



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!

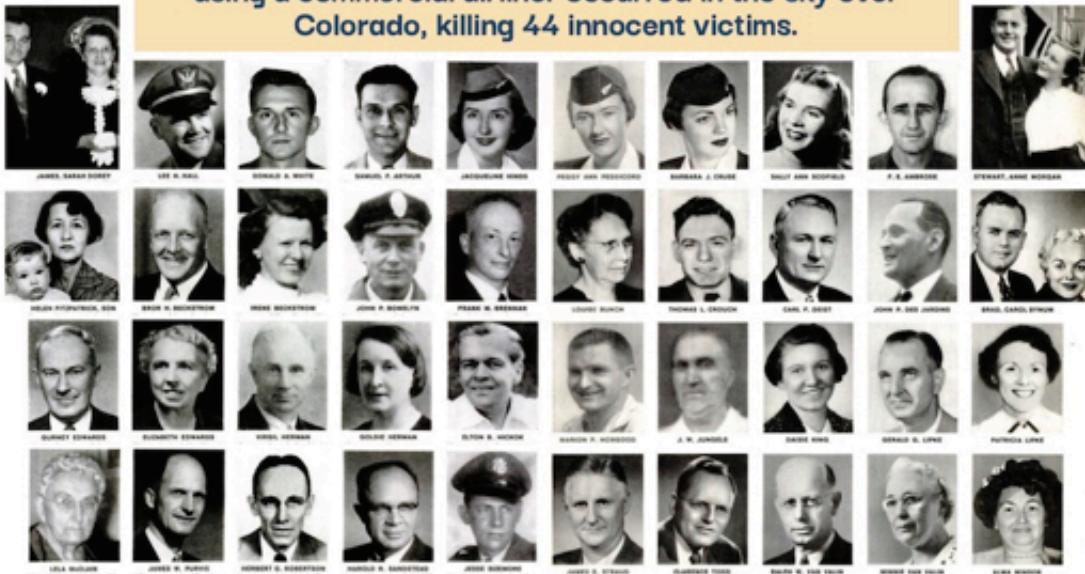
United Airlines Flight 629 Update

Planning for the 70th Anniversary of the bombing of United Airlines Flight 629 continues at an ever increasing rate. The agreement between the museum and the Stapleton Tower has been completed, which will allow the museum to maintain ownership of the memorial, should new owners purchase the tower in the future. The flag pole for the memorial has been installed at the tower and the sand blasting of the granite is about to commence. We are mailing post cards and pushing social and traditional media to advertise the memorial activities. We are working with History Colorado, THE CELL, the University of Denver Adult Enrichment Program and Wings Over the Rockies to encourage a good turnout and educate Coloradans about this tragedy.



UA 629 Events

On November 1, 1955, The first act of domestic terrorism using a commercial airliner occurred in the sky over Colorado, killing 44 innocent victims.



For more information, visit denverpolicemuseum.org



UA 629 Challenge Coin

The Regional Office of the FBI, the Association of Retired FBI Agents are helping us welcome the families of the lead special agents who played an instrumental role in bringing the perpetrator to justice, Roy K. Moore and Donald Sebasta.

We are also very appreciative of current Denver District Attorney John Walsh and his team, along with Marshall Fogel and former Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey, for helping us honor the contributions of Bert Keating, who personally handled the United 629 trial and has the distinction of being the longest serving District Attorney in Denver History from 1948 to 1967. We are excited that both of DA Keating's grandchildren will be joining us from Texas for the memorial.

Special Proclamations honoring the victims, the first responders, DA Keating, and FBI Special Agents are in the works. We expect the Denver City Council Building to be lit blue on October 31 and November 1 to remember the tragedy. We also expect that November 1 2025 will be observed in both the City and State of Colorado Victims 629 Memorial Day!

UA 629 Events

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 15, 1956

Honorable Bert M. Keating
District Attorney
Second Judicial District
Post Office Box 1917
Denver 1, Colorado

My dear Mr. Keating:

Many thanks for your most thoughtful letter of May 5, 1956, concerning the outcome of the case involving John Gilbert Graham.

