the queen is succeeded by the new king. He showed five prototypes currently under consideration. Each is a beautiful, colorful, custom design and features a king’s crown.

“The changeover will cost a lot of money. Everything, badges, patches, door decals, signs, letterheads, you name it, will have to be changed,” he said.

Panayotiois said the RCMP thought about creating individual detachment patches rather than a national patch but soon dropped the idea. Because there are 780 different



David Jensen’s Memphis Police Department exhibit featured a career display from Lieutenant William D. Steele. He served on the department from 1953 to 1980 and held the ranks of patrolman, sergeant, detective and lieutenant. Lieutenant Steele died in 2015. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



(Top) Memphis Police Department badges from the collection of David Jensen, a city police officer. The city has an interesting badge history. (Bottom) Large frames of Memphis patches were a highlight of Jensen’s exhibit. Most of these are special units and service emblems. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Memphis Police Department adopted a new shoulder patch in April. It comes in a mirror image set so the flag faces forward. The shield shape has a blue background, gold legends and borders and a gold eagle-topped badge. Previously, only one patch was worn. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

detachments across Canada, the idea proved too costly and would have been a logistical nightmare. “What happens when someone transfers from one detachment to another?” he said.

There has been talk about scrapping metal badges in favor of much cheaper embroidered bullion crests but no decisions have been made by RCMP management.

“You’ll definitely see some big changes in Canadian patches and badges in the near future,” Panayotiois said.

Stumpf’s incredible USMS badge collection “Ole Smoky” co-host Jim Clark nailed it when he said he spends hours at George Stumpf’s tables at every show learning about United States Marshals Service badge history. I do, too.

Stumpf’s USMS collection is the largest, most complete and well-documented in our hobby. It’s beyond museum-quality. It’s in a class by itself.

Best of all, the veteran Cheyenne, Wyo. collector has encyclopedic knowledge on the agency’s badge history going back to its founding in 1789. Whenever I’ve asked him about a particular badge or group of badges in one of his displays, he has always answered every question with facts, dates and anything else I’ve wanted to know without hesitation.

No one has done more extensive research on USMS badge history than Stumpf. In 1991, he teamed with the late Ray Sherrard to publish *Badges of the United States Marshals*, the definitive reference book for collectors and historians. I’ve referred to it countless times over the years. It remains a federal badge collector’s cornerstone.

Once again, Stumpf outdid himself with an exhibit of 30 frames of USMS badges and historic documents, photographs and artifacts. I found several badges that I had somehow overlooked before “Ole Smoky.”

While Stumpf showed 18 large, freestanding badge exhibits, he also had 12 other collections devoted to notable marshals and deputy marshals.

Mary E. Sieget Henetz was commissioned as a deputy marshal in Cheyenne in 1942. It was an era when there were few female deputy marshals. His collection features her badge, identification card, letter of appointment and official commission. She was appointed to the position of office deputy and paid \$1630 a year.

Stumpf interviewed her as part of his ongoing research into agency history and obtained photographs of her with Wyoming District Marshal Sanders’s revolver and holding his badge. Following her death, he attended the funeral. Afterward, her husband presented him with her badge and commission for his collection.

Captain L. Nichols was commissioned as a deputy marshal in Wyoming Territory in 1891. He has his badge, weapon and commission signed by the United States Marshal for the District of Wyoming. Nichols spent his entire career in Wyoming Territory.

Stumpf had a couple exhibits devoted to marshals and deputies who were outstanding athletes.

...Charles Francis “Chuck” Coggin served as the United States marshal for the Middle District of Tennessee in the 1980s. He was the most decorated Vietnam War veteran to play Major League Baseball (Pittsburgh Pirates 1972-1973; Atlanta Braves 1973 and Boston Red Sox 1974). Following his playing career, he managed minor league baseball teams in Tennessee and Mexico.



Ezra Stout is a Kentucky state trooper who has assembled an extensive collection from his agency. This segment shows his large, virtually complete patch, vehicle decal and license plate collections. The agency was created in 1948 to succeed the Kentucky Highway Patrol. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Ezra Stout featured several large displays of historic Kentucky State Police badges and other metal insignia in Gatlinburg. He also had Kentucky Highway Patrol badges. The frame on the far left shows badges and artifacts from Stout’s career with the statewide agency. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Tennessee collector Jerry Winston exhibited his collection of state police and highway patrol vehicle license plates, breast badges and shoulder patches at “Ole Smoky.” Winston had two rotating display cases custom made to best display his outstanding and unique collection. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

...Carl Von Rein served as a deputy marshal in Cheyenne and won a gold medal at the World Police and Fire Games as a boxer in the 1980s. He also fought successfully as an amateur Golden Gloves boxer in the Midwest.

Emery Baker SMASHes patch record Thomas Emery Baker is ten years old. He lives in Marysville, Tenn. He loves Batman and police officers. He really loves police patches.

Emery, as he likes to be called, is on the autism spectrum. His mother, April Baker, took him to the National Show as a special guest of SMASH, the Smoky Mountain Autism Success Hub, the official show charity. The youngster undoubtedly set an all-time record for the most law enforcement emblems ever collected by a youngster at a show.

Wearing his police uniform, complete with hat and duty belt, tableholders and collectors alike gifted Emery with handfuls of patches as his mother guided him in his wheelchair around the convention hall. Others visited the SMASH table while he was out and about to drop off more patches and challenge coins. He did well!

“Emery doesn’t communicate much, but for some reason, he reacts very, very positively to two things, Batman and police officers. It’s amazing how he has focused on police patches. He can’t stop looking at them. They make him smile every time he sees them,” April Baker said.

Born with several serious medical conditions, Emery has endured 48 surgeries at Nashville and Knoxville hospitals. Since he has spent so much time in hospitals, his mother believes he came to admire the police officers who provide hospital security. “I think his frequent contact with officers is what got him so interested in the police,” she said.

April Baker had high praise for the Marysville Police Department. “They came to the house for his birthday, hung out with him and gave him badges. He was beaming the entire time they were there. He was sad when they left,” she said.

She also offered her heartfelt thanks and appreciation to collectors at the show for their generosity toward her son. She expected Emery to go home with a patch or two, not as she put it, “a whole bunch.”

Autism awareness has become required law enforcement training in several states and communities. Many agencies now market autism awareness emblems as fundraisers for local support organizations like SMASH. It’s a trend growing in popularity.

Think law enforcement support doesn’t make a difference for autistic children? Just ask Jim Clark. Just ask SMASH. Just ask Emery.

Meet the North Carolina delegation Jim Thomas collects anything and everything North Carolina law enforcement, especially from the State Highway Patrol. He



Michigan collector Jim Ward brought a unique display, an impressive collection of law enforcement ribbons. The United States Marshals Service, Los Angeles Police Department and Chicago Police Department were among agencies that used them as temporary IDs. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



A set of seven police officer portraits on cabinet cards from the early days of the Haverhill, Mass. Police Department. The officers are wearing radiator-style breast badges and wreath-like hat badges with their ranks as the center design. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Glenn Hughes collects law enforcement-related historic photographs and documents. His “Ole Smoky” exhibit focused on cabinet card portrait pictures of Massachusetts and New Hampshire police officers from the 1890s. His display was nicely framed and presented. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

is such a serious NCSHP collector that he even co-wrote and published a popular book on their metal and cloth insignia a few years ago.

Thomas tirelessly promotes the hobby among North Carolina law enforcement officers. He encourages them to learn more about badges and patches and attend shows to meet other hobbyists.

His guest at “Ole Smoky” was Hunter Simmons, a relatively new collector from Charlotte, who brought his grandfather, Jack Richardson, a retired North Carolina trooper.

“This was the best National of all for me. I found some great NCSHP pieces, all exceptional items, and some other great North Carolina patches,” Thomas said. He offered his compliments to the hosts.

He obtained the retirement credentials of Colonel Ed W. “Wooden Head” Jones, who commanded the State Highway Patrol from 1973 to 1977. It includes his picture, badge and identification card in a black credentials case.

“When he retired, the department did not issue metal badges with retirement credentials. They only showed a picture of the badge. After he retired, they changed the policy. Jones went back and got a badge to put in his case,” Thomas said.

Colonel Jones’s badge is gold with a blue enamel ring around the state seal as the center design. The gold-colored legends read, “COLONEL/ NORTH CAROLINA STATE HIGHWAY PATROL/ NC.”

So, how did Colonel Jones get the nickname “Wooden Head?”

Richardson, who knew him, had the answer. “When he was a young trooper in the ‘50s, he crashed his patrol car. It was a real bad crash. He probably should have been killed. He told the other troopers he was alive because he hit his hard head. So, they started calling him ‘Wooden Head,’” he recalled. The nickname stuck with him throughout the rest of his career.

Thomas got to know Richardson through his exhaustive research into NCSHP history. He has contacted and interviewed dozens of retirees over the years in search of agency history and insignia.



Badges, patches and artifacts from the Tennessee Department of Revenue Commercial Vehicle Enforcement in Vincent Turocy’s collection. He also showed their uniform shirts in three colors, khaki, gray and blue. These officers work motor carrier enforcement. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Vincent Turocy’s breathtaking collection of badges, patches and rank insignia from the Tennessee Capitol Police. The eagle-topped shields in the top two rows left and three rows right have red backgrounds behind the State Capitol. The other shields are plain designs. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

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“Jack told me Hunter had an interest in NCSHP history, so I reached out to him. I got him interested in the hobby. He has done very, very well in just a short time. He already has a really nice collection. Best of all, he likes history and research. He’s going to be a great collector and historian,” he said.

Since Simmons’s grandfather, Richardson, was a North Carolina trooper and canine handler, he credited him with sparking his interest in agency history.

Simmons told a great story about how Richardson wanted a badge for his dog, “Rambo,” but the department wouldn’t give him one. So, he found one on his own, drilled a couple holes in it and hung it from a chain around the animal’s neck.

Simmons found three NCSHP badges he needed at the show and wants to become more involved in the hobby. We need many more young, enthusiastic collectors like him.

Bob Murray’s collection being sold Skip Murray, the son of legendary badge and patch collector Bob Murray of Louisville, Ky., offered the initial segment of his father’s collection for sale in Gatlinburg. There is much, much more to come.

“I’ve been working on getting this ready for a year. Bob kept detailed records on what he had, how much he paid for each badge and so on, which made it a lot easier for me,” Murray said.

There were many premium pieces, such as a group of very early Chicago PD pie plates, as well as complete rank sets from Montgomery, Ala., Arkansas State Police, Jackson County, Mo. Sheriff, Bibb County, Ga. and several others. Murray’s passion was rank sets. Incredibly, he collected more than 200 of them.

“I’ll keep sorting things out. We’re finding things all over the house, so there will be a lot more in the future,” Murray said.

Coopman specializes in awareness emblems Florida collector Kelly Coopman is a serious collector of pink breast cancer awareness emblems. He featured a large display of 261 different styles from across the country.

“I started collecting pink patches at the Titusville show two years ago. It kind of took off from there, he said.

His goal was to expand his collection to 300 by the end of the National. “A lot of these are from California, but I’ve got them from many other states, too,” Coopman said.

While I was interviewing him, two uniformed Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency officers visiting the show happened to walk by and look at the collection.

“We’ve got a pink patch. Do you want one? I’ve got one in my truck,” one of the officers asked Coopman. Of course he did! A few minutes later, he had added yet another pink patch to his collection.

Coopman attended “Ole Smoky” with fellow Florida collector Aaron Waldo. Waldo mentioned he is thinking about reviving the shows he once put on in Saint Petersburg.

“I did some shows in Saint Pete in the early ‘20s. Kelly did one, too. Then, I went into the military. I’m out now, so, eventually, I’ll start them back up. I’ll let everyone know when it happens,” he said.

