



## DENVER POLICE MUSEUM



The Rose Family receives a proclamation from Councilman Kevin Flynn and Denver Police Chief Ron Thomas

# Message from the Board

This past Summer and Fall, the Museum hosted an extensive line up of events and activities, including First Responders History Night in partnership with the Denver Firefighters Museum, the launch of our new Traffic Safety program, fieldtrips and tours of the Museum, and a sign ceremony honoring fallen Denver Police Officer Richie Rose on the 100th anniversary of his line of duty death. Importantly, the Museum continues to work diligently with Denver Public Schools, the Denver Police Department, and the Denver Crime Lab to offer our STEM & Civics Enrichment Program to middle school youth. Focused on delivering immersive educational activities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), and civics, this program features five modules, including Police Tech, METRO/SWAT, 911 and Police Communications, Forensic Science, and Law & Order.

On May 26, the Museum partnered with the Denver Crime Lab to host the first Denver Forensic Science Day. Thirty-one students from Hamilton Middle School participated in this fun and science-filled event. This groundbreaking program is part of the Museum's efforts to advance STEM and law enforcement education and career exploration.

Pictured is a special presentation acknowledging the outstanding creative work and leadership from the Crime Lab team necessary to make this special event a success.

We would like to share our appreciation for the volunteers who have been instrumental in helping us successfully carry out these very important historical and educational programs—thank you!



A special acknowledgement goes out to April Overman and Barbara Cisneros for their hard work in developing our youth programs, helping the Museum to build strong relationships with local schools, and partnering with community organizations to extend the reach and impact of our youth programs. ●

Sincerely,

**The Denver Police Museum Board** • Michael Hesse, President • Sgt. Dean Christopherson, Past President and Advisor • Linda Remley, Secretary • April Overman, Treasurer • Nicole Galluzzo • Paul D. Schauer • Rosie Siemer • S. Lamar Sims

## Museum Honors Officer Richie Rose on the 100th Anniversary of His Line of Duty Death

On October 31, 2022, the Museum hosted a sign ceremony honoring fallen Denver Police Officer Richie Rose on the 100th anniversary of his line of duty death on October 31, 1922.

Thanks to the work of our ancestry expert, Jeff Burke, the Museum was able to locate Officer Rose's family. Members of Officer Rose's family, including his grand and great grandchildren, joined us for this tribute.

Museum volunteer, Bill Finch, provided the necessary research to help us understand the historical context to this tragic event. Officer Rose's murder was never officially solved but it is widely believed that he was a victim of a mafia hit. His last words were "...mafia, mafia, mafia." ●

The Rose Family



# Denver Police Officer Honored for Service

*Denver Police Officer Robert Sandoval Honored Decades After Being Shot*

The Denver Police Museum and the National Latino Peace Officers Association hosted two extremely successful events for Hispanic Heritage Month, including a sign dedication honoring Officer Robert Eugene Sandoval who was shot on October 14, 1969 by a frightened homeowner while investigating a possible burglary in progress.

Sandoval died in 2020 and this year, his name was added to the fallen police memorial, an honor typically reserved for those killed in the line of duty.

On September 22, 2022, the Denver Police Museum honored Officer Sandoval's sacrifice with a memorial sign ceremony. Councilperson Debbie Ortega also sponsored a proclamation to officially acknowledge Officer Sandoval and his family.

On September 27, 2022, CBS News/Channel 4 shared Officer Sandoval's story,



Councilperson Debbie Ortega sponsored a proclamation honoring the service of Officer Robert Sandoval. Pictured is acting Chief Ron Thomas, councilwoman Ortega, Michelle Santistevan (Niece), Antoinette Cuccia (Sister), Debbie (Niece), and Jay Schiessler.

highlighting the tremendous support of his family for 51 years after that tragic day in 1969. Read the full story at: <https://www.cbsnews.com/colorado/news/denver-police-officer-robert-sandoval-honored-service-memorial/> ●



Pictured Jay and Debbie Schiessler (Niece), Michelle Santastivan (Niece), and Antoinette Cuccia (Sister). Also in attendance, but not pictured was Al (Brother) and Marie Sandoval.

