



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.

LAST MONTH WITH DPM

Police Week 2025

Police Week 2025 was another big success with a number of special events and tributes to our fallen officers and legacy Denver Police Families and innovators. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Blue Hat Foundation and the Denver Police Foundation for their support of the lunch

following this year's formal memorial ceremony in the courtyard of Denver Police Headquarters.



Thanks to the hard work of Denver Police Museum Secretary Linda Remley, over 35 fallen officer family members attended the reception hosted by Chief Thomas and participated in the formal ceremony afterwards. Fallen Officer James Shannon's family attended the ceremony for the first time. We recognized Officer Shannon in April on the one hundredth anniversary of his end of watch on April 4, 1925.



We would also like to acknowledge the Denver Office of Special Events for lighting the Denver City and County Building blue for Police Week. The lighting of the building was designed to honor the nearly 8,000 individuals who have served our city as Denver Police Officers and the 78 officers who have fallen since 1859.



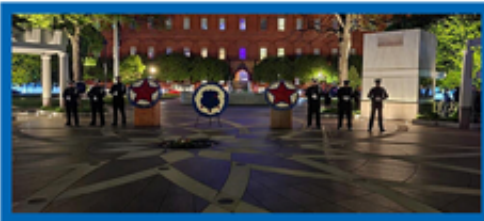
Highlights from Police Week

Thanks to the hard work of retired Denver Police Sgt. Dean Christopherson, we were able to add the late Denver Police Officer Dale Coski to the national, state, and Denver Police Department memorials. Dale was severely injured in a traffic accident in the tunnels of the old Stapleton Airport on September 12, 1983 which rendered her with paraplegia. She later became an outspoken advocate for the rights for individuals with disabilities and passed away in September of 2024. At the formal memorial ceremony Council members Kevin Flynn, Jamie Torres, and Chris Hinds read an emotional proclamation honoring Officer Coski for her service to the citizens of the City and County of Denver. They also unveiled a memorial plaque which will be placed in her honor near the site of the accident.



Honor Guard

The Denver Police Department is fortunate to have a wonderful group of officers who serve in the Denver Police Honor Guard. They are a very dedicated group of individuals who are committed to honoring the service of our officers for the citizens of Denver. Many have seen the Honor Guard's professionalism at countless retiree funerals, our yearly memorial and, other special events. This year, the Honor Guard traveled to Pennsylvania to honor former Denver Police Officer Andrew Durante, playing a critical role in his memorial service. They also traveled to Washington D.C. for National Police Week to honor Dale Coski as her name was added to the National Memorial Wall. The Honor Guard shared some of the amazing photos from their trip that we are including in this newsletter.



The Museum worked with the Honor Guard to research the history of the first Honor Guard. The first time we can find a reference to the Honor Guard is in 1889 at a fallen officer funeral. We also found numerous historical photos of the Honor Guard leading various parades and participating in special events. We'd like to take this opportunity to recognize the current and former Honor Guard members and thank them for the class and dignity they bring to so many

departmental functions.

During the memorial, there was a special acknowledgement of former Denver Police Officer Andrew Durante, who lost his life this past February in West York Borough while responding to a shooting at UPMC Hospital in York. Andrew served the citizens of Denver for 8 years and had recently returned to York to be closer to family. Andrew was very well liked by his fellow officers and our hearts are broken by his sacrifice.

Ammans at National Memorial Ceremony

Pat Nading Amman, widow of Fallen Denver Police Officer Merle Nading and her current husband, retired DPD Lt. Larry Amman, also attended the National Memorial Ceremony for the first time, providing Pat with the ability to see Officer Nading's name on the memorial. A special note of thanks to Technician Danny Veith who attends the memorial each year for all of his hard work in coordinating the Colorado Officers Police Survivors attendance each year. He brings exceptional organizational skills to the ceremony every year and really helps the surviving families to navigate Washington D.C. The Denver Police Department is incredibly fortunate to have him in our ranks.