Welcome to Cannon County, Tennessee Head southeast of Nashville for about an hour and you’ll find Cannon County, the home of Chris Brown, an eight-year hobby veteran and county deputy sheriff, who specializes in county law enforcement insignia. He showed his impressive collection at “Ole Smoky.”

“I started in Woodbury as a reserve officer in 2007, then went full-time in 2009. I started with Cannon County in 2014, which is when I became a serious collector,” Brown said.

Brown has badge, patch and patrol vehicle license plate collections from Woodbury PD, which is the county seat, and the Sheriffs Office. Both feature complete badge, patch and challenge coin collections, as well as insignia from his career.

He is proud of his collection of four early stock eagle emblems from Woodbury. These were worn before the agency went to a custom design. It includes a meter maid patch worn only briefly. Only four were made, he said.

Brown also pointed out a Cannon County patch personally designed by former Sheriff Bob Stoezel. It was worn between 1994 and 1998. It is gray-on-white and shows the 1986 University of Tennessee football homecoming logo. “Why he used the logo, I don’t know,” he said. “It might be only patch ever with a homecoming logo on it.”

Tennessee issues license plates specific to all 95 county sheriffs offices. Each plate number begins with a county number.

Before 1998, these plates were issued by county population. The higher the population, the higher the number. Now, they are issued in alphabetical order.

Cannon County’s number was “80” because it was the 80th most populous county. It is “8” in alphabetical order. Plates read either “80 SHERIFF” or “8 SHERIFF.” He had displays of both styles.

“I’m always on the lookout for old badges and things from both Woodbury and the county. I’ve got the collecting bug, so I’ll keep on looking,” he said.

Wyrick celebrating 18 hobby years Tennessee badge and patch collector Matt Wyrick has been collecting for 18 years as of “Ole Smoky” and celebrated his milestone with an outstanding exhibit of eastern Volunteer State insignia.

Wyrick, a Sevier County sheriff’s deputy, featured handsome insignia displays from his department and other Sevier County public safety agencies, Blount County, Knoxville PD, Knox County SO (two frames) and the Tennessee Highway Patrol.



Steve Srozinski specializes in the Jacksonville, Fla. Sheriffs Office and its predecessor agencies, the Duval County Sheriffs Office and the Jacksonville Police Department. Voters overwhelmingly approved consolidation of county and city government in 1967. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Brian Lyons paid tribute to his longtime friend and fellow collector Rick Vanderclock, a New Jersey state trooper who died during the pandemic two years ago. “We just had to remember Rick. He was a great person and a great collector. Everyone misses him,” Lyons said. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

“We only have four police departments in our county, Pigeon Forge, Sevierville, Pitman Center and Gatlinburg. Everywhere else, we’re it,” he said. “Of course, that means there aren’t a lot of departments to collect, which does make it a little easier.”

His THP collection features mostly obsolete patches and badges. Like other advanced collectors, he prefers old over new.

Wyrick called my attention to unusual rank designations in his Knox County badge exhibit. He pointed to different badges and said, “They started out being deputy sheriffs like pretty much all the other counties. Then, in the ‘60s and ‘70s, they changed the rank to patrolman. Now, they’re called officers. I don’t think any other county in Tennessee does that,” he explained.

He said having the National Show in Tennessee was an awesome experience. “It’s been a lot of fun sharing our collections with guys from all over the country,” he added.

Elvis has not left Memphis Incredibly, to us old-timers, at least, Elvis Presley has already been dead for 45 years. Yet, the legendary entertainer lives on in Memphis, Tenn., the home of Graceland, the mansion he called home. He has not left the building.

“Yeah, Elvis was one of us. He collected badges. He probably would have liked this show,” said David Jensen, a Memphis police officer. He has collected his department for 23 years.

“We cover a lot of Elvis events. Graceland is busy all the time, especially in the summer. I don’t think he’ll ever be forgotten in Memphis,” Jensen said.

Jensen put on a world-class exhibit of Memphis police badges, patches and other historic memorabilia. He featured four large frames of badges and three frames of patches. The presentation was outstanding.

He featured a recently-completed exhibit from the career of William D. Steele, who was a city police officer from 1953 to 1980. He held the ranks of patrolman, sergeant, detective and lieutenant. He died in 2015.

“The family did not want anything from his police career, so they gave it all to me. I even have his dress coat. It made me very sad that his family did not want to maintain his legacy. So, it’s my duty to remember him and honor his service,” Jensen said.

His wife, Kellie, finished the Steele display literally hours before the show. “She put it all together. She deserves all the credit. It turned out great,” he said.

According to Jensen, Memphis badges go back to the 1890s when the city had licensed watchmen. Pie plates were worn from 1912 to 1948. Eagle-topped shields with cutout numbers were introduced in 1950 and worn until about 1980. The current badge is a shield with beveled edges. Higher ranks wear a custom teardrop shape.

“We had a 50th anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King badge in 2018. In 2019, we got a 200th city anniversary badge,” Wyrick said.

Earlier this year, Memphis adopted a new mirror image shoulder patch. It is a shield shape with an eagle-topped badge as the center design superimposed over a full color United States flag. The motto, “JUSTICE/ PROTECTION,” appears on the badge. The center design is a representation of the scales of justice. Previously, officers wore the flag on the left shoulder and the now-obsolete style patch on the right shoulder.

SP/HP license plates, badges, patches Tennessee collector Jerry Winston has accomplished a feat only a handful of others have achieved. He collected a current badge, shoulder patch and patrol vehicle license plate from all 49 state police and highway patrol agencies.

“It took a long time and a lot of work, but I got it done. I’m very proud of it,” he said.

After he finished the collection, Winston faced a second challenge: How best to display the collection. Freestanding frames? Riker cases? Large boards? State-by-state collections?

Winston settled on two custom-made five-sided rotating display cases. Each case shows 25 states. The displays fit on one table and make viewing the entire collection as simple as spinning swivels to view each side.

Stout’s Kentucky State Police collection Ezra Stout is a Kentucky state



Duval County Road Patrol was responsible for traffic enforcement and accident investigation from 1921 until the consolidation when it was disbanded. The agency employed 327 patrolmen in its 47-year history. Here is Steve Srozinski’s Road Patrol display. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

trooper and featured his phenomenal Kentucky State Police collection. It's a massive array of patches, badges, photographs, career displays, equipment, artifacts and memorabilia. It must be seen to be truly appreciated.

Stout put up a large freestanding display panel with the department flag in the center. The panel carried nine framed patch collections, two frames of vehicle decals and a frame of patrol vehicle license plates. There was also a small display of miniature badges and pins.

He showed eight different KSP badge collections, as well as career-oriented exhibits from prominent troopers, on his tables.

Stout's displays also featured department manuals and publications. The KSP was founded in 1948 as a department of the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet. It replaced the Kentucky Highway Patrol. The agency was modeled after the Pennsylvania State Police. Troopers wear gray uniforms similar to those worn by the PSP.

The Kentucky Highway Patrol was created in 1936 as a division of the State Highway Department. It grew from 40 officers in 1936 to more than 200 officers by 1948.

Ward's unique police ribbon display The National Show is special because collectors always come up with unique collectibles. "Ole Smoky" was no exception.

How about police ribbons? Michigan collector Jim Ward featured his interesting three-frame collection of law enforcement ribbons. "Many collectors don't know these even exist," he said.

The concept of using ribbons to identify police officers goes back to the 1850s. "The Marshals Service used them. LAPD used them. So did other departments," the collector said.

Ward came across a few ribbons about 20 years ago and became interested in them. He has done extensive research into ribbon usage and brought a loose-leaf binder full of documents to share what he has learned.

"In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, a rapid and inexpensive method of indicia for police volunteers was to issue ribbon badges. For emergencies or unplanned events, fire, storm recovery, riots, labor strikes and the like, the ribbons were printed simply 'POLICE.' If there was advance planning for the event, fair, conventions or mass meetings, ribbons were printed "POLICE" or "MARSHAL" along with information on the event," he wrote in the introduction to his research.

When Los Angeles hired its first city marshal in 1851, he was assisted by citizen volunteers whose badge was a white ribbon, labeled in both English and Spanish.

After the Great Fire in 1871, Chicago appointed nearly 5000 civilians to assist in the restoration of order. They were issued white ribbons with "POLICE" or "SPECIAL POLICE" printed on them.

During the Railroad Strike of 1877, Chicago again recruited citizens to assist. They were issued blue silk ribbons with "POLICE" or "CITY POLICE."

Cincinnati issued red ribbons to citizen volunteers during a railroad strike. "Surviving ribbons measure from one and one-half to two inches wide and are approximately nine inches long. From period photographs, it appears, depending on the individual, the ribbons were fastened on hats, hat bands, coat lapels, coat or shirt breasts and/or sleeves," Ward said.

He found information on Marshals Service ribbons in the ranks of Special Deputy U.S. Marshal Southern District California and Deputy U.S. Marshal. The agency also issued ribbons to officers and others in New York City to help control large crowds gathered to hear campaign speeches during the presidential elections of 1880 and 1892.

Does anyone else collect police ribbons?

Hughes shows police cabinet cards Glenn Hughes is a serious collector of historic law enforcement cabinet cards. He featured a large display of his specialty from Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Some exhibits showed period-correct agency badges alongside the cards.

Cabinet cards were widely used to display portrait photographs after the 1870s. A thin black and white photographic print was mounted on a cardboard presentation card, usually four-by-six inches in size, although there are other sizes as well.

"A lot of police departments all over the country had portrait pictures taken of their officers and mounted them on cabinet cards. Fortunately, many of these have survived," Hughes said.

His Massachusetts display is a recent creation. "I found a lot of police cabinet cards from Boston, Brookline, Haverhill, Lawrence, Salem and Worcester," he said. There were also cards and a badge from Laconia, N.H.

All of these photographs were taken in the 1890s. "At the Saint Louis National last year, Keith Bushey gave me two radiator badges to show with my cards from Lawrence and Laconia, so I put them in the displays to show here," Hughes said.

"The pictures are amazing. They show the officers wearing their uniforms and hats. The quality is outstanding, considering these were taken well over a hundred years ago," Hughes said.

The retired United States Air Force colonel is an avowed history lover. "I especially love images. Photographic history is undeniable. It can't be argued with because it can be seen. An image is an image. There's no misinterpreting it," he said.

"Ole Smoky" patch sold out Response to the show patch was overwhelming. All 250 emblems had sold by Saturday morning.

The unique patch was made in the shape of a jar of "Ole Smoky" Moonshine and featured the official show logo. It has a blue background.

Co-host Jim Clark said an additional set of three patches with different background colors was made for the hosts, Richard Stoffle, Brad "Major" Redmond and him. Clark's



Duval County had constables prior to the government consolidation in 1968. Steve Srozinski's collection features their shoulder emblems and badges. The constables were assigned to districts. Apparently, most districts had numbered patches. The badges were shields. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

were green. Stoffle got red. Redmond's were orange. Only 50 of each were made. "We had these made just for fun. We wanted tableholders and collectors to interact with us. When someone came up to one of us and chatted about the show or introduced himself, we'd give them one of our personal patches, if they asked for one. These were giveaways only. They were not sold," Clark said.

After the show, Clark announced limited runs of breast cancer (pink) and autism awareness (multicolored puzzle) versions would be made and sold to collectors who wanted them for \$5 each. All proceeds will be donated to SMASH.

I heard grumbling from a few collectors that the existence of the three additional patches (green, red and orange) was not announced. I can understand their frustration. After all, we are all collectors.

However, I think the hosts had good idea. Their intent was to encourage interaction between themselves and attendees. Imagine the trio of hosts only patches as cloth challenge coins. Many agencies have challenge coins to hand out to other officers and even civilians as "thank yous" for assistance on an investigation or with a call for service. It's the same concept. The hosts rewarded feedback on their show with a patch.

Well deserved "Best of Show" "Best of Show" at the National Police Collectors Show is like winning the law enforcement insignia collecting equivalent of the Super Bowl or the World Series. Only the best of the best collections win the award.