## Hispanic Heritage Month

The Denver Police Museum and the National Latino Peace Officers Association partnered to host a special event for Hispanic Heritage Month, including a reception at the Rocky Mountain Law Enforcement Credit Union highlighting the trail blazing

careers of Division Chief Paul Montoya and Louis Lopez.

Special displays were placed at both the credit union and at Denver Police Headquarters. Councilperson Amanda Sandoval sponsored a proclamation

highlighting the outstanding work that both gentlemen provided to the citizens of the City and County of Denver. ●



Denver City Councilperson Amanda Sandoval sponsored a proclamation honoring the service of Division Chief Paul Montoya and Retired Lt Lou Lopez. Pictured are councilperson Amanda Sandoval, Denver Police Acting Chief Ron Thomas, the Montoya and Lopez families, Division Chief Aaron Sanchez, and Retired Denver Police Officer Johnnie Martinez.



Lopez Family



## Introducing the Denver Police Museum's Holiday Ornament Collector's Series!

We're excited to announce that the Denver Police Museum will be offering a special collectible holiday ornament series honoring the rich history of the Denver Police Badge.

This year's ornament will be the first in the series. Featuring the Denver Police Badge introduced in 1874, this ornament will make

the perfect gift for yourself and everyone on your list this year—especially that hard-to-shop-for law enforcement supporter.

The Museum's unique holiday ornament makes a special gift for friends and family, an ideal stocking stuffer, or a cherished addition to your own collection. ●

### Pre-Order Your Collector's Series Holiday Ornament Today

For a suggested donation of \$30, this one-of-a-kind collector's ornament ships free to you! Place your order using the enclosed order form or visit [denverpolicemuseum.org/product/ornament](http://denverpolicemuseum.org/product/ornament)

## Denver Police Museum Partners with Heart & Hand

**O**n October 3, 2022, the Museum partnered with Heart & Hand to host an afterschool program for Denver youth featuring a range of science, technology, engineering, math, and history activities.

Twenty-five middle school students from Whittier ECE-8 and Bruce Randolph participated in immersive educational activities, including a behind the scenes experience with the Denver Police

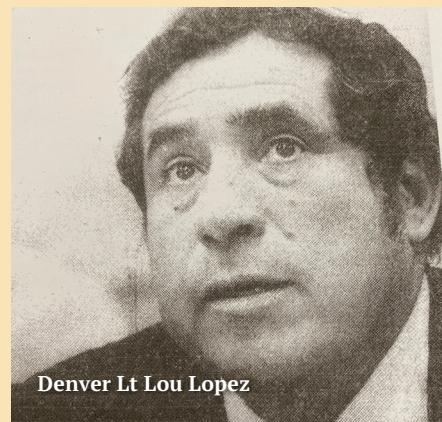
Department's Real Time Crime Center, hands on learning with the bomb squad, a tour of the Museum, and an interactive look at the technology advancement of police cars. Students got an up-close look at the Museum's historic police cars while Officers Wilkerson and Vento from the Citywide IMPACT Team showed off the technology and safety features of a modern police car.



The Heart & Hand Center is a 501(c) (3) organization that empowers young people to realize their potential. Heart & Hand creates a nurturing afterschool environment where everyone gets a meal, help with homework, exposure to new passions, and a healthy dose of love. Each day, Heart & Hand provides three hours of daily afterschool programming for youth 2nd-8th grade across three sites: Columbine Elementary, Smith Elementary and Bruce Randolph Middle School.

