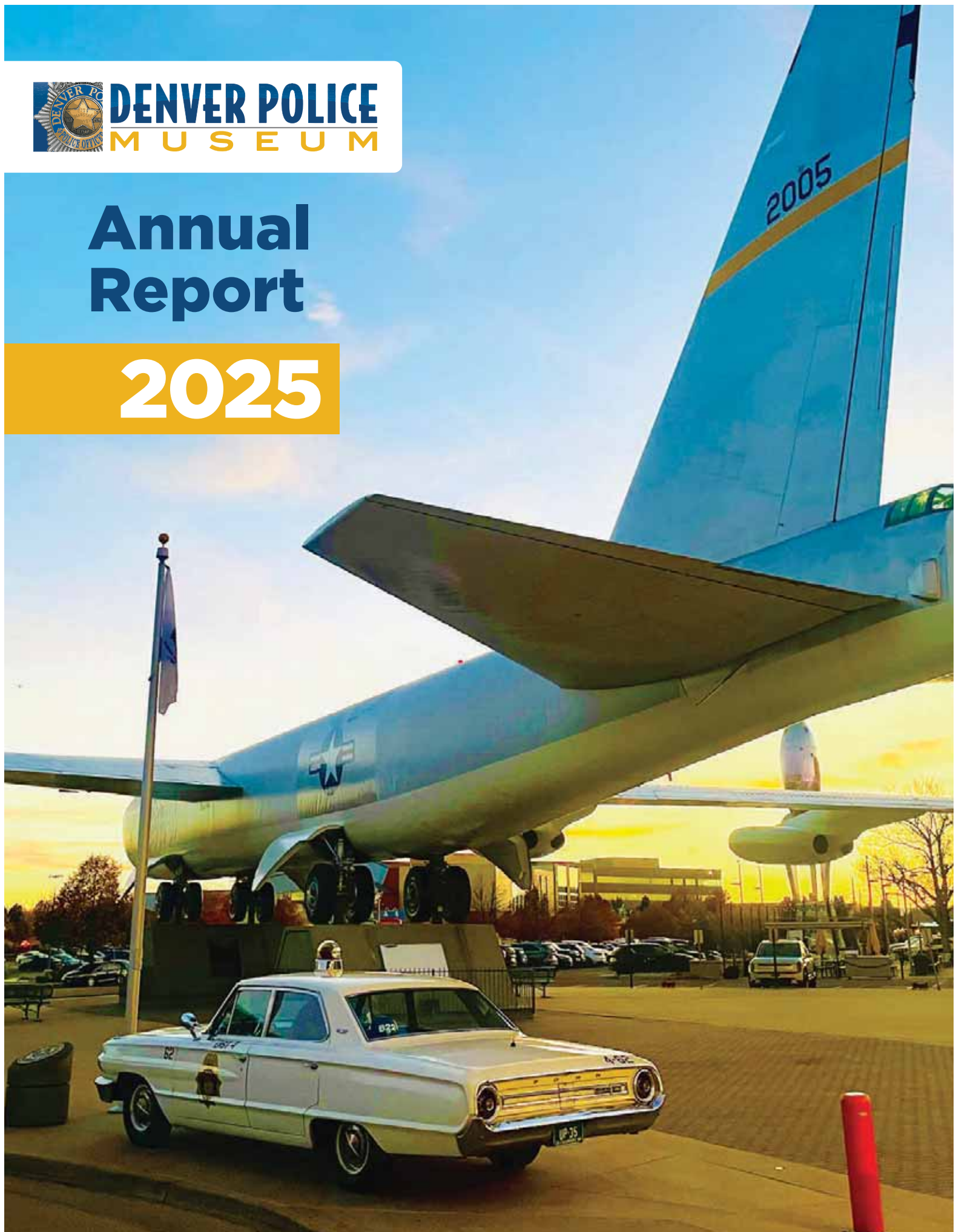




DENVER POLICE
MUSEUM

Annual Report

2025





DENVER POLICE MUSEUM

Founded in 2008,

the Denver Police Museum is a designated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to help create safer, stronger, and more vibrant communities in Denver and beyond. We accomplish our mission by creating opportunities for community understanding and engagement, strengthening the city’s relationship with the community, and educating youth to inspire community involvement, responsibility, and a future generation of law enforcement professionals.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

2025 marked the most productive year in the Denver Police Museum's history since its founding in 2008. A series of successful events brought unprecedented positive media attention and community recognition. Our youth programs continue to make a significant impact with our young citizens teaching them about the importance of public safety in our community!