Over the show's 36-year history, only our hobby's most elite collections and dedicated hobbyists have been honored with "Best of Show." The criteria has always been authenticity, quality, completeness, historical significance and professional presentation.

Vinnie Turocy, who won at "Ole Smoky," featured one of the best department collections I have ever seen, "Tennessee Highway Patrol." He hit it out of the park with an exhibit that will be long remembered. A few highlights:

...A virtually complete set of THP badges in all ranks and services.
...A 1930 first issue THP badge number "54" of 55. It's a silver-colored eagle-topped shield with the state seal as the center design.
...Commercial Vehicle Enforcement badges and patches, as well as metal and cloth rank insignia.

...State Capitol Police badges and patches accented by cloth rank insignia and a very old set of handcuffs and a whistle.

...A set of second issue silver-colored and gold-colored badges from 1937. These are modern eagle-topped shields.

...An all-inclusive set of THP shoulder patches from 1930 to 2022, including numerous color and lettering variations.

He devoted additional exhibits to the Tennessee Capitol Police, Department of Revenue Motor Vehicle Enforcement, Driver License Examiners and other state law enforcement agencies.

In addition, there were uniforms, hats, patrol vehicle license plates, old issued equipment and emergency lights and an accident investigation display.

Rick Vanderclock remembered with honor Brian Lyons paid tribute to longtime New Jersey collector, the late Rick Vanderclock, who died during the pandemic two years ago. He was retired from the New Jersey State Police.

"We just had to remember Rick. He was a great person and a great collector. Everyone misses him," Lyons said.

The tribute included a NJSP flag, a historic print showing troopers over the years and a shadow box with insignia, a challenge coin with his picture on it and a larger picture of Vanderclock. It was a fitting remembrance.

Jacksonville and Duval County history Steve Srozinski specializes in badges, patches and history from the Jacksonville, Fla. Sheriffs Office and its predecessors, the Jacksonville Police Department and the Duval County Sheriffs Department.

Srozinski has outstanding collections from all three agencies. He brought two segments of his Duval County collection to "Ole Smoky" for display.

The Jacksonville Sheriffs Office was created in 1968 after voters overwhelmingly approved consolidation of the city and county governments the year before. The consolidated department has policed the city and county ever since.

Srozinski featured the Duval County Road Patrol, which was responsible for traffic enforcement and accident investigation. It was formed in 1921. The officers wore patches that were vertical triangles. The design was plain and featured only lettering. (There were background color variations.) The legends read "DUVAL/ COUNTY/ PATROL" with the letters "D/ C/ P" in the center. The letters abbreviate the agency name.

"The county sheriff swore in the traffic officers, but they actually worked for a different agency, the Road Patrol," Srozinski said.

The county also had constables who were assigned to districts. Each district had a number, which was shown on their patches. The emblems were plain eight-point star-like shapes. The colors were white on gray. There were several legend variations, such as "2ND/ DISTRICT/ DUVAL/ CO./ CONSTABLE," "DEPUTY/ 2ND DISTRICT/ DUVAL/ CO./ CONSTABLE," or "DEPUTY CONSTABLE/ 2ND DIST./ DUVAL COUNTY."

Srozinski showed constable patches from Districts 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

He has been able to acquire a large number of Duval County Road Patrol and Constable badges in a variety of shapes and sizes. While there were a few stars and circled stars, the overwhelming majority are eagle-topped shields, mostly silver-colored but some gold-colored.

"I have a lot more from Duval County. I decided to bring the Road Patrol and Constable displays," Srozinski said.

The Road Patrol has a reunion every February, although their numbers are dwindling as retired officers age.

In all, the agency employed 327 road patrolmen from 1921 to 1968. Eighty-six were still alive during the 50th anniversary celebration in 2017. Many have perished since.

Governor John W. Parton appointed Sheriff Rex V. Sweat as the first road patrolman. They were made responsible for traffic law enforcement and accident investigation, although the Florida Highway Patrol handled most of the accidents.

"I was once assigned to the Patrol. One week we patrolled west of the Saint Johns River and the next week east of the river," said Don Marx, who joined in 1958, during an interview for a local newspaper story on the 50th anniversary reunion.

Officers worked eight-hour shifts and switched from midnights to days to afternoons every month. They did not have take home cars. There was no overtime. They were paid \$125 a month with a \$50 expense allowance.

Of course, Duval County still exists. However, it shares government services with Jacksonville under terms of the now 54-year old consolidation agreement. The county population in 2020 was nearly 956,000.

Georgia always on collector's mind Hal Daniels, a sheriff's deputy in Cherokee County, Ga., is a dedicated collector of Georgia law enforcement patches. When I kidded him that Georgia is always on his mind, he laughed and replied, "All the time!"

Daniels has collected his home state for 27 years ever since he became a law enforcement officer. Because his father served in Vietnam, he also collected military insignia before he joined the sheriffs office.



Hal Daniels has been collecting Georgia law enforcement patches since he became a law enforcement officer in Cherokee County 27 years ago. He has amassed an incredible collection of state agency, county sheriff and municipal police. He is shown with his daughter, Chloe. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

“Ole Smoky” Show ...Continued

His “Ole Smoky” exhibit included eight loose-leaf albums on his tables and five large freestanding display boards next to them. He collects all Georgia law enforcement agencies, state, county and local, and has assembled a massive, very impressive collection.

“I’m really professional about my collection. I’m not about to toss everything into boxes and say, ‘Here it is.’ I put all my patches in order inside plastic sleeves. The sleeves go in binders. My big boards have some of my favorite collections,” Daniels said.

His large display boards featured patch collections from:

...Every United States county named Cherokee, as well as the Cherokee Tribe and even a patch from the United States Coast Guard cutter *Cherokee*.

...Cobb County, Ga., where he grew up.

...Driving under the influence enforcement units. He worked traffic for eight years and concentrated on DUI arrests.

...Cherokee County Sheriffs Office, his department.

...Every Cherokee County municipal agency. He is missing only Waleska where the police department went defunct about 30 years ago. “I’d be truly blessed if I could ever find one of their patches,” he said.

Daniels collected in person by making trades with other law enforcement officers for more than 20 years. About six years ago, he discovered the hobby had a social media presence and there are collector shows. He attended Elton Rosser’s first show in Georgia and won an award for the best patch display.

“This is the closest the National has ever been to Georgia, so I decided to go. It’s been awesome. The displays are insane! I love the hobby. I’ve found a lot of patches I needed, so its been well worth it,” he said.


Daniels’ goal is to complete Georgia. He wants every police and sheriff patch. He already has a virtually complete collection of 154 (including variations) of the brown round generic emblems worn by sheriffs departments across the state, although many since have opted for custom insignia, especially over the last decade. “We call them round browns down here,” he said.

“The best thing about this show is I’ve learned a lot about the hobby. I’ve got all kinds of ideas for new displays. But, the best part has been meeting and trading with other collectors. A great bunch of guys,” Daniels said.

Isn’t that what the National Show and the hobby are all about?

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National Show Tables Tables for the 2023 National Police Collectors Show in San Bernardino, Calif. are selling well. Co-host Dennis Houser reports more than 70 percent of the available tables have already been sold. He recommends collectors make reservations now in order to avoid disappointment.



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California Law Enforcement Historical Society Hosts 2022 Collectors Show

The California Law Enforcement Historical Society hosted the annual Police Memorabilia Collectors Show on Saturday, July 16 at the Veterans Memorial Hall in San Luis Obispo.

Hosts President Gary Hoving, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Smith and the Board of Directors welcomed another outstanding turnout of tableholders and collectors from throughout California, as well as Gary Teragawa from Georgia and Mike R. and Paula J. Bondarenko from Wisconsin.

“We sold 55 tables, although one tableholder canceled last night (Friday), so we had 53 tables. That’s a very good turnout for a show in Central California,” President Hoving said.

The event attracted a large number of walk-ins, including many non-members and law enforcement officers from throughout the area, largely as the result of advertising and promotion at police and sheriff departments.

“Walk-in traffic at the show seemed to be significantly higher than last year. Perhaps the receding COVID concern and increased advertising in the law enforcement community played into it,” President Hoving said.

“I especially appreciate the opportunity to talk with many of the exhibitors and attendees. There were many new and younger collectors, which was very encouraging to us old guys.”

CLEHS ‘22 was highlighted by breathtaking exhibits of Golden State insignia, artifacts and memorabilia, a wide variety of badges and patches from throughout California and the USA for sale or trade and recognition of Mike DeVilbiss as 2022 “California Police Historian

of the Year.”

Longtime California collectors Jake Bushey and Mark Bray were recognized for their law enforcement retirements. Bushey retired from the Los Angeles Police Department after 30 years and recently joined the Azusa Police Department as a patrol lieutenant. Bray retired from the Fresno County Sheriffs Office in 2015 but had never officially been honored for his service until the show.

“This show was a fun event, and I’m glad that everyone had a great time,” President Hoving said.

2022 CLEHS tableholders Thirty-four collectors from throughout California, Georgia and Wisconsin made it possible for the outstanding turnout of 55 tables, although one collector who had two tables, canceled the night before the show.

Tableholders were Mike R. Bondarenko (Wisconsin), Mark Bray, Doug Brimmer, Jake Bushey, CLEHS, Dan Caldon, Jim Casey, Phil Colonnelli, Brad Darling, Mike DeVilbiss, Randy Grago, Gene Green, Greg Gilstrap, John and Jason Hernandez, Dennis Houser, Gary Hoving, Nick Kanaya, Jim Lyman, Mike McCarthy, Steve Mizroch, Jim Munding, Jarrod Nunes, Gary Orbach, Art Pegg, Joe Seitz, Nathan Semel, Dennis Shell, Brian Smith, Ken Snyder, Gary Teragawa (Georgia), Jess Tovar, Veterans Memorial Museum, Arnold Wong and R.C. Yoshioka.

“The experience of hosting shows has paid off with very few problems arising. The best kept secret is that I actually opened the doors at 6 am, which allowed me to set up my personal and CLEHS exhibits before the guests arrived. By opening early, there was no waiting in line to check in and no bottleneck at the door. A shout out to Crystal Hoving and Pattie Annon who helped host the show,” President Hoving said.



(Left to right) CLEHS President Gary Hoving and the 2022 award winners: “Historian of the Year” Mike DeVilbiss, “Best of Show” Mark Bray, “Best Badge” Mike McCarthy, “Best Patch” Jess Tovar, “Best Historical” Randy Grago and “Best Educational” Ken Snyder. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Mark Bray’s “Best of Show” award-winning display was devoted to his former department, the Fresno County Sheriffs Office. In addition to a complete selection of badges and patches, the veteran collector augments his collection with photographs and documents. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



California collector Kelly Mayfield (left) presents Mark Bray with a plaque commemorating his law enforcement career with the Merced Police Department and the Fresno County Sheriffs Department. Mayfield and Bray worked together at Fresno County for years. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Mike McCarthy's phenomenal San Francisco Police Department collection was honored with the "Best Badge Display" award at the CLEHS show. McCarthy specializes in City by the Bay public safety agencies. Many of his badges are documented. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

Bray wins top honors Longtime California collector Mark Bray won "Best of Show" honors for his world-class exhibit of insignia, artifacts and memorabilia from the Fresno County Sheriffs Office, his former department.

"This is the highest recognition we can give to a collector who has gone beyond expectations to preserve California law enforcement history. Mark has done exactly that with his great exhibit from Fresno County," President Hoving said.

"Best Badge Display" went to Mike McCarthy for an incredible insignia and artifacts display from the San Francisco Police Department. He specializes in San Francisco public safety agencies and also has a phenomenal Fire Department collection.

Jess Tovar went home with the "Best Patch Display" for a fascinating exhibit devoted to the Riverbank Police Department, a defunct agency in Stanislaus County. The collector specializes in Stanislaus County law enforcement agencies.

