



# WELCOME!

*Thanks for being here. Big things are happening with the Denver Police Museum, and we couldn't be happier to share them with you!*

The Denver Police Museum is helping to create safer, stronger, and more vibrant communities in Denver and beyond. Since its founding in 2008, DPM has focused on building bridges between law enforcement and our communities. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, DPM is dedicated to providing opportunities for people to hear, see, feel, participate, understand, and appreciate the value of police in our lives and communities. We couldn't do it without you.

## FEATURED STORY

### **Former Denver Police Officer Duarte Killed in Pennsylvania**

It was with a heavy heart we learned  
of the passing of former Denver

Police Officer Andrew Duarte. He showed great bravery, and we were honored that he was a supporter of the Denver Police Museum.

Officer Duarte was serving as a West York Borough, Pennsylvania Police Patrolman when he tragically lost his life in the line of duty on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at the age of 30.



Andrew dedicated his life to serving and protecting the public. He is a hero to both his family and community.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked for memorial contributions in memory of Andrew to be made to MADD Colorado, PA DUI Association, or to the [Denver Police Museum](#) (1331 N. Cherokee St. Denver CO 80204).

For more information, please visit: [Andrew William Duarte Obituary](#)

[More at KKTV](#)

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## United Flight 629 Memorial

In late 2025, the Museum will host a ceremony to remember the victims of the

tragic United Airlines Flight 629 disaster, the first act of aircraft sabotage in the US. This event will be dedicated to the families and loved ones of those who perished when the Douglas DC-6B, registration N37559, was destroyed by a dynamite bomb on November 1, 1955.

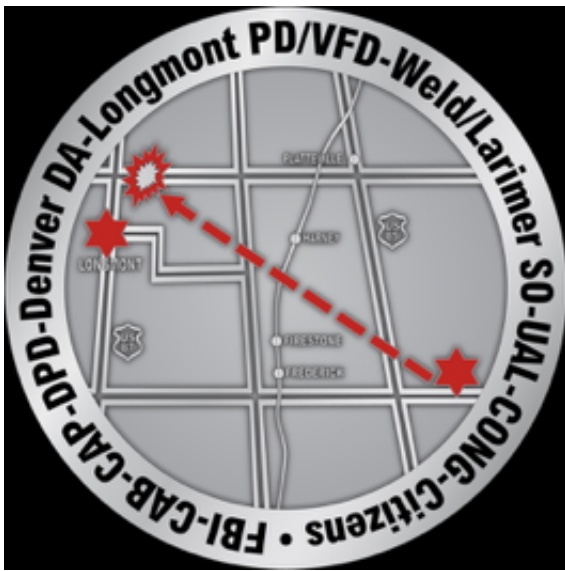
The Museum is committed to preserving the memory of this horrific event and providing support to the families of the victims. By remembering the events of United Airlines Flight 629, we honor the 44 lives lost and reaffirm our commitment to aviation safety and the role of law enforcement in investigations. This tragedy serves as a stark reminder of the importance of vigilance and security in the aviation industry.

We are proud to partner with [History Colorado](#) on a special exhibit to honor the victims of the tragedy. Please take the opportunity to visit History Colorado for the official opening of the exhibit, The Bombing of United 629, on March 21, 2025.

The special exhibit tells the story of what happened 70 years ago as the plane left Denver's Stapleton Airport enroute to Portland and explores the enduring legacy of this tragic event while serving as a tribute to all who were lost. Personal items belonging to the victims will be on view in the exhibit.

The Bombing of United 629 will run through February 8, 2026. For more information, please visit: <http://www.historycolorado.org/exhibit/united-629>

We are raising the money through donations with those giving \$30 or more receiving the limited edition Flight 629 Memorial Challenge Coin as our gift to you. All the funds raised will go toward the memorial. Would you help us correct this oversight and help us honor the victims of this tragedy with your donation?



Learn More about the Memorial

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## Officer Dale Coski to be included on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

Officer Coski's name will be formally dedicated on May 13, 2025 at the 37th Annual Candlelight Vigil during National Police Week. Visit the website at [www.nleomf.org](http://www.nleomf.org) for more information.





## NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL

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February 7, 2025

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The Honorable Ron Thomas  
Chief  
Denver, Colorado, P.D.  
1331 Cherokee St Rm 514  
Denver, CO 80204

Dear Chief Thomas:

It is our honor to inform you that the name of **Police Officer DALE COSKI (End of Watch: 9/26/2024) of the Denver, Colorado, P.D.** has been approved for inclusion to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. The name will be formally dedicated on **May 13, 2025 at the 37th Annual Candlelight Vigil** during National Police Week.

An invitation and additional information will be sent to you via email regarding this event. Please send your email address to [research@nleomf.org](mailto:research@nleomf.org) to ensure that you receive this information. If contact information was provided for the officer's family, a similar letter has been sent to them.

Visit our website at [www.nleomf.org](http://www.nleomf.org) for more information about the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Research Managers, Carolie Heyliger at (202)737-7136 or Vanessa Varnado at (202) 737-7981.

Sincerely,

William Alexander  
Chief Executive Officer



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## **Fallen Officer James Shannon 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Please help us honor Officer James Shannon on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his sacrifice on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 11 AM. The Memorial Sign ceremony takes place at **3357 Williams Street in Denver.**



# **The Denver Police Museum & The Denver Police Department**

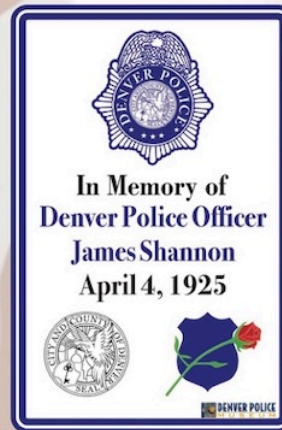
**Invite you to a Memorial Sign ceremony  
honoring fallen Denver Police  
Officer **JAMES SHANNON** on the  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his sacrifice  
at the location of the tragedy.**

***Please help us honor his memory and  
let his family know he is not forgotten!***



**James Shannon**  
**Ceremony:**

Friday, April 4th, 2025 at 11 am  
3357 Williams Street, Denver



## **Police Unity Tour-Challenge Ride Fundraiser**

Denver Police Officer Michael Renkosiak is joining the Police Unity Tour-Challenge Ride. Consisting of nearly 450 officers representing police agencies throughout the United States, the primary purpose of the Police Unity Tour is to

raise awareness of Law Enforcement Officers who have died in the line of duty. The secondary purpose is to raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Museum.

Officer Renkosiak will be riding in memory of fallen Denver Police Officers Celina Hollis and Dale Coski. The ride concludes at the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, DC.

Officer Renkosiak and his fellow academy classmates had a special display painted on the ceiling of the academy that individually honors all of our 77 fallen officers and has taken a very active interest in making sure they are remembered. Please help him continue this important task by [donating to his fundraising page](#).



Photos of previous rides can be viewed [here](#):

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/3ehRP1VfTx7VKzVK9> and  
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/BvW2U5Zjj2GwXVnu9>

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## **Women's History Month 2025**

Please join us at the **Denver Crime Laboratory, 1371 Cherokee Street, Thursday, March 27, 2:00-4:45 PM**, as we honor the outstanding contributions of the late Susan Berdine on March 27<sup>th</sup>.





**DENVER POLICE**  
**MUSEUM**



Please join the **DENVER CRIME LABORATORY**,  
the **DENVER POLICE MUSEUM** and  
the **DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**AS WE HONOR**

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**SUSAN BERDINE**

to our community for

**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2025**



**DENVER CRIME LABORATORY**

1371 Cherokee Street

**Thursday, March 27**

**2pm - 4:45pm**



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**TO JOIN ZOOM MEETING**

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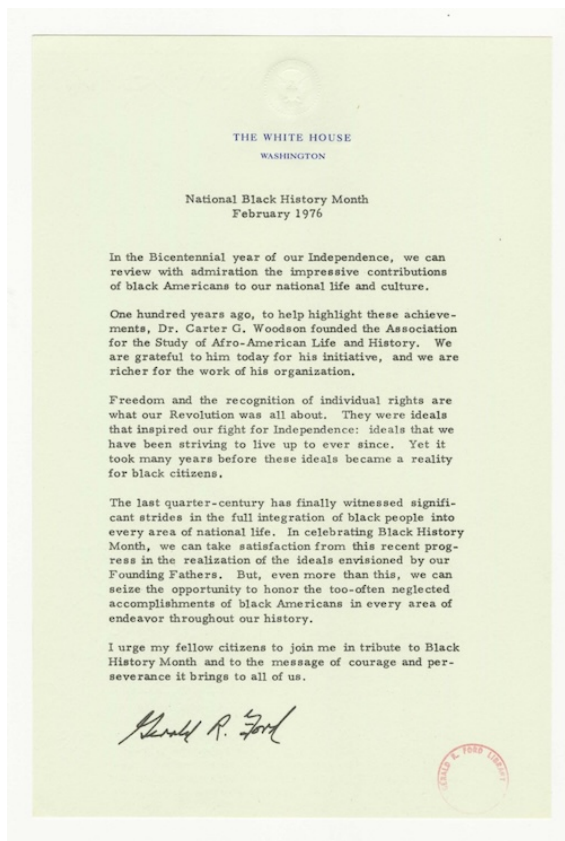
**March 27, from 2pm - 4:45pm**