We are grateful for our volunteers, Museum members, active and retired officers and financial supporters who grant us the opportunity to share Denver Police history. We extend our thanks to the many officers, 911 staff, District Attorney staff, and Crime Lab employees that help the Museum successfully implement these programs. We also want to recognize the nearly 900 active officers who support the Museum through payroll deductions, as well as the many retired officers who purchase annual memberships. Their ongoing commitment truly drives the Museum's success.

We're excited to build on this momentum and make 2026 another standout year. We hope to make significant progress in our efforts to build a permanent home for the Museum across from the newly renovated Denver Stock Show. We are grateful to Lance Nading, son of fallen Denver Police Officer Merle Nading, and Leo Branstetter, the former owner of the property, for their unwavering support for our project.

Sincerely,

DENVER POLICE MUSEUM BOARD

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LETTER FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Dear Friends and Supporters,

On behalf of the Denver Police Department, we extend our deepest gratitude for the Denver Police Museum's unwavering support and dedication throughout 2025, a year that saw a significant number of successes orchestrated and supported by the Denver Police Museum.

Thanks to your efforts, we successfully hosted landmark events that brought unprecedented recognition to the Denver Police Department and the Museum. These efforts also strengthened our mission to preserve Denver Police history while educating our community. From the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference, where we showcased our department to more than 18,000 law enforcement professionals worldwide, to the deeply moving 70th Anniversary commemoration of the United Flight 629 bombing, your contributions made these moments possible.

Additionally, your commitment to youth programs provides invaluable opportunities for young people to learn about public safety and explore careers in law enforcement. Not only does this focus help build stronger relationships between law enforcement and youth but it is also an investment in the future of our community.

We also greatly appreciate how you honor trailblazers during Black History Month, Women's History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month and National Forensic Science Week. These tributes demonstrate the impact these groups have had and continue to have on our department.

We are profoundly grateful to the Denver Police Museum board, volunteers, members, active and retired officers, and financial supporters for standing alongside us. Your generosity and engagement help to make the Denver Police Department a distinguished organization.

We look forward to continuing this partnership in 2026 as we work together to preserve history, honor service, and inspire future generations.

With sincere appreciation,



Ron Thomas
Chief of Police



INTERNATIONAL POLICE CHIEF CONFERENCE

One of our largest and most successful historical exhibits was featured at the Denver Convention Center in October 2025 during the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference. Over 18,000 police officers from around the world attended the conference and we were able to highlight the historic preservation the Museum has successfully developed. We displayed our car collection including our Model A, 1998 Crown Victoria, 1964 Ford Galaxie, and our 1978 Chevy Nova. We successfully partnered with Colorado State Patrol to highlight their Chevy Camaro and Ford Mustang, and the 90th Anniversary of the founding of their agency.

Our volunteers interacted with police personnel from the United States and around the World. Officers from Brazil, Nigeria, and Mexico had the opportunity to learn about some of our historic Denver Police figures and the many interactions in the 1970s with Elvis Presley! Many took photos with our vehicles and purchased our special IACP challenge coin and other Museum swag. We want to express our deep appreciation to the organizers of the IACP Convention. This type of visibility
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CONFERENCE (CONT.)

was more than we could have ever imagined. We also wish to acknowledge the professionalism and organization of their staff. The convention was a tremendous success and we were honored to participate and play a role.

The professionalism of our Denver Officers and the many presentations that officers and professional staff made during the convention reflected very positively on our city and made all of our volunteers very proud to be associated with such a first-class organization.



