

THE IPM SCANNER

The official newsletter of the International Police Museum

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

Summer is here, and for IPM this means the beginning of our busy season as tourists flock to the coast for cooler, sunny weather. We are excited to have entertained over 3,500 visitors since May. This brings our annual totals in line with the visitor count we had last year, even after taking January and February off for the remodel.

IPM Board and volunteers have been busy trying to improve the visitor experience. In May we did a small display for Police Officers Memorial Week, May 15-19. Memorial Day we hosted our first annual art and craft sale fundraiser. We had multiple vendors in front of Washed Ashore ACM, and the neighboring yard. We appreciate Juanita Kitterman for helping us out by letting us use her front lawn. We also hosted two search dog demonstrations with Bob Calkins and his dog Ruger on June 3. Bob is a nationally recognized trainer and handler. He is also the author of the "Siera the Search Dog" mystery books, which are on sale at the museum. We were able to participate, along with Camp 18 Logger's Museum and Washed Ashore ACM, on a float in the July 4 parade.

Additional projects which we have completed this summer include:



Rearrangement and expansion of our women and policing photographic display; an RCMP Lance; Belgium police hats; a Spanish police uniform from the Basque region of Spain displayed on a mannequin; and weapon displays. We have returned the Greener police gun from 1920s England to the weapon display. This weapon is unique, as it was developed by the British to arm their colonial police forces. It fired a specialized shell or cartridge made specifically for this gun. This Greener was designed as a short-range personal defense weapon. According to records, each constable was issued their firearm on duty and only 3 to 5 rounds of ammunition. This was intended as a deterrent; if they were attacked and their weapon stolen, the thief would have limited firepower. Limiting it to shotgun type ammunition also eliminated the long-range threat to British forces which might be attempting to apprehend the thief. Please note, none of the guns used in our displays fire modern ammunition. This is to protect the public and to reduce the probability of theft. The weapon, if stolen, will not be functional.

NEPAL POLICE



Deputy Superintendent, Nepal National Police, (donated by SRLEM) Nepal, officially the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, is a landlocked country in South Asia. It is mainly situated in the Himalayas, but also includes parts of the Indo-Gangetic Plain.

Since our last newsletter we were also blessed to receive a Nepal police uniform, an RCMP uniform, and several international hats and other artifacts, all from the Spokane Regional Law Enforcement Museum (SRLEM) in Washington. These artifacts did not fit with their specific collecting and display criteria, so they were able to donate them to us. We appreciate the cooperation and thoughtfulness of the SRLEM and appreciate their kind addition to our artifact collection.

IPM was also fortunate to have the opportunity to meet with Belgium Police Commissioner Christian Temmerman, Retired, who came by the museum with his family as they vacationed on the Oregon coast. Commissioner Temmerman donated three hats, a badge, and other artifacts from the Belgium Police to the museum for display. Commissioner Temmerman's daughter had received a teddy bear on their last visit to Rockaway Beach 20 years ago, so we gave her a new one. Director Wortman also met with Mr. Tom Anderson, past Superintendent of the Alaska State Troopers as he traveled through Seattle. Mr. Anderson is a major figure in the AST museum in Anchorage, Alaska, where they had previously met. We hope to obtain some additional artifacts from the Alaska state troopers to enhance our state police displays. IPM has also received inquiries regarding artifact donations from Canada, England, and the Netherlands. We simply have to wait and see what develops from these contacts.



Overall, an exciting and busy Summer for both Washed Ashore ACM and IPM. We sincerely appreciate the support of the visitors, the community, volunteers, and Board of Directors. We continue our ongoing inventory and fundraising projects to keep IPM a free attraction, stopping people long enough for them to look around, have lunch, or even stay the night in our beautiful location. We look forward to continued success this summer and into the fall Season.

New acquisitions:

Nepal uniform RCMP uniform multiple hats and artifacts; SRLEM, Spokane, WA
Three hats and miscellaneous Belgium Police artifacts; Christian Timmerman, Belgium
Shirt and badge from The Dalles police; Chief Jay Waterbury, retired, The Dalles, OR
Portland Police Doctor Mirror; Mr. Steve Press, Rockaway Beach

Significant cash donations:

Mrs Brigitte Ford, Ms Terry Bergren,

le sources:

(1) <https://www.police1.com/health-wellness/articles/5-things-to-know-about-police-chaplains-VOy3RpfC20zS0m6i/>

(2) <https://www.theiacp.org/sites/default/files/Providing%20Officers%20Support%20through%20Police%20Chaplains>

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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.

Police Chaplains, Unsung Heroes of Law Enforcement: Ed Wortman, Chief of Police, retired

During my 41 years in police work I was inspired by many people and met many wonderful colleagues. One of the things that became obvious to me during my service was the significant role police chaplains play in working with people following trauma and other critical incidents. Chaplains may be professional clergy, either active or retired, while others are lay people who have taken the specific training to be certified as chaplains. In my experience, they were all professional, non-denominational, and did not try to be police officers. I didn't always know, for example, what faith they personally represented. They were always kind, compassionate, empathetic but realistic, and tried to help people who were coping with loss or trauma. This is particularly important when dealing with situations which involve death or critical injury. Chaplains also serve a crucial role in assisting department members who are dealing with personal trauma or the aftermath of what they have seen at a crime scene or some other tragedy.



The chaplains that I have met are very careful not to cross the line between religion and government. They strive to maintain their integrity within the guidelines of the Supreme Court in 1971 in *Lemon v Kurtzman* case.¹ This case holds chaplains must have a secular purpose. They cannot advance or inhibit religion and cannot excessively entangle government with religion. Chaplains persevere through these ambiguities while providing a needed service for both citizens and officers. It is well known that many officers are guarded by nature and have trouble opening up about trauma to a psychologist or other mental health professional in a formal environment. Like peer support programs, police chaplains are typically vetted, uniformed, and authorized members of the department. They often can be affective because they offer a more informal source of support to the affected officer. Chaplains also provide a certain amount of confidentiality; they are an emotionally safe place for an officer to confide.

I have been fortunate to know three specific chaplains who epitomized the code and the activity of Chaplains. John Oas



served both police and fire in Seattle. John has unfortunately passed after a long service in the professional clergy serving his church and first responders. John and Carol Elms were members of the Tillamook Sheriff's office, John was retired law enforcement. John and his wife Carol were people of faith who recognized the need and obtained the required training and certifications to assist law enforcement. While both have now retired, their legacy will live on in the displays at the museum, work they did in the field, and the people they helped train. They responded many times to crime scenes and/or to traumatic situations, assisting me or my officers with families, victims, and witnesses. During a traumatic incident such as a death notification, a major crime, or an accident, there are many emotional voids. Many cannot be filled by the investigating officer. The police chaplain can provide support to department members. Officers can only talk to one witness or victim at a time, and chaplains can assist with the care of others. This cooperation between officers and chaplains result in a more productive atmosphere. As pointed out by American novelist Diane Johnson: "A chaplain's biggest gift is to be present and just listen." This is a very valuable service to the law enforcement officer on scene. When first responders leave a traumatic scene there is often a void felt by witnesses, victims, family members, and even neighbors. Many have significant questions, and a police chaplain can often fill some of that void, providing comfort and stability to those who are left behind.

Chaplains do not seek credit for the work they do. Some large departments may have both paid chaplains and volunteers. Chaplains have no law enforcement authority, and often do their work in the background in a very quiet and unassuming matter. The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)² recognizes chaplains as valuable partners with law-enforcement. I call them the unsung heroes of law enforcement.



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