Randy Grago, best known as editor and publisher of the "California Patch Book," his outstanding educational Web site, won "Best Historical Display." He featured a unique exhibit of memorabilia from Hollywood entertainment industry law enforcement productions, *Adam-12*, *The Blue Knight* and *The New Centurions*.

Finally, Ken Snyder captured "Best Educational Display" for his very well presented



Mark Bray's collection features a wide variety of six-point ball-tipped stars from the Fresno County Sheriffs Department in various ranks and services. His exhibit also featured identification cards and a photograph. Six-point ball-tipped stars are worn by most counties. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



The display contest judges were greatly impressed by the documentation Mike McCarthy uses to authenticate his excellent San Francisco Police Department badge collection. The helmet and uniform date to the late 1890s and early 1900s with a period correct star. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Award-winning exhibits by Fresno County Sheriffs Department collector Mark Bray. (Top) His Air Squadron display includes patches, wings, photos and a sign. (Bottom) Bureau of Investigations patches and badges highlight this segment of Bray's collection. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



A San Francisco Police Department Mounted Patrol officer once wore this uniform and carried the large baton (right) on his horse. Mike McCarthy's collection also includes a tear gas grenade that an officer tossed into a crowd during the infamous 1934 Wharf Riots. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Remember the Riverbank Police Department, veteran California collectors? Jess Tovar sure does! He collects Stanislaus County agencies and has a particularly impressive exhibit from the defunct agency. Riverbank became a contract city in 1995. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

exhibit of public safety insignia from Calaveras County. He featured insignia from the county sheriffs department and local police, fire and emergency service departments. Bray's four-table exhibit represented all things Fresno County SO. Many badges, photos and artifacts date to the earliest days of the agency, which was formed in 1856. He showed a wide variety of insignia, including a complete collection of patches and badges worn by deputy sheriffs, marshals and constables. "I started collecting Fresno County because that's where I worked. I started in law enforcement with Merced PD, but then I moved up to work for Fresno County," Bray said. He showed four large freestanding frames of historic department insignia and photographs, six cases of badges, sheriff campaign signs, documents, wanted posters, patrol vehicle pictures and even a couple uniforms. Bray offered four large collections of sheriff and constable patches and dozens of historic photos in the freestanding displays, while the tabletop cases were filled with



Randy Grago's CLEHS '22 exhibit was dedicated to late '60s and early '70s Hollywood entertainment industry law enforcement-related productions, *The New Centurions*, *The Blue Knight* and *Adam-12*. William Holden's Golden Globe is displayed next to him. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



(Top) Jess Tovar's award-winning CLEHS exhibit featured the Riverbank Police Department, a defunct agency. (Top) A first issue patch and patrol officer badge. (Bottom) Tovar's collection of Riverbank shoulder patches. Riverbank is located in Stanislaus County. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Los Angeles Police Department policeman "4207" is the prop badge that was worn by William Holden in the popular 1973 film, *The Blue Knight*. It is now in Randy Grago's fine collection. He explained production companies often made over badges to match agencies. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

badges, many of them augmented with ID cards and pictures. There were also collections devoted to the Air Squadron, Boat Squadron, Posse, Bureau of Investigation, Parole and Constables. McCarthy showed a well-documented collection of SFPD badges, including stars issued to several prominent officers and supervisors. "I try to document as many of my badges as I can," he said. It was a very impressive exhibit of one of the nation's most heavily collected police departments. In addition to badges, McCarthy's three-table exhibit included a variety of SFPD historical memorabilia and artifacts. It was highlighted by an old Mounted uniform augmented by a large baton used by an officer and one of the tear gas grenades officers used during the infamous 1934 Wharf Riots. McCarthy had a beautiful display devoted to Chief of Police William J. Biggy, who headed the agency from 1907 to 1908. He has a uniform from his era, as well as his personal weapon, a Colt Model 1889 .41-caliber pistol, which was manufactured in 1907. The chief's suspicious death has previously been chronicled in the *California Police Historian*. McCarthy showed off a 1965 SFPD station logbook, a large handwritten volume that was used by desk sergeants to record station activity. He pointed out that the book is so heavy that an officer actually suffered a back injury moving it to an archive. Finally, the collector showed photographs of his recently restored 1986 SFPD tricycle, a beautiful restoration and adaptation of a classic ridden by motor officers. McCarthy handed out promotional fliers for the upcoming Ripon insignia and emergency vehicle shows. Tables remain available for the insignia show. He said at least 100 public safety vehicles are expected for the car show. (Please see "Swap Meet Calendar" for details.)

The Riverbank Police Department patrolled the Stanislaus County community until 1995 when it was abolished and the city contracted for law enforcement services from the county sheriff. Today, the agency is known as Riverbank Police Services and is staffed by 22 sheriff's deputies. The chief of police is a sheriff's lieutenant. The agency serves a population of 23,000. "Riverbank is a contract city now. They wear Stanislaus County SO patches and badges," Tovar said. "The chief is a sheriff's lieutenant but wears chief of police rank insignia." Grago opted for an entertainment theme for his award-winning exhibit. He featured artifacts, memorabilia, insignia and advertising from the late 1960s and early 1970s law enforcement movies, *The Blue Knight* and *The New Centurions*, and the ever-popular television series, *Adam-12*, which starred the late Martin Milner and Kent McCord. "This [display] is actually devoted to Joseph Wambaugh. Both *The Blue Knight* and *The New Centurions* were based on his books," Grago said. "Adam-12 had a significant impact on modern law enforcement because it projected a positive image, much like *Dragnet*, and I only wonder how many police officers it recruited across the country." Wambaugh served as a Los Angeles police officer from 1960 to 1974. He held the ranks of patrolman and detective sergeant. His first novel, *The New Centurions*, which focused on three LAPD recruits being trained by veteran officers, was published in 1971. The best seller became a popular feature film a year later starring George C. Scott and Stacy Keach. *The Blue Knight*, perhaps his most critically acclaimed novel, which chronicled the career of LAPD Patrolman William "Bumper" Morgan, followed *The New Centurions* in 1973 as another popular movie.



Randy Grago shows off a large movie poster from the Spanish production of the popular 1973 film, *The Blue Knight*, starring William Holden and Lee Remick. The film was based on a best selling book by Joseph Wambaugh, the former Los Angeles cop turned author. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Ken Snyder collects all things public safety from Calaveras County. He showed patches and badges from the county sheriff, local fire departments and emergency services agencies. There was also an exhibit (lower left) dedicated to Angels Camp PD. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

William Holden won a Golden Globe award for his portrayal of Morgan, an unconventional, often rogue street cop who nevertheless got results, often to the chagrin of LAPD management. It became a television series in 1975 starring George Kennedy. Wambaugh wrote both books while he was still a working cop and often quipped that suspects he apprehended asked him for autographs. *Adam-12* was a Jack Webb-produced television series about day-to-day lives of two LAPD patrol officers. Milner portrayed Officer Peter Malloy, while McCord played Officer James Reed. The groundbreaking series ran from 1968 to 1975. Grago featured a selection of artifacts and memorabilia from all three productions and shared his encyclopedic knowledge of them with show-goers. The highlight was Holden's Golden Globe award. The inscription reads, "73-'74 Best Actor In A Limited Series." He obtained it from a dealer. It was created for presentation to Holden. However, the gold-colored globe on top was broken, so it was replaced with another award prior to presentation. The dealer purchased the damaged award and had the globe replaced. It is now in Grago's collection.

Grago was gifted Milner's San Diego County special deputy sheriff's badge by the actor's family following his death at age 83 in 2015. The California collector met the actor at least twice while working security jobs and evidently made a positive, lasting impression. "It was a great honor to accept the badge," he said.

His displays featured a variety of photographs and presentation documents from each production.

Grago even had a selection of *The Blue Knight* movie posters from overseas productions.

"I've got a lot more from Hollywood, but I don't have room to show it here. There's always a lot of interest," he said.

Snyder collects anything and everything from Calaveras County public safety. His eye-catching exhibit featured the Sheriff's Office, as well as local police and fire departments. He also collects state and federal agencies that operate in the county, such as the United States Forest Service, California State Parks and others.

There was a unique collection of patches and badges from Angels Camp, whose police patch once depicted a jumping frog. The jumping frog was made famous in a novel by Mark Twain. The police department currently has five officers who patrol the only incorporated city in the county.

CLEHS '22 table talk Gary Hoving brought a handsome three-table exhibit of badges and patches from San Luis Obispo County.

There was a two-frame collection from his former department, the county sheriffs office, as well as collections from the police departments in San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles.

Hoving's display featured a variety of rare first and second issues, as well as rank and specialty insignia.

John Hernandez, a local collector and 40-year law enforcement veteran, who was attending only his second show, featured a display of Santa Clara County and other California law enforcement badges. He also had a career badge display.

"I'm here with my son, Jason, who is a new law enforcement officer. He's where I was 40 years ago. Someday, this [his badge collection] will be his," he said.

Hernandez worked for Santa Clara PD, Milpitas PD, California State University Police and a school district agency. His career display shows his badges, patches and ID cards.

"I was at the show last year. I walked around and saw all the displays. I thought I'd put one together for this show," he said.

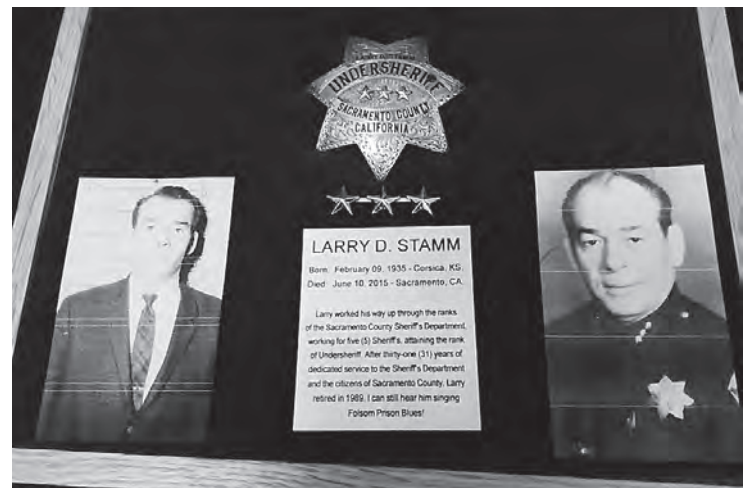
Dan Caldon, owner of "Hello Central" in San Luis Obispo, sells completely restored and fully functional police and emergency services call boxes. He showed a variety of mostly Gamewell-made boxes, including two 1920s pedestal-mounted boxes from the Chicago



2022 California Police Historian of the Year is (left) Mike DeVilbiss, a former Sacramento County sheriff's deputy. He was honored by President Gary Hoving (right) for preserving Sacramento County law enforcement history and contributing to the newsletter. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Mike DeVilbiss has an extraordinary collection from the Sacramento County Sheriffs Department, his former agency. His exhibit featured badges, patches, artifacts, memorabilia and a mannequin wearing a deputy sheriff uniform. There was even a working scale model car. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



Larry D. Stamm served with the Sacramento County Sheriffs Department for 31 years from 1958 to 1989. He rose through the ranks to become undersheriff in 1986 and served under five sheriffs. Mike DeVilbiss has his undersheriff badge in his collection. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

Police Department.

"I've been restoring call boxes for a long time. I've got a lot of them from California and a few from other places, like Chicago," he said.

"As time goes on, call boxes are getting harder and harder to find, which only stands to reason because they haven't been used for many years," Caldon said.

Phil Colonnelli featured three large frames of badges from San Diego County, including many rarities and early issues. The display represented county and municipal agencies.

Longtime California collector Kelly Mayfield, who worked with Mark Bray at the Fresno County Sheriffs Office, became emotional when he presented his former coworker with a beautiful engraved plaque commemorating his law enforcement career.