Any questions 720-913-6779

[www.denverpolicemuseum.org](http://www.denverpolicemuseum.org)

**LAST MONTH WITH DPM**

**Black History Month**



In 1976, President Gerald Ford officially recognized February 1 as the first day of Black History Month, asking the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.”

Retired Officer Bobby Simmons was honored by The Museum with the African American Trailblazer Award. Among the 60 celebrants, special guests included Former Denver Mayor Federico Pena, former Denver Police Chief Jim Collier, retired Denver officers Ron Pietrafeso and Joe Garcia, and the Simmons family.

Robert "Bobby" Simmons was awarded the Trailblazer Award from the Denver Police Museum for being one of the first to achieve major milestones in their careers. [Read more at 9News.com](https://www.9news.com)





## Denver Police Museum Youth Activities

The Museum is proud to serve Denver area schools through immersive educational activities that incorporate fun and interactive learning for middle school and high school youth to deliver age-appropriate STEM, civics, and career exploration activities.

The Museum's desired outcomes for our youth programs are to spark a curiosity in STEM and public service, create pathways for career exploration, and build trust between youth and law enforcement.

## Teens Participate in Traffic Safety Program

Eaglecrest High School students spent part of their day on February 27, 2025 at Denver Police's Traffic Operations Bureau. DPD Officers Marisa Willcockson, Kyle Damrell and David Carroll answered the questions of what to do when involved in a car accident, what to do if you are pulled over by an officer, and

what to know as a new driver.

Along with Eaglecrest's Scott Wright, DPM volunteers retired Officer Barbara Cisneros, Sherry Dawkins, April Overman, and Margret Chavez helped students experience DUI goggles demonstrations and mock traffic stops.



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## Students Attend Law and Order Program

On February 7, 2025, the Museum hosted 26 Denver high school students for a career exploration program titled "Law and Order." Joined by retired DPD Deputy Chief Bill Nagle, Detective Daniel Andrews, Officer Teresa Gillian and Canine Shelby, DA Investigator John Saulton, DA Ameila Sapp and Denver 911



Monica Lucero, the program explains the processes of criminal justice system and showcases the people who make it happen.

Each facilitator, representing Denver Police Department Officers and Detectives, Denver District Attorneys, 911 Dispatchers and Victim Advocates, described their role in the process from receiving the 911 call to dispatching officers and detectives to the scene. In addition, the program highlights the many sworn and civilian career opportunities within the criminal justice system.



**Thank you so much for helping us make these events possible  
and for your participation!**

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## **Introducing the 2025 Museum Challenge Coin**

As a proud member of the Denver Police Museum, you'll receive a limited-edition 2025 challenge coin honoring the service of our Denver Police Officers during the particularly violent time of the 1920s. The 2025 challenge coin acknowledges the sacrifice of the thirteen Denver Police Officers who lost their lives during the decade. The other side of the coin celebrates the Denver Police Department serving as the host of the International Police Chiefs Conference in October of 2025—the third time Denver has played host to the conference including in 1975 and 2009.



As we look forward to the hope and promise of 2025, we hope you will consider continuing your membership or becoming a member of the Denver Police Museum. Your tax-deductible gift ensures our continued success and your support allows future generations to better appreciate the real stories of our law enforcement heroes, their struggle, along with their daily lives and sacrifice. We invite you to join us in our mission help to create safer, stronger, and more vibrant communities in Denver and beyond!

**Your contribution directly supports the museum's educational programs,**

community outreach exhibits and preservation of our historical collections.

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