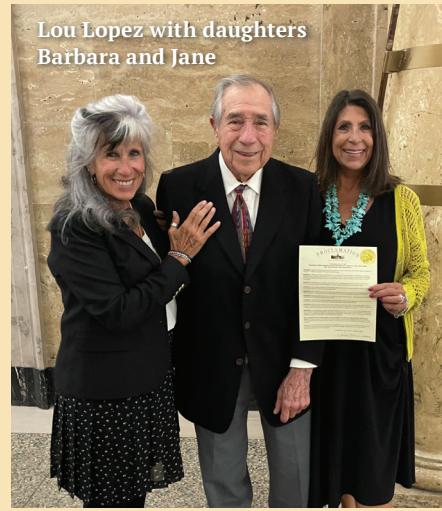
The Museum's youth programs help to spark curiosity in science, technology, engineering, math, and civics; create pathways for career exploration in criminal justice, law enforcement, and forensic science; and build trust between youth and law enforcement by providing opportunities for positive interactions with officers. ●

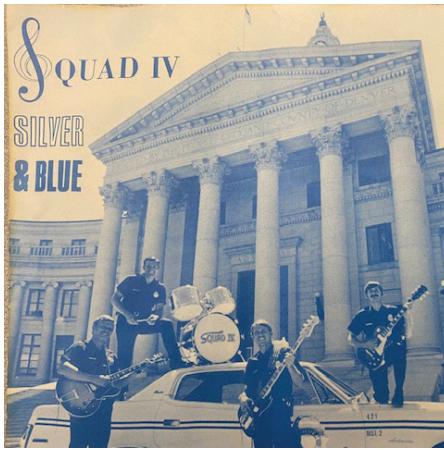
Denver Police  
Division Chief  
Paul Montoya



Denver Lt Lou Lopez

Montoya  
Family





## Squad IV – Volume One (Silver and Blue)

Squad IV was organized in October of 1972 with the goal of improving community outreach. Captain Doral Smith, Commander of the Northeast Denver Police substation felt that music might provide a unique opportunity for police to connect with youth.

The Squad IV Denver Police Band's inaugural concert was held at

Denver's East High School. At the time, the city was in the midst of racial tensions. The band played the current hits of the time and students loved them. Thereafter, the group performed all

over Colorado including appearances with BB King at the Denver Coliseum as well as opening for the Oak Ridge Boys and the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band.

The band went on to record two albums and was so successful that it was able to become self-sufficient, receiving funding from its record and ticket sales. Volume One (Silver and Blue) contained four songs – “I Believe in Music” (Mac Davis cover), “Proud Mary” (Creedence Clearwater Revival/Ike and Tina Turner cover), and “Steamroller Blues” (James Taylor cover)/“Joy to the World” (Three Dog Night cover). The band's albums are preserved in the Museum's collection.

The members of the Squad IV Denver Police Band included Officer Dave Kechter, bass guitar, and vocals; Officer Paige Lyda, rhythm guitar and vocals; Officer Mike Gargaro lead guitar, electric piano and vocals; and Wulf Krokel on drums.

The Museum wants to offer a special thank you to Wulf Krokel for his support on this story and for his generous donation to the Museum of some of the band's items. ●

## You Can Support the Denver Police Museum

Your financial support, stories, donations, and gift of time serve as a living legacy, creating opportunities for community understanding and engagement, strengthening the city's relationship with the community, and inspiring the next generation of law enforcement professionals. Gifts to the Museum support our extensive collection of artifacts, engaging events, and educational initiatives. Your donation will ensure that the story of Denver's law enforcement history will be preserved, explored, and celebrated for generations to come. ●

Learn more or contribute online at [denverpolicemuseum.org/support](http://denverpolicemuseum.org/support)



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Be a Part of the Denver Police Museum! Join us in our mission to preserve the legacy of those who Protect and Serve, create opportunities for shared understanding and engagement, and inspire the next generation of law enforcement professionals. Your tax-deductible gift ensures our continued success.

Join now as a Gold Member at \$100 and received these great benefits:

- A collectible 2022 Denver Police Museum Challenge Coin
- Membership card
- Special invitations to events and programs throughout the year. ●



A special thank you to Detective Troy Bisgward who presented the Museum with a custom challenge coin holder that he personally made.