"I worked with Mark. When he went out on a medical, the department didn't do anything for him as far as an award for his service goes. I decided it was time to finally recognize him because he deserves it," Mayfield said.

Bray was a Merced police officer from 1987 to 1991. He joined the SO that same year and went out on a medical retirement as a sergeant in 2015 after 25 years of service. The plaque listed his duty assignments.

A group of Fresno County SO old-timers attended the ceremony and conveyed their best wishes to Bray. Their camaraderie was obvious.

It was great to renew longtime friendships with veteran California collectors Jim Casey, Jim Munding and Jake Bushey.

Casey, who has unearthed many of the most desirable law enforcement badges in the nation's history and published two books about them, lives in Orangevale in Sacramento County. Longtime badge collectors Al Mize and Bob Mohr live nearby.



California Law Enforcement Historical Society President Gary Hoving brought an outstanding exhibit of badges from San Luis Obispo County, including the Sheriff's Department and municipal agencies. Hoving is a former county chief deputy and police chief in Guadalupe. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*



John (left) and Jason (right) Hernandez were among tableholders at the CLEHS '22 show. Hernandez displayed his collection of California badges, including a variety of Santa Clara County agencies. He also featured an exhibit of badges he wore during his career. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

"We get together for coffee pretty much every morning. We talk about badges and the hobby in general. We have a lot of fun with it," Casey said. "I don't know how many years we have between us as collectors, but it's got to be a lot. We're the old guys in this hobby now!"

He had high praise for longtime collector Don Magruder, now of Iowa but formerly of Saint Louis, who specializes in pre-1900 badges. "He has done a tremendous job researching his collection. Some of the badges he's got came from me. I've directed him to other collectors who had badges I thought he'd like. He has gone all out. A top quality collection," Casey said.

Munding has been an avid law enforcement patch collector for more than 50 years. He is among the pioneers of the California hobby and has attended shows throughout the state, most of them from the first CLEHS and "Porky" shows to today.

"I still like to collect the old fashioned way. I like to trade. I'm always willing to swap one-for-one with anybody. Patches need to be in circulation so everyone can enjoy them. Everything on my tables is up for trade," Munding said.

After Munding and I swapped a few patches, he said, "See? This is how it should be. No cash changed hands, just trades."

Bushey is "absolutely loving" his new job as a patrol lieutenant in Azusa. He retired from the LAPD to take the job.

"It's where I grew up. It's where I live. It's a great department. I'm loving it," he said.

DeVilbiss named 2022 historian The most prestigious award that CLEHS bestows annually is the highly-coveted "Police Historian of the Year." The 2022 winner was Mike DeVilbiss of Yuba City, who specializes in Sacramento County law enforcement. It was very richly deserved.

"This award is presented annually to the CLEHS member who has distinguished himself by preserving California police history, contributing articles to the *California Police Historian* and promoting the goals of the Society," President Hoving said.

DeVilbiss specializes in the Sacramento County Sheriffs Office. He featured four cases of badges and patches, as well as sheriff campaign signs, historic photographs and much, much more. Badges and patches from county marshals and other agencies were also displayed.

There was a large exhibit of historic restraints. "I don't think too many of these would pass muster in this day and age. They're not exactly very comfortable," he quipped.

DeVilbiss had a display devoted to Undersheriff Larry D. Stamm, who served Sacramento County for 31 years. He served under five sheriffs and came up through the ranks to become the second in command.

The exhibits shows two photographs, three silver collar stars and his personalized seven point star. The silver-colored badge, which has extensive filigree, features three gold-colored stars as the center design. The legends read, "LARRY D. STAMM/ UNDERSHERIFF/ SACRAMENTO COUNTY/ CALIFORNIA," in blue enamel letters.

"I worked with Larry when I was on the job. He retired in 1989. He was a great guy. Every time I see his picture or his badge, it brings back a lot of memories," DeVilbiss said.

A native of Kansas, Stamm served in the United States Navy before he joined the sheriffs department in 1958. He began his career as a corrections deputy. He served in virtually every patrol, investigative and administrative capacity until he became the undersheriff in 1986. He was chief deputy for three years.

Stamm was personally responsible bringing millions of dollars in state and federal grants to the department for various projects, including construction of a new \$110 million jail. He was considered an expert in jail operation and management.

Following his retirement, Stamm became a field representative for the California



Dan Caldon offered this beautifully-restored and fully functional Chicago Police Department call box from the 1920s. It was made by Gamewell, a leading manufacturer of public safety call boxes and alarm systems. This is a stand alone pedestal box. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

Department of Corrections. "Larry had the badge made for himself. I was lucky enough to get it for my collection. I'm really proud of it," DeVilbiss said.

Board of directors meeting The CLEHS Board of Directors met on Friday, July 15 at the Veterans Memorial Hall. President Hoving presided over the annual meeting. It was sparsely attended because there was no director election this year.

"We're all excited for the San Bernardino National next year. The mobile museum will be set up inside the hall. We're going to be there to show it to collectors from all over the country," President Hoving said.

Secretary-Treasurer Smith reported the directors approved the appointment of a volunteer director of communications to oversee a long-anticipated oral history project.

"We're looking to do recorded interviews with law enforcement officers around the state about their lives and careers, especially about their departments, famous cases they've worked and, of course, badges and patches," he said.

Mike DeVilbiss, who serves as the Northern California director, volunteered to schedule interviews with retired Sacramento County deputy sheriffs. "I'd be glad to get the ball rolling," he said.

Secretary-Treasurer Smith said the goal of the project to post the completed interviews on the CLEHS Web site for members and non-members to enjoy as well as learn more California law enforcement history from the officers who lived it.

"This is something we've talked about for a long time, and we're going to start it as soon as we can," he said.

The directors also approved updating the graphics on of the mobile museum.

National Show update Dennis and Nancy Houser, who will co-host the 2023 National Police Collectors Show in San Bernardino, attended CLEHS '22 to promote the show and sell tables. The couple represented the San Bernardino Police Historical Society.

"We've already sold about more than half of our 290 tables, so we are well on the way to what we hope will be a sellout," Houser said.

Houser said if the show is a sellout, there will be a waiting list in the event of cancellations. "We could sellout by 'Porky' next January," he said. "It's sure looking that way."

"We might be able to squeeze in about ten more tables if we have to, but we won't until there is a demand for it. We want plenty of room inside the hall," he said.

2023 show announced The 2023 CLEHS show has already been announced. It will be held on Saturday, July 29 at the Veterans Memorial Hall in San Luis Obispo.

"We have changed the show venue a few times over the years but think the Veterans Memorial Hall is the most ideal. With the remodel complete, the building is beautiful, and the location is close to the freeway, hotel and restaurants," President Hoving said.

The show will once again be held from 8 am to 2 pm. Tables are available for \$40 each for CLEHS members and \$50 each for non-members.

Submitted by Mike R. Bondarenko, Editor

CLEHS News Updates

CLEHS Annual Meeting Minutes The California Law Enforcement Historical Society annual meeting was held on Friday, July 15, 2022 at 5 pm at 801 Grand Avenue in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Call to order at 5 pm by President Gary Hoving.
Roll call of board members: Gary Hoving, Brian Smith, Brad Darling, Dean Hileman, Doug Brimmer, Mark Bray, Jake Bushey and Mike DeVilbiss present. Ian Parkinson was absent.

Roll call of attendees: Mike McCarthy, Gary Teragawa and Randy Grago.
Meeting minutes of July 23, 2021 annual meeting and board approval of a March 21, 2022 email were distributed and reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes and email was made by Brian Smith and seconded by Mark Bray. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial reports were distributed and reviewed. Brian Smith presented an overview of the cash flow report for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 and a Wells Fargo bank statement dated June 24, 2022. Motion to approve the financial reports was made by Brian Smith and seconded by Dean Hileman. Motion carried unanimously.

Membership report was distributed and reviewed. Brian Smith presented an overview of the state of membership as of June 30, 2022. The Society has 79 active, 11 associate, two corporate and 47 life members for a grand total of 139 members. Total membership has increased by six members over June 30, 2021.

Gary Hoving said we need to take care of our members, give them something to recognize their support. We did provide a CLEHS challenge coin to all members several years ago. He suggested we consider a new coin and asked for ideas from the board.

Museum report: Due to COVID-19, the museum has not been to any events the last two years. Gary Hoving provided a tentative schedule of upcoming events where the museum



"Hello Central" owner Dan Caldon shows some restored and functional public safety call boxes he sells in San Luis Obispo. He showed off boxes from Los Angeles, Santa Monica and San Luis Obispo, as well as other agencies. He is self-professed telephone call box geek. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

will be displayed: August 5 in Lompoc, September 10 at the Sheriff's Day at the Ranch in SLO, September 24 at a car show in Clovis and October 1 at the Ripon show. The events are listed on our Web site so check there for the latest information.

Gary Hoving does need help to staff the museum during these events. Anyone can volunteer to work in the museum, so contact Gary if you can help out.

Hoving would like to update the graphics on the side of the museum, which are faded and have not been changed since the museum was created. He requested \$1500 in funding for this upgrade. Once done, photos of the museum will be added to the Web site and sent to Randy Grago. Motion to approve the funding was made by Dean Hileman and seconded by Jake Bushey, Motion carried unanimously.

Hoving would also like to add "And Learning Center" to the museum name to reflect its mission. Motion to approve the name change was made by Brian Smith and seconded by Brad Darling. Motion carried unanimously.

Gary continues to look for a suitable storage site for the museum but has not been able to find one. The museum is stored outdoors and is not protected from coastal weather conditions. A storage site must be secure and free if possible. He will explore storing the museum at the Santa Maria PD or some other secure site.

Gary is going to create a use of force gallery in the museum. It will be covered when young children are in it.

Old business: Gary Hoving proposed we create an oral history project to record the experiences of retired officers and place these recordings on our Web site. He said there is a great oral history video from Ed Williams about the Black Panther Shootout in Los Angeles. Now to accomplish this effort, Gary will speak to Ron Slaughter to see if he would be interested in role of Director of Communications for CLEHS.

New business: Randy Grago suggested more outreach to young officers to join CLEHS. Jake Bushey said the LAPHS also has a problem attracting young officers to join who are more interested in their current job than the history of the LAPD.

Adjourned at 5:48 pm.
Submitted by Brian Smith, Secretary/Treasurer

Ripon Public Safety Collectors Show The 2022 Ripon Public Safety Collectors Show will be held on October 1, 2022 from 9 am to 1 pm. The show will be held at the Ripon Community Center, 334 Fourth Street, Ripon, Calif. Show hosts are Mike McCarthy, Scott Welch and Gary Hoving.

The show is a fundraiser for the California Law Enforcement Historical Society, Concerns of Police Survivors, Ranger Foundation and the Ripon VIPS. It is sponsored by the CLEHS.

There are 55 eight foot tables available at \$40 each. Reserve your table early as the show sells out every year.

Free admission.
To reserve a table and make payment online for the Ripon show, go to the CLEHS Web site and click on Ripon Public Safety Collectors Show.

To reserve a table and pay by check, please contact Gary Hoving, President, California Police Historical Society, PO Box 254875, Sacramento CA 95865-4875 or (805) 441-4936.
Courtesy of Brian Smith, Secretary/Treasurer

Mizroch Passionate About Fire Patches If you have a question about the history of Marin County fire departments, no need to look any further than Dr. Stephen Mizroch.

