

THE IPM SCANNER

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Welcome to the Scanner, the official newsletter of the International Police Museum at Rockaway Beach, Oregon



IPM wishes everyone health, happiness, and peace on earth.

With 2022 coming to a close, it is time for IPM to reflect upon, and count, the many blessings which we have received during the year. 2022 has been a year of recovery for IPM, coming out of two years severely impacted by the pandemic. The economic uncertainty required closures, forced us to move twice, made it impossible to greet visitors, and severely curtailed our fundraising capability. We are pleased to be resettled in Rockaway Beach, where we are located inside Washed Ashore Arts, Crafts and More. We have now received two grants for advertising and completed an outreach display with the Tillamook County Library. IPM is gratified by the resurgence of interest in our displays as evidenced by the 8,000 visitors we have had through the Halloween weekend 2022. This exceeds our pre-pandemic levels and provides hope for the future. Gift shop sales and donations are returning slowly and help pay the rent and keep us solvent. We are continuing IPM's inventory project, now with over 4,000 artifacts photographed and recorded. This provides a record of about one third of the collection, which continues to grow as awareness of our program spreads. The alarm bells of the pandemic and the forced moves are slowly fading in the distance as we find stability and look forward to the future.

IPM is looking forward to an expansion in 2023 which will bring back our "jail door" photo opportunity and add additional display space. We anticipate doing another display with the Tillamook County Library, similar to our 2022 display which featured the Sheriff's Posse. The Tillamook County Sheriff's Posse, which was active from after WWII to 1960, was made up of volunteers who provided their own horses and performed in ceremonies and parades throughout Oregon. IPM is fortunate to have received posse memorabilia from both

New Museum Project



Director Wortman has acquired a 1924 Ford Model T Touring car which he hopes to restore in time for the 4th of July parade in 2023.

The Ford touring was instrumental in the mechanization of many early police departments as it was relatively inexpensive, reliable and had easily interchangeable parts. The 1924 T will require extensive work before it can be displayed as this one in Selma, Alabama.



the late Dr. Peterson, DVM, who served as Posse Captain in 1959-60, and from the family of Roger Pye, who served from 1952-56. We are pleased and proud to be able to display these local artifacts.

IPM is advancing slowly into the social media and digital age. We published our first short video through a grant from the City of Rockaway Beach and Visit Tillamook Coast. Board members attended classes in social media advertising and ways in which we can better utilize the many artifacts we don't have room to display. Just as police report writing evolved from handwritten notes and standardized forms to typewriters and then computers, IPM is also evolving. IPM has been cautious in this evolution, partially because of a lack of high-tech skills but also because of our awareness of the pitfalls of social media exposure. Information being released through some social platforms, such as TikTok or QR Codes, can potentially provide a portal for unsecured computers or malware access to our database. While this is somewhat worrisome, we are working to gain the necessary skills or find appropriate contractors to assist us. We have maintained a Facebook account which has been running now for three years without issue. IPM has just opened a YouTube channel for our first videos which were created thanks to a grant from the City Of Rockaway Beach and visit Tillamook Coast. Please see our website for a live link to the YouTube channel

We are getting many positive comments on our artifact displays. It is always exciting when a visitor comes through and recognizes someone depicted in the display or has another connection to a specific artifact.

What's coming in 2023: IPM will be expanding our space and bringing back the popular "Jail Door" photo opportunity which is always a hit with the children. Plans for a spring Craft Sale fundraiser are underway and we are planning a summer book signing with a noted author. The Model T Ford will be ready for the July 4th parade in Rockaway Beach and other events. The IPM Board is also reviewing a program to install display cases in satellite locations throughout the area to improve our reach and display more artifacts. While the pandemic concerns will prevent bringing back the hat / uniform try on area. We will continue to provide the interactive fingerprint area for children and adults. Watch our website for updates and progress reports.