TRAILBLAZERS

Black History Month

The Museum was honored to partner with the Blair Caldwell Museum and the Denver Black Officers Organization to award the Trailblazer Award to retired Denver Police Officer Bobby Simmons. Bobby Simmons is an accomplished and

much-loved retired Denver Police Officer and we were honored to highlight his successful career. We were also especially pleased to have former Denver Mayor Federico Pena join us for the tribute. Pena provided a wonderful tribute to Simmons who served on his protective detail for many years.



TRAILBLAZERS (CONT.)

Women's History Month

In March, we were pleased to partner with the Denver Crime Lab to honor the late Susan Knight Berdine. Susan played a critical role in the development of the lab. Her foresight and commitment to data-driven decision-making guided the Forensic Biology DNA Unit through a range of complex challenges. Her leadership helped the Denver Crime Lab receive grants that allowed them to focus on solving many cold cases, providing closure to victims of crimes and their loved ones.

Sadly, Susan passed away from cancer in the summer of 2022. Her legacy will always be a part of the Denver Crime Lab and she will be remembered as a colleague, friend, mentor, scientist, mother, daughter, wife, and sister.



We were pleased to have Susan's family join us as we placed a memorial plaque in her honor for permanent display in the lab. We extend our thanks to both Denver Crime Lab Director Dr. Gregory LaBerge and former Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey for their remarks during the ceremony.

Hispanic Heritage Month



The Denver Police Department was proud to present the 2025 Hispanic Heritage Trailblazer Award to retired Commander Rudy Sandoval. Throughout his remarkable 50-year career, Commander Sandoval contributed to several key units, including the Gang Unit, Auto Theft Team, Mounted Patrol Team, and the Broncos Security Team. The strong turnout for the ceremony was truly moving. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Rudy on this well-earned honor and our sincere thanks to Severance Police Chief Ken Chavez for serving as Master of Ceremonies.

National Forensic Science Week

The Denver Police Museum partnered with the Denver Crime Lab to recognize National Forensic Science Week in September. Denver Mayor Michael Johnston and Denver City Councilmember Flor Alvidrez joined us as we celebrated the outstanding work of the staff of the Denver Crime Lab. Councilmember Alvidrez sponsored a proclamation which was adopted in mid-September. The Museum also hosted a youth program in District 1 with Denver Public Schools Students that allowed students to participate in solving an imaginary jewel heist and follow the forensic evidence to determine who committed the crime. We were pleased to have Dustin Smith from the Crime Lab support this activity, ask thoughtful questions of the students, and share advice about potential careers in forensic science.



HONORING FALLEN DENVER POLICE OFFICERS

James Shannon • On the 100th Anniversary of his End of Watch

Due to the wonderful Ancestry research of Jeff Burke, the Museum successfully contacted the family of fallen Denver Police Officer James Shannon. Shannon lost his life on April 5, 1920 and the Museum was honored to be joined by his family as we placed a memorial marker at 3357 Williams Street, where Shannon fell, on the 100th anniversary of his end of watch. We also organized a wreath laying ceremony at his grave. He was the fifth of seven children born to Thomas and Anna Lyons. He joined the Denver Police in March of 1920. The Museum was particularly pleased that the Colorado Emerald Society inducted Officer Shannon as an honorary member of their group. We also appreciate former Denver Police Officer Dave Dawkins,



Colorado Emerald Society Member, for spearheading this effort to recognize Officer Shannon and for delivering remarks at the memorial sign ceremony. We know that Officer Shannon's family greatly appreciated this honor.

Donald Lee DeBruno • On the 50th Anniversary of his End of Watch

The Museum hosted a well-attended event on December 10, 2025 to mark the 50th Anniversary of the End of Watch for Denver Police Detective Donald DeBruno. We were privileged to have members of the DeBruno family join us for this tribute. Councilmembers Flynn and Hinds sponsored a proclamation detailing the important personal characteristics of Detective DeBruno that made him a wonderful father, friend, family member, and Denver Police Officer. The Museum took this opportunity to replace the memorial plaque located on



Broadway at the site of the old Continental Trailways bus station where the tragedy occurred on December 10, 1975. Former Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey served as master of ceremonies. A special video honoring Detective DeBruno was shown along with a special tribute to the Denver Police Officers from the 1970's was created by Janice Queen, wife of retired Denver Police Officer Harry Queen. Denver's Channel 9 News also produced a news story highlighting Detective DeBruno's service to our community.