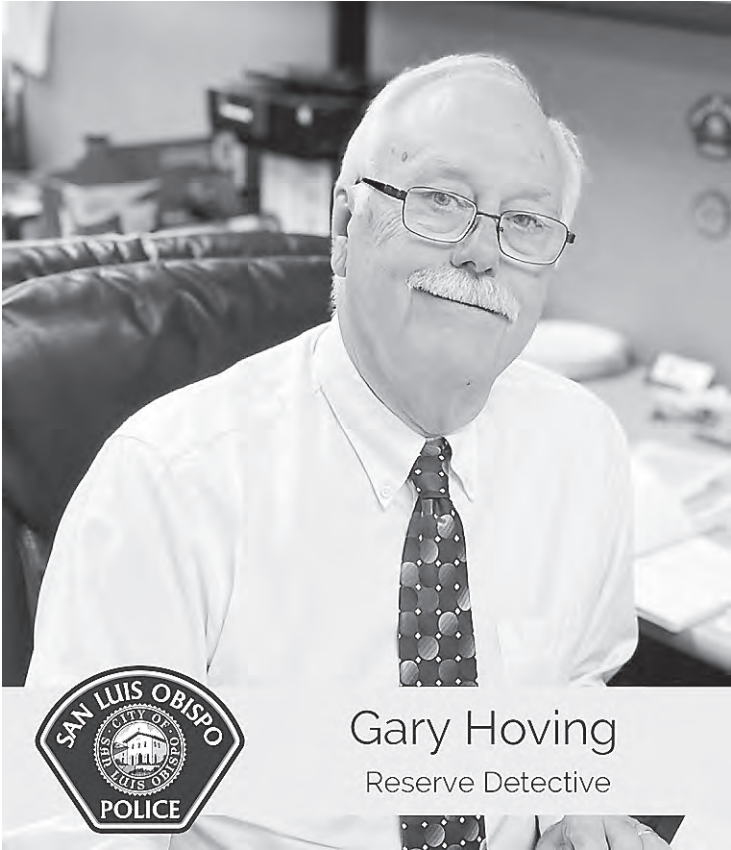
The San Rafael resident has spent 30 years collecting and accumulating 6000 fire department patches and other historic memorabilia from California and elsewhere, some of which are framed and hanging in his home. He also served on the San Rafael Fire Commission for more than three decades, the last 11 of which as chairman, before retiring at the end of March.

Mizroch enjoys connecting with other patch collectors around the state for camaraderie and trading.

Q: How did your collecting begin?
A: I knew Roger Tobin of San Rafael Coin Company for some years. He knew that I liked odd stuff and he said, "Dr. Steve, why don't you come over here? There's some badges I want to show you." I go there and they were hand-engraved and gorgeous. That was the beginning in 1992. For me, it's about the history. When you learn about a patch, you learn about the department and its history.

Q: What draws you to these items?
A: I have always been a collector of sorts, baseball cards and coins, but I found the badges and patches so interesting. They tell a story. Like the San Rafael patch was very simple in the beginning; it said San Rafael Fire. Before 1972, they didn't wear them, until one time they got taken as service station attendants, and they went to the chief and said we want a patch that says the fire department. It creates an identity and helps you define yourself.

Q: What's a memorable find?



Gary Hoving serves as a reserve detective with the San Luis Obispo Police Department. He previously worked in Orange and San Luis Obispo counties, as well as police chief in Guadalupe. The veteran California collector now works on mostly cold cases for the department. *Contributed photograph*

A: The next patch is my favorite, the next one I collect, the one that I haven't seen before. But when I travel, that's when it's fun to get a patch. I've been to Armenia and gotten a patch. Got a patch in Patagonia that was great, it's a penguin throwing ice from a bucket onto a fire. A clever, whimsical, wonderful patch. And I like the San Rafael ones, of course.

Q: Where does your love of fire department culture and history come from?
A: The fire department is such an indispensable central part of public safety. Firefighters go out there when you're having a heart attack, or having a baby unexpectedly, or your horse falls into a ravine and need someone to pull them out. They are there in a nick of time in your most dire crisis. There is something very special and heroic about that. What I thought in the beginning, and still feel today, is that the fire department is one of the premier organizations in the county, and being associated with such a high-quality organization was very attractive and an honor.

Q: How'd you get on the commission?
A: I saw an ad in the IJ [*Marin Independent Journal*]. I applied and was offered a position as an alternate. That allowed me to go to all the meetings, sit in and participate fully, just as an alternate rather than an actual member but within a few months, one of them died, and they moved me up to a member of the commission. My collecting hobby, my professional life then at Kaiser in San Rafael and the fire commission all fit together.

Q: You worked more than 30 years at Kaiser San Rafael working in internal medicine and geriatrics. How did that help your work on the commission?
A: Two thirds of the calls to the fire department are paramedic, and being a physician allowed me to understand and interact in a way that was very satisfying. So when things came out about CPR or public safety, I was able to translate.

Q: Did you interact with firefighters before getting on the commission?
A: It did happen because I was sometimes on call at night and paramedics would bring someone to the hospital, and as they brought people in, I would often interact with the firefighters and chat with them, and see what they were doing.

Q: Why retire?
A: The fact that I served for a long time will be unique because there is now a two-term limit. I retired because I was termed out. Would I have stopped? Probably not. But I support it; it's good to have new blood. I really feel the strength of the commission was the group having different people, different perspectives and different ideas. We accomplished quite a few things but we did it together.
Submitted by Stephen Mizroch

CHiPS Reunion Dinner Scheduled A *CHiPS* Reunion Dinner and social event early next year will bring together the original cast and fans. The event will be held at the Richard Nixon Memorial Library in Yorba Linda.

CHiPS was a popular television drama about the exploits of two California Highway Patrol motor officers in Los Angeles. It ran from 1977 to 1983. There were 139 episodes over six seasons, as well as a feature film.

Hosted by Nite of Dreams, a California event planner specializing in celebrity events, the reunion will bring together stars Erik Estrada (Officer Francis "Ponch" Poncherello), Larry Wilcox (Officer Jonathan Baker) and Robert Pine (Sergeant Joseph Getraer). It will be held from 5 pm to 10 pm in the East Ballroom on Thursday, January 19.

The five-hour gathering will feature a social hour, dinner, one-on-one conversations, photo opportunities, a question and answer session, displays, artifacts and memorabilia. Tickets go on sale on September 15. A sellout is expected.
Courtesy of Nite of Dreams

Hoving In Employee Spotlight The San Luis Obispo Police Department recently recognized CLEHS President Gary Hoving, who is a reserve detective for the agency, in their weekly Employee Spotlight.

"Gary was born and raised in Redlands in San Bernardino County. He earned his AA in criminal justice from San Bernardino Valley College and then his BA in Administration of Justice from a private university in Southern California in 1984.

Gary joined the Orange County Sheriffs Department in 1975 and moved up to SLO County in 1979 to join the San Luis Obispo County Sheriffs Office, working up through the ranks to chief deputy sheriff. In 2013, Gary became the police chief in Guadalupe and served there until 2018 when he "retired."

In October 2019, Gary joined the SLO PD and began working cold cases in the Investigation Bureau as a volunteer and officially became a reserve in 2019. He loves the team spirit at SLO PD.

Gary is an incredible researcher and historian. He has written five books and many articles on local history, law enforcement history, crime scene investigations and forensics. He is currently the president of the California Law Enforcement Historical Society and a docent for the California Police Museum.

Gary is married to an exceptionally supportive wife, Crystal, who shares interests in antiques, home improvement and travel. He is the proud father and stepfather of five and is the granddad of eight. He is also a dog dad to Millie, his long-haired Dachshund, who visits SLO PD on occasion.

"It has been a true honor working as a detective with the San Luis Obispo Police Department. The work is often tedious but extremely important and rewarding."
Courtesy of San Luis Obispo Police Department



Steve Mizroch shows one of his framed fire patch collections. The San Rafael physician began collecting fire insignia in 1992. He previously collected baseball cards and coins. Mizroch served as a member of the San Rafael Fire Commission for 30 years, including 11 as chairman. *Contributed photograph*



Father Mort Ward at an American Red Cross public relations event in Santa Barbara in 2020. The veteran California collector spent hundreds of hours as a Red Cross disaster relief volunteer, as well as a special deputy sheriff and volunteer firefighter. He died on July 28. *Contributed photograph*

A Tribute To Father Mort Ward

A wonderful man transitioned from life as we know it into eternal life on July 28. Father Mort Ward, a collector but more importantly, a man of the Lord, Episcopal priest and husband of Sandy Ward, passed away.

I first met Mort in San Diego in 1971 where I was on USMC duty and he was a volunteer fireman and chaplain for the Poway Fire Department. Yes, he was a real water squirtin' guy, as well as a priest. We immediately bonded and exchanged some badges.

I don't think we ever traded badges. If he had a badge he thought I'd like, he gave it to me. Likewise, over years, I relished in routinely sending him really nice fire badges that came my way his way!

Among my son, Jake's, most cherished possessions is Mort's badge and ID card as a special San Diego County Sheriffs Department deputy sheriff.

Mort wormed his way not only into our hearts but into our homes as well. He baptized our children, Jake, Stacy and Zak. Throughout the years, he has remained front and center in the Bushey Family through many trials, tribulations and kids.

He was equally close and adored by his first wife, Barbara (1970 to 1984) and Sandy (1988 to eternity).

Mort epitomized goodness. He looked for and found good in everyone, even when others were unable to arrive the same conclusion. In 50-plus years of friendship and hundreds of conversations, I never heard speak ill of another person. Never! However, on one or two occasions, he grudgingly commented that a person or so was a "work in progress!"

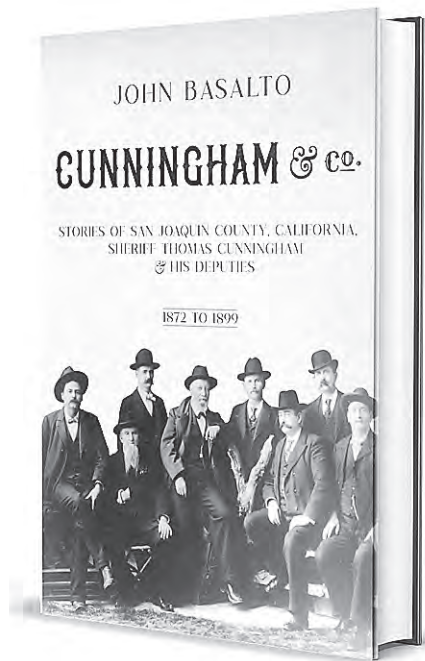
The world is a better place because of Mort Ward, and those of us who had the honor of having him in our lives are better people because of his presence and influence.

God bless you, Mort. As someone who served Him so well for so long, there is no doubt that the Lord has warmly embraced your arrival in Heaven.

Submitted by Keith Bushey



Thomas Cunningham served as the sheriff of San Joaquin County from 1872 to 1899 when he retired. He was born in Ireland, immigrated to the USA and eventually settled in Stockton. Cunningham was credited with bringing new ideas and innovation to the agency. *Contributed photograph*



Cunningham & Co. is a new book about San Joaquin County Sheriffs Department history by John Basalto. It chronicles the 27-year term of Sheriff Thomas Cunningham, who served from 1872 to 1899, and features the crime-fighting exploits of some deputies. It is now available. *Contributed photograph*

Hawthorne Celebrates 100 Years Of Police History

The Hawthorne Police Department is celebrating the city's centennial this year with an anniversary badge and a commemorative shoulder patch.

Police Chief Michael Ishii authorized the badge for on-duty wear from July 1 to August 31. However, the patch is being sold as a souvenir only. It has not been worn by patrol officers.

The patch is an LASD shape. It has a blue background and white legends and borders. The center design shows the city centennial logo, a depiction of the white city water tower on a gray shield bordered in gold. It is accented by gold laurels. White legends read, "100TH/ 1922/ 2022/ CENTENNIAL". The water tower represents the city's prominence as an industrial and manufacturing center.

"HAWTHORNE" appears above the center design, while "POLICE" is seen beneath it.

The patch costs \$22 and is available through the department's Facebook page.

The police department was founded in 1922 when Hawthorne was incorporated as a city. Today, Chief Ishii, who began his career as a police reserve, commands an agency of 100 sworn officers and 60 support staff who protect and serve a fast-growing community of 95,000.