New acquisitions:

Heyburn Police, Idaho, artifacts: Chief R. Beralotto, Heyburn, ID

Newspaper, Pueblo Chieftain 09/75; Capture of Patty Hearst: Herman Doty, Rockaway Beach

Significant cash donations, (in memory of Virginia Wortman)

John and Carol Elms, David and Kathy Robinson, Beverly Woo for ADK, Margret Meyer

Article sources:

(1) <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/news/read.cfm?id=271410&ec=1> Portland Police

(2) https://www.tillamookheadlightherald.com/community/tillamook-county-shop-with-a-cop-celebrates-15-years/article_bcb49e22-2125-11ea-b113-5b69b55bda62.html,

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Help us keep history alive

International Police Museum is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which provides a free interactive experience to visitors young and old. IPM has no paid staff and 100% of your donations go directly to supporting our mission. Your donations allow us to bring the Law Enforcement experience to life for visitors, school children, and other tour groups. Donations may be made directly to the Museum, or online at www.internationalpolicemuseum.org.

Santa Claus in Blue or Green; Ed Wortman, Chief of Police, retired

Nearly everyone knows about the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program or the local TV station collecting toys for needy children. The news media is saturated with pleas at this time of year as non-profit organizations try to collect toys and food to distribute to families in need. Working quietly, often under the public's radar, are the various local police departments who, with the help of local merchant's, perform an extraordinary service. The "Shop with a Cop" programs help disadvantaged children and their families while reinforcing the feeling that law enforcement officers are friends, not a scary foe. The police officers and sheriff's deputies involved in these efforts are "Santa Claus in Blue or Green" to the recipients of the generosity.

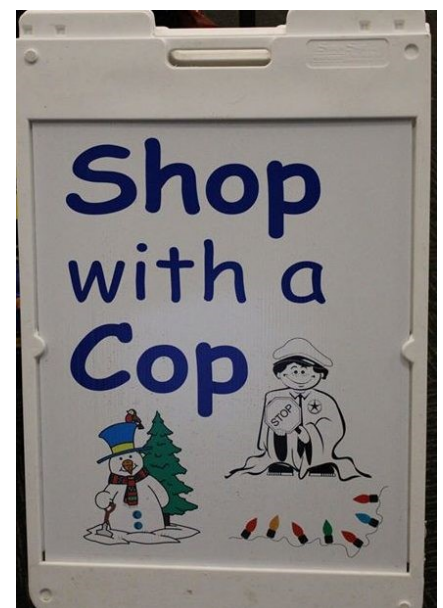


Police and Sheriff's departments across the country have gone about helping children and the disadvantaged for years in a very low-key unassuming posture. In Portland Oregon, as an example, the Sunshine Division is celebrating 100 years of helping. Originally formed by the Portland Police Chief Leon V. Jenkins in late 1922, during personnel shortages, the program used a volunteer force to assist the police in non-arrest situations. These volunteers were

officially designated the "Sunshine boys" after they provided their first Christmas meals in 1923. The name was changed to "Sunshine Division" and in 2023 they will celebrate their 100th anniversary of helping people not only at Christmas, but year-round. The Sunshine Division quietly helps a tremendous number of people, working hard all year to prevent them from feeling hopeless and/or unwanted. According to their website, Sunshine Division, in coordination with donors and community partners, will give out clothing, meals, and toys to an anticipated 5,000 people during the 2023 Holiday Season. (1)

Locally, all of the departments in Tillamook County participate, through the generosity of the Fred Meyer store and other local donors, in the "Shop with a Cop" program. Children, preselected by a local charity, are allowed to shop along with a police officer for themselves and their family at the local Fred Meyer store. This opportunity, generally providing approximately \$50.00 per family, is an exciting opportunity for many children. Additionally, it reinforces a positive impression of police and sheriff's deputies. Having participated as a Chief of Police and a member of Tillamook County law enforcement, I saw first hand the thought the young people put into gifts that they selected not only for themselves but for their families. Generally, many children have to be urged to pick up something for themselves because they wanted to make sure that they took care of their siblings first. The children are very generous and appreciative of the opportunity; for most it is a rare, or often first, opportunity to have "their own money" to get something for their family members at Christmas. (2).

As the motto of the museum says, "It Is Not All Guns And Cuffs". Police officers have a lot of interaction with the community, generally spending more time helping people than writing tickets. The holiday season is often difficult for police as well as citizens. Not only are officers away from their families on holidays, they also see the tremendous need in many areas, particularly for the children. Occasionally the press covers a situation in which an officer uses his own money to assist a family or child with no thought of reimbursement. In fact, this happens many more times than it is reported. Our local officers are truly "Santa Clauses in Blue or Green".





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