Moomaw Memorial Plaque

The Museum and the Denver Crime Lab also partnered to place a memorial plaque at the Denver Police Crime Lab honoring Denver's first crime lab Director Captain Joseph Fredrick Moomaw. Captain Moomaw was a brilliant innovator who founded the crime lab in the 1940s. He set a standard that allowed Denver to become internationally prominent in the field of forensic science. This stellar reputation continues today with Dr. Gregory LaBerge and the outstanding staff of the crime lab. The memorial plaque allows for the firearms collection to be named in honor of Captain Moomaw. We would like to thank Councilmember Amanda Sawyer for the proclamation she read at the lunch honoring the leadership and many contributions of Captain Moomaw.

The Museum was also honored to recognize the one hundred and forty years of multi-generational service that the Powers family has given to the citizens of Denver and the Denver Police Department. Beginning with Michael Powers in 1920, and following with his sons William, Thomas, and James and then his grandson Patrick, all have proudly donned the Denver Police uniform. A special

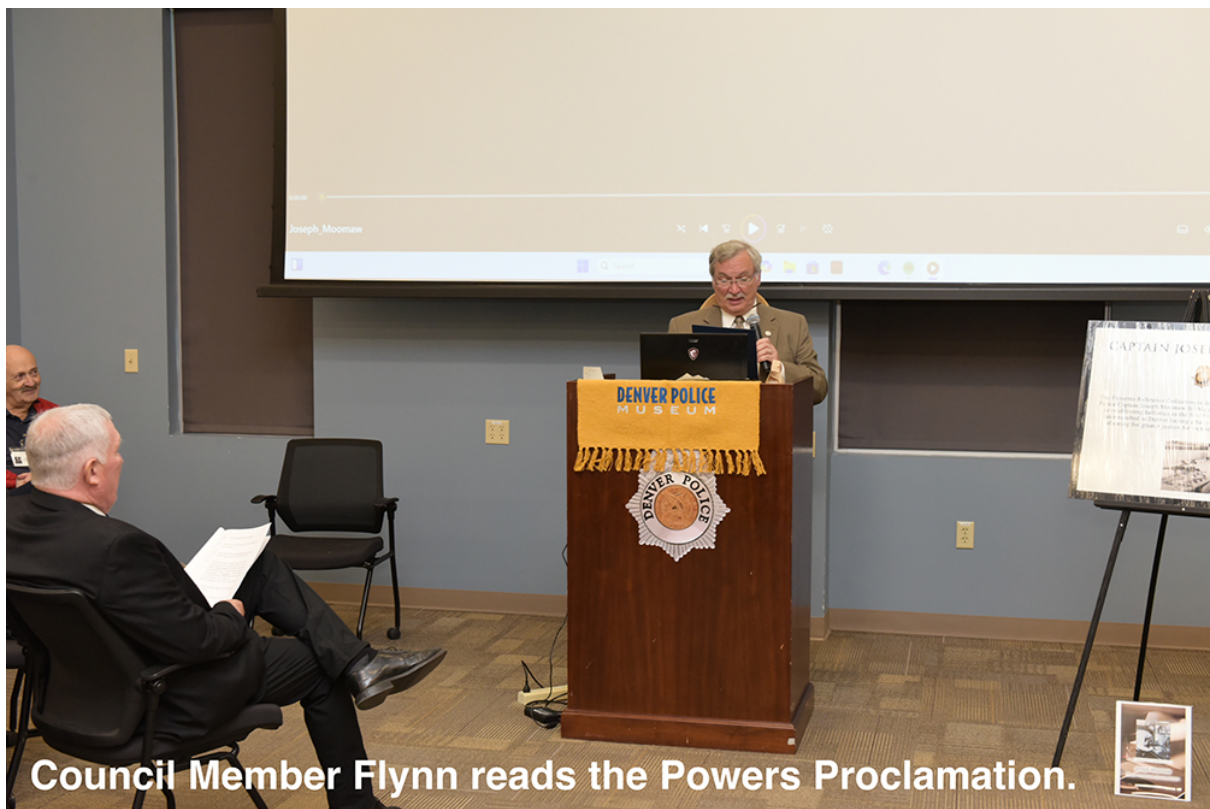
thank you to Councilmember Flynn who read a special proclamation honoring the Powers family at the City Council as well as at the luncheon.



Council Member Sawyer reads Moomaw Proclamation.