Andrew Duarte • End of Watch February 22, 2025

Former Denver Police Officer Andrew Duarte was killed while serving as an officer for West York Borough Police in Pennsylvania during a hospital hostage situation. Duarte had a distinguished career serving on the Denver Police Department from 2017 to 2022. He was an award-winning DUI DRE (Drug Recognition Expert). The Denver Police Honor Guard went to Pennsylvania to recognize Duarte's service to the Citizens of the City and County of Denver. The Department also gave a tribute to Duarte's service during police week and a banner was placed at the traffic division immediately following his End of Watch.



NATIONAL POLICE WEEK May 11-17 2025

The Museum partnered with the Denver Police Department, the Denver Police Foundation, and the Blue Hat Foundation to organize a number of events for National Police Week 2025. We want to thank the Denver Office of Special Events for lighting the Denver City and County Building blue again this year to recognize the sacrifice of our 78 fallen officers and the service of nearly 8,000 individual officers during the 166 year history of the Denver Police Department.

MEMORIAL CEREMONIES

Dale Coski Added to Fallen Officer Memorial

This year, thanks to the diligent work of retired Denver Police Sgt. and Museum founder Dean Christopherson, the Museum successfully added former Denver Police Officer Dale Coski to the National Police Memorial in Washington DC, the Colorado State fallen officer memorial in Golden, and the Denver Police fallen officer memorial at Headquarters. As part of our efforts for National Police Week, Denver City Councilmembers, Kevin Flynn, Jamie Torres, and Chris Hinds sponsored a proclamation to honor Officer Coski and unveiled a memorial

plaque at the Denver Police Fallen Officer ceremony that was later placed near the location where she was severely injured in 1983 while assisting a stranded motorist. Coski sustained injuries which resulted in quadriplegia and a lifetime of declining health which led to her death. Coski had many accomplishments during her almost 30-year career, including the fact she created the Denver Disability Parking Enforcement Program which became a national model. We were very pleased that several of Officer Coski's friends attended the ceremony.



Formal Memorial Ceremony

The Denver Police Department held the annual formal fallen officer memorial ceremony in the courtyard of Headquarters again in 2025. The Museum was joined by Denver Police Chief Ron Thomas for a special reception prior

to the ceremony for surviving family members of fallen officers and their friends. We were pleased that nearly 20 different families attended the reception, the formal memorial ceremony, and the lunch afterward.

LEGACY PROJECT 2025



Several years ago, the Museum began to recognize the many families who have served our community as Denver Police Officers for several generations. These families have made an indelible mark on both the safety and the history of our community. This year, we chose to highlight the Powers family for their 143 years of cumulative service to the citizens of the City and County of Denver.





POLICE WEEK RIDE

Denver Police Officer Michael Renkosiak has played an instrumental role over the last several years representing the Denver Police Department under Team Colorado for the National Police Unity Ride. He did this again in 2025. The theme of his ride was saluting fallen Denver Police Officers Celina Hollis and Dale Coski. The Police Unity Tour consisted

of 450 officers from throughout the United States. The purpose of the ride is to raise awareness of Law Enforcement Officers who died in the line of duty and to raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Museum in Washington DC. The Museum is honored to support Officer Renkosiak and appreciates his efforts to honor Denver's Fallen Officers.

RECOGNIZING DENVER CRIME LAB FOUNDER JOSEPH MOOMAW

We were pleased to have the opportunity to honor the late Joseph F. Moomaw for his leadership in founding the Denver Crime Lab in 1940. He was a trailblazer in the field of scientific justice and placed Denver at the forefront of crime scene investigation as it developed in the United States. He was the Chairman of the International Association for Identification and received top ratings in narcotics analysis, firearms identification,

ballistics analysis, explosive detection and disposition, and handwriting and document analysis. Moomaw also led the effort that made Denver one of first six cities in the United States to develop mobile crime vehicles that could take scientific analysis into the field. The Museum placed a memorial plaque in the Crime Lab to honor Moomaw's historical contribution to our city. 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.



