

Grand Opening

The public grand opening took place on sunny Saturday, August 18th, 2009. Police honor guard teams and officers attended from throughout Nevada for the opening events. Perhaps the officer having travelled the farthest to attend was Officer Jim Ritter of the Seattle Police Department, in uniform of course. That was one uniform that turned heads! Jim is the founder of the Seattle Metropolitan Police Museum.



The Parade

Bagpipers from Carson City and Las Vegas as well as a Las Vegas Metro drummer added some appropriate atmosphere for the events. They marched in the parade through Virginia City and then created a grand entrance into the museum with a color guard following. Once the colors were posted by a blended Nevada color guard, an opening prayer was followed by several speakers.

Throughout most of the day, the museum was standing room only, to the point that many visitors that day have returned to see the museum because they say it was impossible to move about and truly enjoy our exhibits.

The museum served as a poker card stop for the Choir Boys Motorcycle Club poker run, bringing 200 attendees through our doors during the hour leading up to the grand opening.

The parade included Virginia City locals Living Legends dressed in period lawman and lady clothes, vintage police vehicles, honor guards, officers, motors, and modern vehicles from across the state. As the parade passed through downtown Virginia City, it created a vacuum effect drawing visitors from town into the museum for the opening events.



Reno Officer enjoys the RPD Exhibit

Energy was high as our visitors enjoyed the festivities, the exhibits, and took advantage of our museum t-shirts, grand opening ball caps, and other mementos from the opening of the only police museum in the western states paying tribute to law enforcement with a national historical collection.

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SILVER STATE PEACE OFFICERS MUSEUM

Our Supporters

We would like to recognize our supporters, businesses, professional organizations, and volunteers who have all made this dream become a reality. All of our business supporters, supporting professional organizations, and founding members have been listed on our website www.PeaceOfficersMuseum.org so please take a moment to visit our website and support these organizations when possible. We would also like to thank the leadership of Storey County government for their support and assistance in moving our project forward and for welcoming us to Virginia City as the newest museum and entertainment opportunity. The Virginia City Convention and Visitors Authority has also been exceptionally supportive of the museum even to this day as they continue to spread the news and suggest a museum visit to our tourists.

The Kid's Station

The Kid's Station has been a big hit with kids and adults alike. Thanks to the artistic talent of Washoe Deputy Abby Biggar and the welding skills of Roy O'Connell and Mark Finch, we now have a great patrol car station for the kids, complete with a working light bar and a radio and microphone. Uniforms, duty belts, and hats are set up for kids, and young at heart, to try on for a photo opportunity. Additional developments will include radio traffic and added art work.



Cheyenne Willits enjoys the radio while visitors from Spain enjoy the uniforms.



Location and Hours

The museum is located at 26 South B Street, within the 1876 Storey County Jail contained inside the courthouse. You will find it right next to Piper's Opera House just one block above the main business district of C Street.

Museum hours are 11:00 am to 5:00 pm daily until November 1st when winter hours will be evaluated.

We also offer the use of the museum for private parties and meetings. Ask us how we can make your next gathering more fun.

www.PeaceOfficersMuseum.org

Membership

The opportunity to become a founding member of the museum ended on July 31st. Memberships are still available but without that coveted distinction. We salute those founding members for supporting our beginnings.

SILVER STATE PEACE OFFICERS MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Membership Level (circle one) Tin Star \$50 Circle Star \$100 Chief's Shield \$500

Please mail this application with your check to: Silver State Peace Officers Museum, P.O. Box 17051, Reno, NV. 89511

Please allow up to eight weeks for delivery.