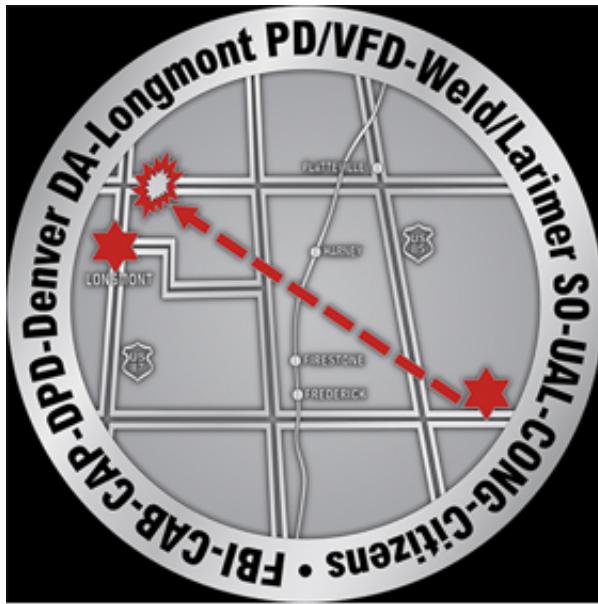
You may be sure it was a pleasure for the FBI to be of assistance in this case, and I deeply appreciate your generous comments concerning the employees of this Bureau you mentioned. They will be advised of your good words, and I know they will share in my gratitude for your consideration in writing.

I would also like to take this opportunity of expressing to you my sincere thanks as well as those of my associates for the admirable way in which you prosecuted this case. Its successful conclusion, I feel, is a direct result of your splendid efforts.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

the various events and to see how you might support our efforts.



We are still looking for volunteers to help with the Memorial Service, Memorial Dedication, and Symposium. If you are interested in helping, please email Mike Hesse at mhesse@denverpolicemuseum.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Forensic Science Week September 14-21

The Denver Police Museum is partnering with the Denver Crime Lab to honor our forensic science team for this important week! Denver has a long history going back to the first crime Director Joseph Moomaw to present Director Greggory LaBerge. The museum is planning a youth event on September 15 at Denver Police District 1 and then a special luncheon on September 16, 2025! We hope to begin recruiting the next generation of CSI for our community!



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**PLEASE JOIN
The Denver Crime Lab and
The Denver Police Museum**

AS WE CELEBRATE



**NATIONAL FORENSIC
SCIENCE WEEK**



Tuesday, Sept 16, 2025

At The Denver Crime Lab 11-1:00 pm

**We look forward to recognizing our Team
and their commitment to Justice!**

Please join The Denver Police Museum and the Denver Crime Lab as we celebrate National Forensic Science Week on September 16, 2025, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM at the Denver Crime Lab.

Pups on Patrol



PUPS ON PATROL

PET HEALTH & SAFETY EVENT

SEPTEMBER 18 | 4 PM
at Paco Sanchez Dog Park

FREE
RESOURCES
FOR PET
OWNERS

CERTIFY YOUR
DOG TO BE AN
HONORARY
DPD K-9!

PET-CENTRIC
VENDORS &
COMMUNITY
PARTNERS



Annual Hispanic Heritage Trailblazer Award

The museum is honored to partner with the National Latino Police Officers Association as we honor retired Denver Police Commander Rudy Sandoval later in September in the Roll Call Room of Denver Police District 4. If you worked with or know Rudy we hope you will join us to recognize his service!

PLEASE JOIN

**The Denver Police Museum,
The Denver Police Department &
The National Latino Police Officers Association
as we honor**

**Retired Denver Police Commander
RUDY SANDOVAL**

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH 2025!

*Please join us for a special reception recognizing
and honoring his many achievements and outstanding
service to the citizens of the City and County of Denver*

Denver Police District 4
Roll call Room located at:
2100 S. Clay St., Denver, CO 80219
Tuesday, September 23, 2025
at 1:45 pm



DENVER POLICE MUSEUM

**Retired Denver Police Commander
Rudy Sandoval**

Donald DeBruno 50th Anniversary

We are working with the DeBruno family to recognize the 50th anniversary of the sacrifice of fallen Denver Police Detective Donald DeBruno.