MUSEUM TOURS

A special thanks to Denver Police Museum volunteers, Barbara Cisneros and Chris Hoag for their willingness to guide individual tours of the Museum's Artifact Center on the first floor of Denver Police Headquarters. These tours allow the Museum to provide a level of constant community outreach and have been a big hit with Colorado, national, and international visitors to Denver. The Museum advertises the tours as part of our annual membership drive and with Visit Denver the organization that manages Denver tourism. Between standard tours, special group tours, and youth tours, we hosted nearly 1,000 visitors in 2025. The Museum also has an archiving center located in the old juvenile detention area

that includes important Denver Police historical items like badges, uniforms, and pictures. If you are interested in seeing the Museum you can book your tour online. We generally require at least one day's notice for a tour since they are individually staffed by volunteers.





MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

The Museum is very privileged to have nearly 70 people who serve as volunteers for our organization. We are always looking for new recruits. Since our organization is completely run by volunteers it is essential that we continue to build and recognize this important group. Once again, the Museum recorded the highest number of volunteer hours in 2025 through the Volunteers in Policing (VIP) program, the team that coordinates volunteer efforts across the entire Denver Police Department. We continue to need assistance with planning and executing our many events

that identify and highlight important historical events in the history of our department. These events include Fallen Officer memorial services, recognizing trailblazers, Police Week Activities, and many more! Equally important, our many youth related programs are designed to educate young people from kindergarten to high school about the importance of public safety in our community. We are very appreciative of the efforts and expertise we receive from our marketing committee who play an important role in social media, community outreach, and website design.



Denver Police Museum Youth Coordinator and Board Treasurer April Overman is Recognized by Denver Channel 7

At the end of September, Denver 7 News awarded Denver Police

Museum Treasurer and Youth Coordinator, April Overman, their Everyday Hero Award. April truly deserves this award for her exceptional volunteer work with the Museum. Her leadership within the Museum's youth programs has earned multiple recognitions from the Denver Public School System, and her efforts have produced measurable improvements in students' attitudes, understanding, and appreciation for the vital role law enforcement plays in building a strong and successful community. Congratulations April and thank you for all that you do for the organization!



YOUTH PROGRAMS



An important part of the mission of the Denver Police Museum is to ignite curiosity, inspire learning, and pave the way for bright futures for our Denver youth. The Museum's programs offer an exciting gateway into the worlds of criminal justice, law enforcement, and forensic science. Through engaging, hands-on experiences, we blend the thrill of discovery with programs that provide essential opportunities for career exploration, trust-building,

and safety education. At the heart of our youth programs lies our commitment to:

- **Exploration:** Sparking curiosity and creating pathways for career exploration in criminal justice, law enforcement, and forensic science.
- **Connection:** Building trust and fostering positive relationships between youth and law enforcement.
- **Education:** Equipping youth with the best skills, knowledge, and experiences to stay safe and avoid criminal behavior.

Through the leadership of Denver Police Museum Treasurer, youth programs Director and retired 911 Operator April Overman, the Museum has provided enriching experiences that encourage youth to consider a diverse array of career opportunities while improving their perceptions of law enforcement. As the Museum continues to grow in our role as a

community partner, it is imperative that we not only seek to preserve and expand our understanding of the past, but that we also strive to positively impact the future.

In 2025 the Denver Police Museum's youth programs have consistently demonstrated significant popularity and engagement among young participants. These initiatives are designed not only to educate but to foster positive interactions between police officers and youth in our community.



Programs

Each youth program is conducted at least twice annually to ensure broad access and participation. In 2025, the Traffic Safety program was delivered four times, while the Dangers of Fentanyl program was held five times, reflecting high demand and particular community interest in these topics.

Participation and Attendance

During the most recent program cycle, the Museum hosted a total of nineteen youth programs, drawing an impressive count of 481 student participants. This robust attendance demonstrates the community's enthusiasm and the programs' continued relevance.

Program Goals

The primary objectives of the Youth Programs are to encourage goodwill and understanding between police officers and local youth, introduce the many sworn and civilian career opportunities available in public safety, and to provide students with a memorable, educational experience. Each session includes engaging activities led by professionals and is complemented by a delicious lunch and snacks, ensuring a well-rounded and enjoyable day for all participants.