Hawthorne, located in the South Bay area of Los Angeles County, is the home of Space X, Tesla Motors Design and Northrup.

It is where the still popular '60s singing group, the Beach Boys, got their start. Every original member is from the city. Brian Wilson was a star athlete at a local high school.

Courtesy of Hawthorne Police Department

California Supreme Court Denies Calaveras County Killer Appeal

The California Supreme Court on July 28 upheld the conviction and death penalty of one of two men implicated in at least 11 notorious torture slayings in Calaveras County in the mid-1980s in which they kept their victims hidden in a survivalist bunker.

Thirty-seven years later, Calaveras County and state authorities are still trying to identify the remains of some of their victims.

Charles Ng, now 61, was convicted in 1999 of killing six men, three women and two baby boys in 1984 and 1985. He was initially accused of 13 murders, 12 in Calaveras County and one in San Francisco.

Ng and his criminal partner, Leonard Lake, committed a series of kidnappings in which they engaged in bondage and sadism ending in murder. They were initially suspected of killing up to 25 people.

"This is one of those cases that's been passed down through time in this community," said Calaveras County Lieutenant Greg Stark, whose father worked for the department at the time of the slayings. "There's been wild estimates and there's been conservative estimates, and, honestly, I don't think anybody will ever know for sure, due to how they were disposing of the bodies."

Ng and Lake held their victims in a remote two and one-half acre fenced-in compound in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. It included a bunker with three rooms, two of them behind a hidden doorway. One hidden, locked room was furnished like a jail cell with a bed covered



Hawthorne PD created this patch to commemorate its centennial anniversary. The centennial logo is shown as the center design. It is mostly white-on-blue. The patch is available for \$22 on the agency's Facebook page. Hawthorne also wore a centennial badge. *Hawthorne PD photograph*



Now 61, serial killer Charles Chat Ng was convicted in 1999 of multiple murders in Calaveras County between 1983 and 1985. Authorities have confirmed at least 11 victims, including men, women and children. His partner, Leonard Lake, killed himself before he was apprehended. *California DOC photograph*

with a foam pad, a plastic bucket and a roll of toilet paper.

Lake killed himself with a cyanide capsule after police arrested him for shoplifting in San Francisco in 1985 and were questioning him before any bodies were found.

The justices said a detailed 181-page analysis of the case that Ng received a fair trial, including a change of venue from Calaveras County because of pre-trial publicity.

It was one of California's longest and most expensive trials at the time, costing millions of dollars, partly because the court said Ng repeatedly attempted delays and disruptions of his own trial, including extended debates over whether he could represent himself and who would be his attorneys.

The justices also unanimously concluded that Ng was properly extradited after he fled to Canada, where he was arrested in Calgary, Alta. in 1985 for shoplifting and wounding a store security guard. He fought extradition for six years before the Supreme Court of Canada ordered him returned to the USA.

The killers incriminated themselves with gruesome videotapes of them tormenting bound, terrified women they used as sex slaves before they killed them.

Jurors were shown a tape of one woman pleading in vain for the men to spare her husband and baby as Ng cut off her shirt and bra with a knife in front of the camera.

Investigators also discovered piles of charred bones, blood-stained tools, shallow graves and a 250-page diary kept by Lake.

Four law enforcement agencies spent five weeks scouring the property, according to the court's detailed description. They found thousands of buried teeth and bone fragments, with at least four of the dental specimens belonging to a child under age three. Many hundreds of the bone fragments had been burned.

Two forensic anthropologists eventually concluded that the remains belonged to at least four adults, one child and one infant. Two men were found in a shallow grave not far from the property. They had been bound, gagged and fatally shot.

Last year, the Calaveras County Cold Case Team exhumed additional bones and other human remains from a crypt in a cemetery where they had been kept since Ng's convictions in hopes that modern DNA tracing could reveal their identities.

A sheriff's chaplain read a brief invocation, and soon California Department of Justice criminalists and two forensic anthropologists began sorting and analyzing the remains.

Investigators plan to compare the DNA to that of cooperating next of kin of the known victims and run it through a database in hopes of a comparison.

Ng joined the United States Marine Corps after he dropped out of college in California. He came to the USA on a student visa from Hong Kong where he was born as the son of a wealthy businessman. A Marine recruiter falsified documents that Ng was an American citizen and born in Indiana.

After less than a year in the military, Ng was arrested by military police for stealing automatic weapons from the base armory while stationed in Hawaii. He escaped custody and deserted in 1980.

Ng fled to Northern California where he met Lake in Ukiah. Lake's wife owned a cabin in Wilseyville in northern Calaveras County that he used as a hideout. However, he was



A Federal Bureau of Investigation wanted poster for Charles Chat Ng issued in the early 1980s after he deserted from the United States Marine Corps to avoid prosecution for automatic weapons theft in Hawaii. He was apprehended in Calaveras County and imprisoned. *FBI official photograph*



Thomas "Tom" Au Quin was appointed as the first Chinese special police officer in San Diego on July 28, 1917. He was appointed by Chief of Police James Patrick. An unpaid volunteer, Quin was hired mostly as an interpreter and liaison to the large Chinese community in the city. *Contributed photograph*

apprehended by local and federal authorities, spent 18 months in prison in Leavenworth, Kans. and received a dishonorable discharge.

Ng and his defense attorneys argued that he was under the influence of Lake, an older man and survivalist, who they said engineered the serial killings. He denied participating in many of the crimes.

Ng remains incarcerated at San Quentin State Prison. Governor Gavin Newsom has imposed a moratorium on the death penalty for as long as he is governor. He still has the possibility of federal appeals.

The Lake and Ng serial murders remain among the most infamous cases in California law enforcement. Identification of the remaining victims remains a priority for the Calaveras County Sheriffs Department.

Courtesy of CBS San Francisco and the Sonoma Union-Democrat

Thomas Au Quin: San Diego's First Chinese Special Officer

It was July 26, 1917. The United States was embroiled in the deadly World War I conflict in Europe. American planes were set to drop the first bombs on Berlin, Germany's largest city, a first for modern aerial warfare, an attack intended to help end the long war.

In San Diego, there was another first on that day. Chief of Police James Patrick appointed Thomas Ah Quin as a special police officer. He became the first Chinese police officer in the city.

The mayor's appointment was controversial because San Diego had never had a Chinese police officer, as noted in a front page story in the *San Diego Union* newspaper under the unflattering headline, "Chinaman Breaks Into Local Police Force."

However, Quin was a legend in the large Chinese community in the city. His father, Al Quin, had founded the Chinatown business community and was among the city's most successful and wealthiest businessmen. His son took over the family businesses following his father's death and worked tirelessly to improve relations between the community and the city.

Quin's groundbreaking appointment by the police chief was hailed throughout Chinatown. He served the police department as an unpaid volunteer, working mostly as an interpreter and liaison with the Chinese community. He previously volunteered to act as an interpreter on immigration cases in federal court.

Unofficially, Quin was known as the mayor of Chinatown, which was not lost on either the mayor or the police chief, who relied on him to improve often strained relations with the city and especially the police department.

Quin owned the famous Nanking Cafe on Fifth Avenue. He also ran a gambling establishment, a lottery house, and had mining and real estate interests. A local newspaper once referred to him as the "richest Chinaman in San Diego."

Sadly, Quin died unexpectedly of a heart attack at his home on September 29, 1937. He was only 50 years old. It is believed he remained a special police officer until his death.

Submitted by Mike R. Bondarenko, Editor

End California Police Historian

NYPD Retiree Honored The Delray Beach, Fla. Police Department recently honored Catherine Albera, 99, the longest living retired New York Police Department police officer. She was one of the first two sworn female officers on the NYPD. Four Delray Beach officers surprised Albera at her home on her birthday and presented her with police patches and challenge coins. She joined the NYPD after serving in the United States Marine Corps during World War II.

Ethics Complaint Filed A primary election challenger to Santa Fe County Sheriff Adam Mendoza filed an ethics complaint against the incumbent with the New Mexico Ethics Commission. David Webb, a Santa Fe police lieutenant, claims Sheriff Mendoza wearing his uniform at campaign appearances and in advertising violates state law. "His use of his badge and the department shoulder patch for personal gain is a clear violation of law," Webb said. The sheriff denied the allegation.

Letters To The Editor

Badge Flew In Space

My father joined the United States Capitol Police in 1971 and retired 27 years later, having ridden motorcycles in the patrol division. My uncle joined a year later and also retired. My mother joined in 1979 and spent 20 years of dedicated service as an officer. I was sworn in as an officer and attended the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and returned for additional Capitol Police training. My cousin joined after me, so we had a family affair of five Motleys who have been Capitol Police officers. I think we hold the record for family members that worked there but can't confirm that.

My time at the Capitol was only one and one-half years as I joined the Prince William County Police. I grew up in Alexandria, Va. When I was eight years old, we moved to Woodbridge in Prince William County. It was at this time the PWCPD was formed.

Since my dad was a cop, I wanted to be a cop. Around 1976, while in high school, we had a school resource officer, and the high school had a law enforcement club where students who had an interest in the profession could learn about police work through the eyes of a PWCPD officer.

About a year or so later, Sergeant Henry Hittle also started a Police Explorers post within the county police. I joined, as did many others my age. We had a police-style academy on weekends, learned about police work and went on ride-alongs. We had utility-style uniforms with shoulder patches. I remained in that organization until I was 21, which was when I applied for the Capitol Police. It's where my father worked. Like many kids do, I wanted to be like my dad.

My career with the PWCPD began in March 1984. I remained in patrol, working the west end of the county. I was working alongside and for those who started the department in 1970. During the next five years in patrol, I met my wife, Ellen, who worked patrol in the eastern part of the county.

In 1989, I wanted to work in the traffic unit as a motorcycle officer. Motors had just been formed as a full-time unit a couple years earlier. I guess I had traffic enforcement in my blood. I had a take home motorcycle and worked days, both pluses. It's where I remained until my retirement as a master police officer in 2011. The unit had grown from six to 19 officers when I left.

My collecting interest started in high school where I started collecting police patches. As years went on, the collection grew to any police patch I could get my hands on.

Here's the story on how a Prince William County PD badge got into space. While attending one of John Lawson's Springfield, Va. patch shows in the late '80s or early '90s, I met a guy who was a special agent for NASA at their headquarters in Washington. We became friends and did some trading.

My other collecting interest is memorabilia from the United States space program, such as autographs and items that have flown in space, especially from the early Mercury, Gemini and Apollo programs. Yes, there is a huge worldwide collecting interest in this field.

So, combining both my collecting interests, I gave my friend a PWCPD badge and said, "If you ever get a chance to have that badge fly in space on the Space Shuttle, I'd be so appreciative."

As luck would have it, he was transferred to Kennedy Space Center and worked very closely with the astronauts.

In late 1997, I got a call from my NASA friend, who said, "Remember that badge? I was able to have it flown by Charlie Precourt, the commander of STS-184, in his personal preference kit."

These kits go back to the early days of the Mercury astronauts, who wanted to fly trinkets and small flags for friends and family into space or even to the surface of the Moon. Of course, each kit had weight restrictions like every payload on the rocket. It's a delicate balancing act. The tradition continues to this day for the crews on the International Space Station.

My NASA friend is retired now and no longer collects police items, but we remain friends. It's because of him I have collected NASA security items from just the Kennedy Space Center. Collecting the other centers is just too much. He has provided many items, and I've found many through my research.

The Prince William County Police Historical Society has displays throughout the newly-built central district station. Vintage equipment such as old radar units, portable radios, Breathalyzers, a 1970 Harley Davidson and old patches and badges are shown. The displays are in the main public lobby and throughout the hallways. We have so much pride in our department history.

I have donated a lot of department history in the form of photographs from my early days as an Explorer that I took with a film camera. I took a lot of pictures, not thinking how important they would be 43 years later. I have also donated some badges that were hard-to-find from my collection.