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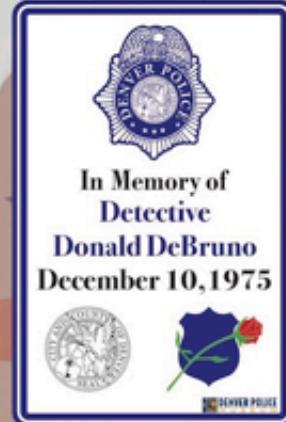
**The Denver Police Museum and
the Denver Police Department**

**As we honor the memory of
Denver Police Detective
Donald Lee DeBruno
on the 50th anniversary of his sacrifice
serving the Citizens of Denver**



Detective Donald DeBruno

Ceremony:
Wednesday, December 10th 2025, at 11 am
17th and Broadway, Denver



**In Memory of
Detective
Donald DeBruno
December 10, 1975**

Denver Police

126th Anniversary of Fallen Officer James E. Boggio's Sacrifice

On January 8, 2026 we will be honoring the one hundred and twenty-sixth anniversary of the EOW of Denver Police Patrolman James E. Boggio. We have successfully found members of his family who will join us for the ceremony! We will be placing a memorial sign at the location where he lost his life and will be doing a special gravesite service at Mt. Olivet Cemetery that morning. Please join us as we acknowledge his service and his tragic death at the age of 25 years.

We always claim that our fallen will not be forgotten. This is an opportunity to make sure we are true to our word.



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**As we honor the memory of
Denver Police Officer**

James E Boggio

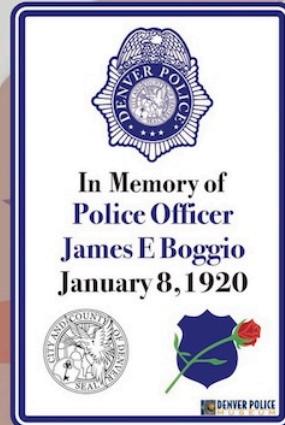
**on the 126th anniversary of his sacrifice
serving the Citizens of Denver**



Officer James E Boggio

Ceremony:

**Thursday, January 8th 2026, at 11 am
1834 West 46th Avenue, Denver**



2025 International Police Chief Conference Denver

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the Denver Police Department is hosting the

International Police Chief Convention this October 18-21. They are expecting over 18,000 people to attend the conference, including high ranking federal officials. The museum is lucky to have been asked to participate in the convention and we will have a significant amount of artifacts on display. We need assistance in covering our booth during business hours at the convention center from 9am to 5pm daily. Everyone wishing to attend must receive a badge in advance. Please let us know if you are interested.



Youth Programs

The museum is proud to serve Denver area schools through immersive educational programs that incorporate fun and interactive learning for middle school and high school youth. These programs deliver age-appropriate content, create pathways for career exploration in law enforcement, STEM, and public service, and help to build trust between youth and law enforcement.

Summer Youth Programs Update

As a part of sparking youth interest in Denver Police Department and related law enforcement careers, the museum hosted 45 kids in third through sixth grade for an event that included mounted patrol officers, the bomb squad, community resource officer Tim Tran showing modern police car, and DPD retired Officer Barbara Cisneros showing the Museum's historic cars side by side. Pat's Philly Steaks and Subs provided hearty box lunches, which are a very important part of our programs to ensure that students are not hungry when they are learning. Many of the kids attending qualify for free school lunches and sometimes only have one meal a day.

A tour of the museum was provided by retired DPD Sgt Christopher Hoag, who is very knowledgeable about the department history and artifacts shown to the kids. Museum volunteers Sherry Dawkins, retired DPD Sgt Johnny Martinez, retired DPD Sgt Mark Chaffin and Charlotte Chaffin assisted in guiding the kids around between activity areas and assisting the kids for the day.

The day ended with a visit from Deputy Chief Sanchez sharing his story and fielding a multitude of questions from the kids.





The museum also hosted a Traffic Safety Event for Kids, Friends and Family of DPD with support from Community Resource Officers John Silva and Tim Tran. Museum volunteers and Retired DPD officers Joe Tennant, Barbara Cisneros and Christopher Hoag led the classroom portion of the program, discussing what to do and not do on a traffic stop and what to do if involved in an accident.

The kids enjoyed lunch and snacks served by the museum volunteers Sherry Dawkins and Judie Meranda, then participated in mock traffic stops with Officer Tran and Silva, learning how to interact with officers and getting advice on best practices.

The kids also experienced the fatal vision (aka “drunk goggles”), to experience

why you should not drink and drive. Students enjoyed being playful with each other using the goggles during mock roadside sobriety tests.



The museum is scheduling programs for the fall, including our five core programs - SWAT, CSI, Police Tech, 911 and Law and Order. We are also continuing our Traffic Safety Program with two programs scheduled in the fall. We would like to thank all of our partners who make these programs possible, including DPD Officers and civilians from many units at DPD, museum volunteers, Denver 911, Denver DA's office and the Crime lab. Thank you to the many schools throughout the Denver area who bring their students to our programs. Thank you to all of our supporters.