Community Partners and Acknowledgements

These programs are made possible thanks to the collaboration and support of numerous partners, including the Denver Police Department, 911 services, the Denver Crime Lab, the Denver District Attorney's Office, Museum volunteers, and the many donors who generously contribute to these initiatives. Special thanks go to Denver Public Schools MySpark Program and the area schools that bring their students to participate in our programs.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Financials for 2025

Cash assets	\$506,641
Donations	\$250,058
Grants	\$13,000
Total Expenses	\$178,950
Programs	\$116,535
Fundraising	\$53,985
Other	\$8,430

THOSE WE LOST IN 2025

The Denver Police Museum and the Denver Police Retiree Association (DPRA) partner on a special program to honor our deceased retired Denver police officers. This program involves a special presentation of a Denver flag and often their loved ones ID pictures from when they joined the Department.

The purpose of this program is to reinforce with Denver Police Department families our great appreciation for their service to the citizens of the City and County of Denver. If requested, the Museum will bring one of our historic vehicles to attend the service. In 2025, according to the DPRA, we lost the following members of the Denver Police Family. More information is available on the DPRA website at:

dpra.info/fallen-2025.html

Alfred F. Allison 55001

John Ashcraft 06109

Laurence “Larry” Britton 56025

Cody Davidson 04013

Donald Anthony DeNovelis 62011

Rafael Gonzalez 04078

Ralph Gonzalez 69029

Armedia Gordon 73128

Dixie A. Grimes 77028

Thomas P. Haney Jr. 68073

Marsha A. Kiddoo 69113

Harold N. Lewis 68096

Don E. Lindley 72006

Robert D. Lindner 69070

Gerald “Jerry” Martinez 74049

Ronald “Ron” Mayoral 73036

Alan F. (Al) Miller 73113

Dennis W. Moon 73119

Michael J. O’Brien 83041

Gary Osborne 70140

Ronald C. Owens 73108

Joe F. Pacheco 73111

Monte Patterson 69085

James R. Pugh 66020

Kenneth L. Satterlee 70192

William L. Schlitter 69074

Robert (Bobby) Schneider 77021

Gene Shaw 70076

Martin “Marty” Smith 91016

Stephen H. Snyder 58018

David Ronald Staebell 68083

Thomas L. Tedesco 69076

Antonio “Tony” Ventura 75016

Martin Vigil 86012

Phillip R. Villalovos 57001

Elizabeth West 16056

BUILDING OUR COLLECTION AND RESEARCHING OUR HISTORY

Retired Sgt. Dean Christopherson assists the Museum with inquiries through the website for information from families, researchers, and collectors, and even the DPD, regarding ancestors, badges, or dating historic photos related to the department. Christopherson also monitors many websites, auction houses and other sources for historical DPD items that may show up for sale. Here is an example of some of that research.

This past year he was alerted to a high level online auction where several antique Denver Police badges were listed from a private collection. There were several that were rare and very valuable both monetarily and historically. However, there was what he recognized immediately as probably belonging to Sadie Likens, the first “sworn” female member of the DPD in the 1880s, a gold Denver Police Matron badge. As the auction progressed and the prices rose, he knew he had to get it, if not any of the other badges in the auction, crossing his fingers that no one else knew what it was. All the badges sold at premium prices, and he had the high bid winning the auction (roughly a pension paycheck!). He got it, but now how to prove it! Here is a synopsis of several weeks of follow up research.

Christopherson first verified that Denver Novelty Works—the hallmark company—was active during Ms. Likens’ years of

service. He then searched online records, newspapers, and other documents for any link between her and a gold badge. Available photos of Ms. Likens wearing the badge were too low-resolution to confirm its details. A deeper search uncovered references to her original career scrapbooks, but those images were also insufficient for verification.



During this process, Christopherson located newly scanned images from Detective Sam Howe’s scrapbooks at History Colorado, including a full-sized cabinet card of Ms. Likens. A request for a high-resolution scan was submitted, and the image was sent to Christopherson.