Lieutenant Greg Pass and Captain Greg Smith, who spearheaded the historical society for our July 2020 50th anniversary, know I collect and attend shows. They asked me if I would display my department collection at the National Show. I agreed with enthusiasm, of course. The society provided the banner for my table and a polo shirt with their logo. So, I guess was their ambassador in Gatlinburg.

GEORGE MOTLEY (8400 Capemwray Drive, Chesterfield VA 23838)

Reflections On “Old Smoky”

I just want to brag on the show, the hosts, the setup, the location, the advertising, the assistance offered, etc.

I have been collecting Georgia for a little over 35 years. (Okay, maybe more than that!) And, I have been gone to some shows in Georgia, Alabama, Florida and South Carolina. All have been great. This was my first National Show.

My wife agreed to help me as we had a table, but I wanted to go patch hunting, shake hands with old friends and put faces to names I have traded with online or through the mail. We had a great time!

Unfortunately, something came up, and we didn't get to attend on Sunday, but the great stuff I picked up and the great people I met on Friday and Saturday made the entire trip well worth it.

I have put on one show, the Southeast Regional Patch Show, in middle Georgia in 2018, and, wow, what a lot of work it was. We did really well. Eventually, some of us heavy hitters from Georgia would like to consider bringing the National to our state some day.

I was watching how things were handled, the easy loading and unloading, how the hosts vetted people getting into the hall during tableholders only setup time, providing directions, ensuring we had good food and an inviting atmosphere.

The hosts picked a good location, and, more importantly, in a place that isn't anti-law enforcement. Thank God! We absolutely loved it. I don't see how it could have possibly



Ellen and George Motley were the unofficial ambassadors of the Prince William County Police Historical Society at “Ole Smoky.” Motley featured his outstanding collection of department badges and patches. The hobbyist spent 20 years with the agency, mostly on traffic. *Mike R. Bondarenko photograph*

been any better. (Well, except I didn't know about the “other than blue” show patches; I guessed I missed that bus.) But, what I saw really sets the bar high, if we can ever pull off a National in Georgia. Go big or go home!

Last, but not least, thank you, hosts. You guys and gals put in a huge amount of time, money, energy and I'm sure a lot of tinkering to get it just right. It sure worked. Thank you so much for a great time.

ELTON and MACKENZIE ROSSER (72 Fern Drive, Forsyth GA 31029)

2024 National Moves Forward

The hosts of the proposed 2024 National Police Collectors Show announce that we have made a cash deposit for the rental of the convention center at the Isle Casino Hotel in Bettendorf, Iowa. We have scheduled the show for the weekend of July 12, 13 and 14.

Since there were no bids for this show at the recent National in Gatlinburg, Tenn., and there has been no negative reaction to our show announcement in July, we are moving forward with our plans.

It is vital to the best interests of our hobby that we always have a well-managed, economically stable National Show each year as envisioned by the show founders in 1985. We plan to continue this tradition when we host the show in Iowa for the first time, which is also in keeping with the founders' vision that the show move around the country.

We realize previous Nationals have set a very high standard of excellence and pledge to do everything we possibly can to make the 2024 show a big success. We pledge to put on a quality show in every respect. Anyone who knows us knows we strive for professionalism in our collections and business ventures.

The other co-hosts are Damir Krdzalic, owner of Code 4 Emblems, and Mike Leeper, a longtime collector and former Des Moines police officer. He is the curator of the Des Moines Police Museum.

Our show is already in the planning stage. However, in deference to the 2023 National in San Bernardino, Calif., we will announce no further details until that show. Of course, we will attend to take reservations and answer questions. We will also use the National Police Collectors Show Web site, which I originated.

Needless to say, we believe collectors and their families will enjoy coming to Iowa. The Isle Hotel and Casino is an outstanding venue in a cop-friendly atmosphere. We invite collectors to take an online look at our facilities at IsleBettendorf.Com.

You will see the hotel features standard rooms and luxurious suites. There are ample restaurants, bars and lounges on the premises. They have a large indoor pool and fitness center. There is free WiFi and free parking in a three-story garage or outdoors in front of the hotel. Of course, there is 24-hour gaming.

The Waterfront Convention Center is our show venue. It is a state-of-the-art facility connected to the hotel and casino by an enclosed climate-controlled walkway.

We are looking forward to hosting the 2024 National Show and promise a quality show in a quality venue.

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New York Minute

By Eric Wollman, Senior Staff Writer

NEW YORK, N.Y. – During the summer, New York City and its environs becomes a conglomeration of signs and wonders. with parades to honor our mermaid community, our alliance with the nation of Israel and our suburban law enforcement, to name a few.

New Jersey Police Expo In June, the New Jersey Chiefs of Police hold a large police and security exposition in Atlantic City. Several police departments set up displays, including the New Jersey State Park Police featuring their crisp green and gray patch.

Exhibitor “Totally Auto” featured a fully-restored 1977 Plymouth Fury police car with their Pursuit Package. It is black with an old “double bubble” red roof-mounted lightbar. There are no markings. Originally, it was a North Carolina Highway Patrol car.

The pursuit package includes a 390 horsepower 440 6-bbl engine package, high flow exhaust system, port-matched and polished machine heads, purple camshaft, high density suspension bushings, special performance brake pads, Red Line radial tires, heavy duty sway bars, deep tinted privacy windows and 100 watt driving lamps in the push bumper. It also has Mopar Pursuit badging and stripes.

Owned by Lou Sitaras, this car has competed in several high performance and driving competitions. It is featured in the *Mopar Collectors Guide* Magazine.

Wilmington, Del. PD brought their beautiful 1974 Plymouth Fury 3 fully-restored police car. It is black and white with a unique lightbar that has two outside blue flashing lights and a single centered-mounted revolving red light. The license plate is dedicated to the Delaware Law Enforcement Memorial.

The Police Security Expo draws more than 6000 attendees from across the country and many foreign countries. There were 650 exhibitors, including most major insignia designers and manufacturers.



New Jersey State Park Police was among many law enforcement agencies represented at the 2022 New Jersey Police-Security Expo in Atlantic City in June. Their patch is mostly green and gray with a four-part custom center design with the agency motto at the top. *Eric Wollman photograph*

The 2023 show will be next June 26, 27 and 28 at the Atlantic City Convention Center.

Civilian Observation Patrol Many ethnic communities in New York City have banded together to form civilian patrols, mainly to tackle violence based on ethnicity. One such group is the Brooklyn Asian Civilian Observation Patrol (COPS). Violence against our Asian neighbors has to be stopped with the combined efforts of the police and the community. Here is one group that is getting involved.



A volunteer from the Brooklyn, N.Y. Asian Citizens Observation Patrol (COP) wears their police-like dark blue uniform with their colorful patch, which is gold, blue and red and shows the United States flag. The organization was founded in 2014 and is sanctioned by the NYPD. *Eric Wollman photograph*

The all-volunteer organization, which operates in the Sunset Park area of Brooklyn's 72nd Precinct, was founded in 2014 during the Commissioner Bill Bratton era. It is sanctioned by the NYPD. Originally, there were 15 members.

"They are our eyes and ears," said NYPD Deputy Inspector James Grant, who helped start the program when he commanded the 72nd Precinct. "Language is a big barrier in the Asian community."

The team speaks Cantonese, Mandarin, Fujian, other smaller Asian dialects, and, of course, English.

Members do not have the authority to stop and detain people, but they call 911 or the precinct desk sergeant if they witness a crime or spot someone acting suspiciously. NYPD officers can then come and stop, question and frisk people when warranted.

COP members can also serve as witnesses if the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office prosecutes.

They wear dark blue uniforms and colorful patches. They also carry walkie-talkies but are unarmed.

The organization is similar to those dedicated to the Jewish and Muslim communities.

Israel, Mermaid parades While New Yorkers frolic in the heat, the parades go on. The annual Coney Island Mermaid Parade was held featuring classic cars and topless mermaids. Meanwhile, the Celebrate Israel Parade drew thousands of participants and viewers, including police officers from various parts of the USA.

Coney Island Mermaid is the largest arts parade in the USA. It is held every June to celebrate the arrival of the summer season. It pays homage to the Coney Island Mardi Gras parades of the early 20th century. Attendance is usually about 800,000.

The Celebrate Israel event has been held since 1965. It was formerly known as the Salute to Israel Day Parade until 2011 when the name was officially changed. It features about 40,000 marchers.

I photographed two classic NYPD patrol vehicles driving side-by-side at Coney Island. There is a picture of me with two Saint Paul, Minn. police officers at Celebrate Israel.

Nassau County car show The Nassau County Police Department participated in a car show at the beach and showed off several vehicles and items of interest, both in-service and from Television Land.

The NCPD Historical Society brought their 1972 Plymouth Fury patrol unit. It is fully-restored and painted blue with a yellow roof. It has a roof-mounted lightbar with a center-mounted siren horn and two red dome-shaped emergency lights.

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There is also white lettering on the front doors, "NASSAU COUNTY/ POLICE DEPARTMENT," with a yellow lion as the door decal. This was patrol unit "100," which is shown on the rear doors and the hood.

I have also shown a modern Nassau County Emergency Service Unit truck. It is white with blue and orange markings. The agency patch is also shown. This truck is dedicated to the memory of Officer Arthur Lopez, who was killed on duty in October 2012.

ERIC WOLLMAN (233 Broadway-St. 702, New York NY 10279) stnonradio@yahoo.com

Additional research by Mike R. Bondarenko. EDITOR



(Top) A classic blue and yellow 1972 Plymouth Fury from Nassau County. (Center) A modern Nassau County Emergency Services Unit with white and orange markings. (Bottom) Two classic NYPD cars in the Coney Island Parade, a green and white and a blue and white. *Eric Wollman photographs*

(Top) "Totally Pursuit" built this high-powered 1977 Plymouth Fury for a collector. It has won high performance law enforcement vehicle competitions. (Bottom) Wilmington, Del. PD's 1974 Plymouth Fury features a blue and yellow Delaware Law Enforcement Memorial plate. *Eric Wollman photographs*

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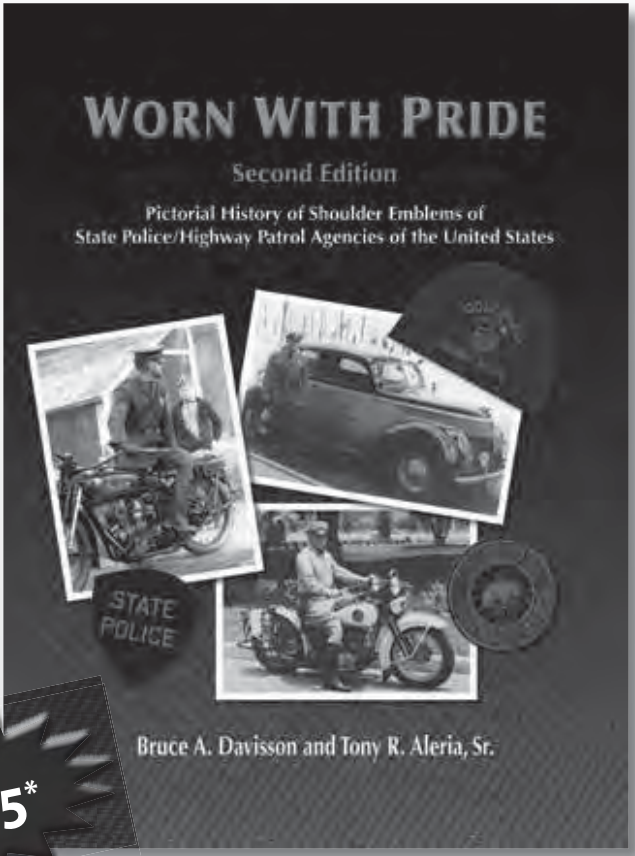
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