[View the 2024-25 Youth Programs Impact Report](#)

Fallen Officer Donnie Young Softball Tournament

This important memorial event was held in Vanderbilt Park on August 16. Several teams participated in the tournament including the Denver Police Department, the Denver Sheriffs Department, and the Colorado Drug Investigator Association. All proceeds from the tournament benefited the CDIA Survivors Fund. Cathy Davis, Retired Deputy Chief Barb Archer, and volunteers from the Blue Hat Foundation were also in attendance. We were also grateful for the attendance of Detective Young's family members.



Announcing the 2025 Denver Police Ornament

The museum has placed the order for the 2025 Denver Police Museum Ornament. It is always a favorite for folks looking to give a unique Holiday gift. We are expecting the ornament to be available in early November. Stay tuned

for further details.



DPD Anniversary Badge

Honoring America's 250th Anniversary

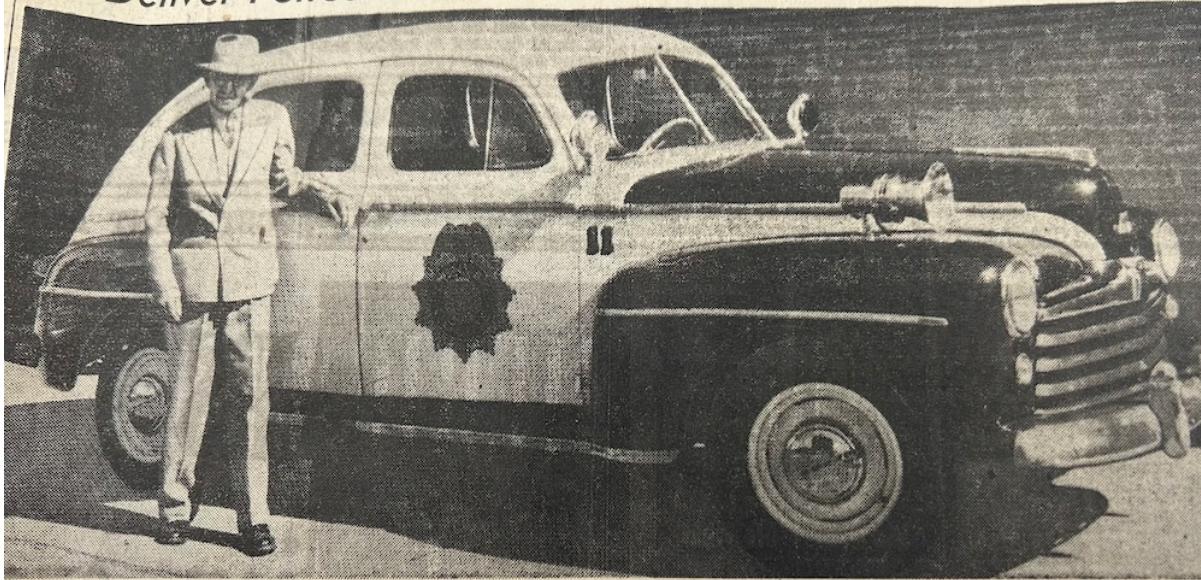
We are happy to report that a special Denver Police Badge is available for retired and active Denver Police Officers who make a donation to the Denver Police Museum. Pictured below is a rendition of the special anniversary badge. Chief Thomas has approved the badge to be worn by active Denver Police Officers beginning in 2026! Supply is limited. For further details, please email gymbuff47@comcast.net.



From the Archives

Detective Willbur Lindquist shows off one of 32 new 1947 Ford black and white patrol cars, featuring a 100 HP 239 cubic inch/3.9 liter flathead V8.

Denver Police Get New Black and White Patrol Cars



BLACK AND WHITE is the fall style note for the new Denver police cars, one of which is shown above. The new cars have black bodies, black fenders, and the police shield is painted on the side doors. About a dozen already have been delivered. When delivery is complete, the police department will have thirty-two completely new patrol cars. Standing beside the car (above) is Detective Wilbur Lindquist, in charge of police motor vehicles.

Rocky Mountain News announces the death of Denver Police Officer William Keating August 31, 1931.

His memorial sign hangs at 8th Avenue and Kalamath Street

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.

Become a Member Today!



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