A side-by-side comparison of the actual badge with the enlarged cabinet card image provided definitive proof: the irregular stamped lettering, fine engraving, and the distinctive pin extending below the badge all matched. The badge is unquestionably the gold badge presented to Ms. Likens.



Dating historical photos and objects is often painstaking, relying on uniform styles, badge periods, and background clues. Even with badge numbers, the best outcome is often a range of years, since badges were reissued annually. But occasionally, Christopherson uncovers enough detail to identify an officer or illuminate a family’s history. Those moments make the work deeply rewarding.

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DENVER POLICE RETIREE ASSOCIATION

The Museum is extremely honored to have a strong positive relationship with the Denver Police Retiree Association. We have successfully cohosted a number of events in recent years highlighting the outstanding careers of many of our retirees. We greatly appreciate the board of directors led by President John Schnittgrund and their willingness to include

us in their many activities. One of our ongoing programs is the presentation of Denver Flags flown over City Hall to honor recently deceased officers. The flag program has provided both the Museum and DPRA the opportunity to acknowledge the important service and sacrifice of officers and their families.

LOOKING AHEAD

While we continue to try to catch our collective breath from the busy agenda of this past year, much work still needs to be done. We greatly appreciate the many opportunities the Denver Police Department provides for the Museum. We are extremely grateful to the Department's recognition of the importance of sharing our history.

The political climate in our nation continues to be challenging. Our efforts to reach young people to help them navigate the challenging times of rising fentanyl deaths, online safety, human trafficking, and traffic safety are all important priorities for our youth education efforts.

Expanding young people's awareness of the many career opportunities in law enforcement remains a key priority for 2026.

We greatly appreciate the important role the Museum has undertaken as new recruits join our department. Sharing the rich history of the Denver Police Department and its role in shaping our city with new recruits is truly an honor. Being able to share family and officer experiences as the new recruits are understandably nervous as they enter their new career has also been very rewarding for Museum volunteers.

We are very eager to make meaningful progress on our efforts to develop a permanent home for the Museum at 4700 Brighton Blvd. Lance Nading, son of fallen Denver Police Officer Merle Nading, has played a critical role in our efforts to acquire the land and build a business model for the ultimate success of the museum. We hope to work closely with the local community and our elected officials as we look to make the necessary zoning changes to ensure the long term viability of the museum. We look to significantly increase our local community outreach, particularly in the Swansea area, to ensure that citizens understand the many positive opportunities the development of the museum will provide for the local neighborhood.

COLORADO ROCKIES PARTNERSHIP



The Museum has been honored to partner with the Colorado Rockies for several years. We are always happy to have the opportunity to display our historic police cars during opening day ceremonies. The Museum also participates in the team's non-profit program and receives home game tickets to several games throughout the season. The Museum shares those tickets with active officers, DPD staff, and retirees. We are very grateful for this opportunity. We know attending the games provides the DPD family the opportunity to build and share family memories. Supporting DPD families and building memories is an important part of our mission as an organization and we could not achieve this without the Colorado Rockies organization!



70TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED FLIGHT 629



One of the most memorable undertakings in the Museum's history was the series of events we organized to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the United Flight 629 bombing. The Museum received heavy local and national media coverage of our placement of a permanent memorial at the old Stapleton Airport Tower on November 1, 2025. Thanks to outstanding volunteer work over the last few



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UNITED FLIGHT 629 (CONT.)

years from our Ancestry expert Jeff Burke, we were able to find over 100 surviving family members, many of whom traveled to Colorado to participate in our activities and ceremonies. Volunteers Diane Degenhart and Linda Remley provided key organizational work that resulted in an excellent execution of a series of events over two days.



We were honored to have the opportunity to partner with History Colorado, the Regional Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Denver District Attorney's Office, FlyteCo at Stapleton Tower, Wings Over the Rockies, the FBI Retired Agents Association, the FBI Citizens Academy Alumni Association, the Denver Police Department, The CELL Terrorism Museum, the Denver Fire Department, the Honor Bell Foundation, JB Air Services, the United Airlines Flight Attendants Union, and the Stapleton Tower Museum to bring attention to everyday Coloradans about this largely forgotten piece of our state's history. This bombing was the second largest mass murder in the history of our state and a memorial was overdue. We were honored to help establish a permanent memorial marker and to pay tribute to those who lost their lives in this senseless tragedy.