Denver Police Museum acknowledges Dr. LaBerge for his great work by giving him a special crime lab challenge coin display made by Denver Police Officer Troy Bisgard.



Council Member Flynn reads the Powers Proclamation.



Three generations of Police Service



Powers Proclamation at City of Denver Municipal Building



**A special crime lab challenge
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Mike Hesse, Michael Renkosiak and Cathy Davis showing the memorial bracelets from Michael's May bicycle ride in Washington, D.C. honoring Fallen Officers Celina Hollis and Dale Coski.

VOLUNTEERS

We cannot talk about Police Week without acknowledging the large number of volunteers who helped plan and implement the various events involved with Police Week. We were saddened that one of our best volunteers passed away this past March surrounded by his family.



Tom Tedesco was an outstanding Denver Police Officer and a wonderful Museum volunteer. He particularly enjoyed helping the Museum with the planning of the memorial and his absence this year was very emotional for our community. We thank the Tedesco family for sharing him with our city and our Museum.

PROPOSITION 130

During the election last November 2024, Colorado voters approved Proposition 130 with 53 percent of the vote. This proposition was organized and funded largely by Joe O'Dea, a small business owner and community leader. Joe's adoptive father was the late Lt. Edward J. O'Dea of the Denver Police Department. Joe's successful measure requires the state legislature to invest \$350 million to support our law enforcement officers statewide. This proposition also requires the state to pay the families of first responders killed in the line of duty after November 4, 2024 a million dollars. It also requires that the money be used to help officers on the street and can only be used for recruitment, retention, training, equipment and bonuses. Thanks to Joe's leadership these funds will begin to be available in late 2026 to departments throughout the state. This is the largest investment in Colorado history in support of law enforcement and we hope that it will help strengthen and support our officers and their families for years to come. Thanks to the early and strong support of the board of the Denver Police Protective Association and the leadership of President Tyson Worrell, this proposition will now become a reality. The Museum recognized Joe and the O'Dea family at the luncheon for their

leadership and continued service to the Denver Police Department.



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.

May 1st Traffic safety at Traffic operations

The Denver Police Museum and Denver Police Traffic Operations hosted 13 students from DRMLK (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Early College). Students learned about traffic stops and crashes, participated in mock traffic stops with the DPD traffic officers, and experienced impairment with the DUI goggles. After the event, we received the following gracious thank you note from the school sponsor:

I just wanted to extend a big thank you to you, the volunteers, and the officers for piecing together such a great experience for our students last Thursday! My students had such a great time, many of them calling it the "best field trip of the year."

Lucas Mascarenas
Career Navigator
Career and College Success



May 20th with METRO/SWAT

We hosted another successful METRO/SWAT program with 26 students from West and Whittier middle schools. DPD SWAT Officer Jeff Grenfell gave a presentation on resiliency and wellness, including why sleep, exercise, nutrition, and social connection are important to all of us.

Students experienced the equipment truck, the Bearcat armored vehicle, the gym, and K-9 officers (canine and human). Museum volunteers Sherry Dawkins, Mary Anne Anaya, Margaret Chavez and Mark Chaffin kept the students organized among the various activity stations and lunch was provided to all participants.

Thanks to our members, donors, and all of our DPD partners for making these programs possible!



DPD Family Traffic Safety Program

Exclusively for DPD Families, students learn what to do, and not do on a traffic stop, and what to do if you're in an accident. Students also experience mock traffic stops.

Lunch is included for this event on Wednesday, July 23rd from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm, and takes place at DPD D3, 1625 S. University Blvd.

RSVP April Overman, 303-319-6086 or aoverman@denverpolicemuseum.org. Include names, number of participants and a phone number.

Hosted by The Denver Police Museum and DPD District 3 Officers.

PREPARE FOR THE ROAD AHEAD

TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM

EXCLUSIVELY FOR DPD FAMILIES

HOSTED BY THE DENVER POLICE MUSEUM
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Denver Police History

A news clipping from the Rocky Mountain News from May 29, 1931 announces the appointment of Denver's New Police Chief Albert Clark.



The Museum is honored to have a handgun in our collection that was presented to Chief Clark upon his retirement.

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

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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