We also wish to thank Denver Mayor Michael Johnston for his touching remarks at the dedication of the Memorial along with FBI Special Agent in Charge of the Denver Field Office

Mark Michalek, Denver District Attorney John Walsh, Former Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey, and former Deputy District Attorney Marshall Fogel spoke at the memorial and honored former Denver District Attorney Bert Keating who successfully tried the perpetrator of this crime. Morrissey served as the Master of Ceremonies for the memorial dedication.

We extend our gratitude to Fox 31 Anchor Jeremy Hubbard for serving as the Master of Ceremonies at the dinner for the families and his outstanding week-long series highlighting the tragedy leading up to the memorial



dedication service. Denver Police family member Janice Queen also produced a special music video that played at the conclusion of the event honoring the 44 victims of the tragedy.

The Church in the City hosted a special non-denominational service for families the evening before, and the heartfelt contributions from the Weld County nurse who painted a tribute piece,

along with the FlyteCo employees who created the tower mural, added deeply to the many expressions of love that radiated throughout the event.





THANK YOU! THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS, SUPPORTERS, DONORS & VOLUNTEERS

When we originally began the effort to develop a Denver Police Museum, we probably didn't recognize the amount of work that lay ahead. We saw the successful efforts to build a Denver Fire Museum and thought that we could effectively replicate that effort. We did not realize the political headwinds that law enforcement would face in the coming years. These challenges have actually made it more important than ever that a vibrant Museum

exists in our community. We must provide a true and honest historical education about the important role that the Denver Police Department has played in the development of our community. We are committed to continuing our work to develop an innovative, national model of a community focused law enforcement Museum. Thank you to everyone who has helped and continues to help us as we move forward in this noble goal.

From the Board

Your contribution directly supports the Museum's educational programs, community outreach exhibits, and the ongoing preservation of our historical collections.

Through interactive, culturally responsive, and socially relevant programming, the Denver Police Museum is redefining educational and community impact experiences utilizing a blend of history, civics, public safety, and STEM to shape the future of Denver and beyond. The Museum is dedicated to actively creating community conversations where citizens can hear, see, feel, participate, understand, and appreciate the value of police in our lives.

We want to again thank the many volunteers that allow the Museum to continue to offer these important programs and we look forward to welcoming you at one or more of our programs in 2026. Be on the lookout for additional details for upcoming events and opportunities via our monthly eNews. On behalf of the Denver Police Museum board of directors and our dedicated volunteers, we thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Hesse". The signature is written in a cursive style with a light grey background behind it.

Michael Hesse
President

JOIN THE DENVER POLICE MUSEUM!

Become a member of the Denver Police Museum and join a community of law enforcement supporters who believe in preserving the legacy of those who *Protect and Serve*, creating opportunities for community understanding and engagement, and inspiring the next generation of law enforcement professionals.



As a proud member of the Denver Police Museum, you will receive a limited-edition 2026 challenge coin recognizing the 250th anniversary of America's foundation and 150th anniversary of Colorado's admittance as the 38th state in the Union.

The front side is the official seal of the United States of America. The back side is the special patch Denver Police Officers were allowed to wear on their uniforms celebrating Colorado's 100th anniversary in 1976, The Centennial State.

As we look forward to the hope and promise of 2026, we hope you will consider continuing 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 struggles, their daily lives, and their sacrifices.

We invite you to join us in our mission to help create safer, stronger, and more vibrant communities in Denver and beyond!

YES! I want to renew my membership or become a member of the Denver Police Museum

Join online at denverpolicemuseum.org/get-involved/become-a-member or complete the form below and use the enclosed envelope to mail your check to **Denver Police Museum c/o Michael Hesse, 4460 Dover Street, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

GOLD MEMBERSHIP \$100

Benefits include the following:

- A collectible Denver Police Museum Challenge Coin
- Annually printed Museum newsletter
- Membership card
- Special invitations to events and programs throughout the year

SILVER MEMBERSHIP \$50

Benefits include the following:

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

Make checks payable to **Denver Police Museum**

