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The Evolution of New York's Police Force

The New York City Police Department has had an interesting evolution to the agency it is today. Certainly, the NYPD, with the Los Angeles PD and California Highway Patrol, is one of the most widely known and publicized US law enforcement agencies in the world thanks to television and the movies.



First issue badge of the Municipal Police worn from 1845 until 1857.

On October 4th, 1658 the City of New Amsterdam, later to be known as New York City, established its first paid Rattle Watch comprised of eight men. These men went on duty at 9pm each

evening and worked until sunrise. Their duties were to protect life and property from theft and fire while the citizens slept. Citi-



Punishment was swift and severe in the early days of New York City. Perhaps these men were lucky they were not executed or imprisoned for a lengthy sentence. That appears to be punishment enough to make any man change his ways!

zens paid a fee for their protection by the Rattle Watch.

This system of policing was in place until July 16th, 1845 when the New York Municipal Police Department was established under the mayor's direction. Unfortunately the Municipal Police were considered greatly corrupt, fostering the antics of thieves instead of controlling crime so their end came in 1857 under a very hostile takeover.

The governor of the State of New York, in response to the corruption of the Municipal Police, established the Metropolitan Police Department and ordered

their immediate takeover of policing services within the city. Unfortunately the officers of the Municipal Police Department did not



The badge of the Metropolitan Police Force worn from 1857 until 1870 and an officer wearing it.



Officers of NYPD's 76th Precinct stand in front of the station house with the horse drawn ambulance and crew.

agree and physically resisted by barricading themselves in City Hall. The 7th Regiment of the National Guard and members
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Historical Corner

(continued from page 1) of the Metropolitan Police went to battle against the resistance and took control of the situation.

The Metropolitan Police existed until 1870 when it was disbanded and the Municipal Police Department was again established.



NYPD officer on patrol in a Model—T

The Municipal Police gave way to the establishment of the NYPD as we know it today in 1889.

In 1898 some eighteen towns were annexed into the City of New York. Each had a police force and those departments seized to exist at that time.

One of those towns was Brooklyn which maintained its own police force. Brooklyn as we know it today is protected by the NYPD.

Today the NYPD serves the citizens and visitors of New York City with more than 37,000 officers.

The museum features an extensive collection of badges, photographs, documents, and other items from throughout the history of New York City. In addition, exceptional exhibit material represents many of the major United States cities. Visit the museum and learn more about the history of those who are tasked with protecting you.



Above: An early Brooklyn officer
Right: A Brooklyn Police Roundsman badge worn by an officer from the 6th Precinct.

Comstock Police Collectors



The first Comstock Police Collectors and Restored Emergency Vehicle Show will take place over the weekend of May 15th and 16th, 2010. Proceeds will benefit the Silver State Peace Officers Museum.

The event will kick off with a special parade through downtown Virginia City at high noon. The parade will include folks in period clothing of the 1800s as well as the restored emergency vehicle show participants and area law enforcement agencies. The collector and car show will begin at the completion of the parade inside the historical Piper's Opera House and the Peace Officers Museum with restored vehicles placed just outside of the buildings and will close for the evening at 6pm. At that time a hosted BBQ will take place for all table holders and car participants at the museum.

The show will conclude on Sunday at noon following award presentations.

Collector show tables are just \$35.00 each and includes two dinner tickets and admission to the museum. Vehicle registration is just \$25.00 each and includes two dinner tickets, admission to the museum, and a dash plaque. Awards will be given in several categories for both the collector and vehicle participants.

Virginia City and the surrounding area offers exceptional recreational opportunities. Virginia City visitors may tour a mine, ride the famous Virginia & Truckee Railroad, tour the historical cemeteries, visit several museums and historical buildings, shop, view the wild horses of the area, and the list goes on and on. Step back in time in Virginia City!

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE

Law enforcement agencies are encouraged to participate in the parade on Saturday, May 15th at noon in Virginia City. We invite your honor guards, bagpipers, mounted officers, motors, and other participants to be a part of this great event. In-service law enforcement vehicles are welcome to register for the car show and an in-service vehicle award will be presented.

Please contact Roy O'Connell at (775) 771-1111 or motorboy@PeaceOfficersMuseum.org for vehicle show info or registration or Doug Gist at (775) 846-5948 or Doug@PeaceOfficersMuseum.org for parade only participation..

Museum Membership and Support Drive

The museum will celebrate one year of operation in July of 2010. It was through the overwhelming support of individuals and organizations, through their financial support and the contribution of labor, that we were able to open our doors to the public last July. Given the current economic state, we all feel very fortunate to have accomplished what we have. Your support helped us build the museum then and now we ask for your continued support to help us build the following for the museum through marketing, improved signage, and interior improvements.

We are already hard at work during our winter closure improving exhibits, adding features, and making the museum experience just that much better. Additions will include several new flat panel televisions to showcase antique photos and historical items in slideshow format, Kid's Station improvements, additional exhibit space, and updates to the Memorial Room experience. We are also producing a new promotional video and a video specifically for the Nevada Memorial Room.

Current memberships for 2009 will expire in July and 2010 membership is available now. We encourage you to renew your membership, provide additional financial support from your organization, or join us as a new members to show your support for the museum. It is our goal to offer you the finest tribute to the profession through the museum experience. Help us today to accomplish just that.

www.PeaceOfficersMuseum.org

Collector and Restored Emergency Vehicle Show

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Silverland Suites, Virginia City 1-800-718-7587
www.silverlandusa.com

Silverland offers a special show rate of \$69.00 and the first ten to book will be upgraded to a suite at that same rate.

Tahoe House Hotel, Virginia City 1(775) 847-5264
www.TahoeHouseHotel.com

A beautiful historic Virginia City hotel offers the following rates: \$70.00 interior shaft light room; \$80.00 outside garden room; \$150 for the 100 mile view room.

B Street House Bed and Breakfast, Virginia City 1(775) 847--7231
www.BStreetHouse.com

A beautiful restored home offers for \$109.00 -\$118.00 a queen bed room with private bath and full breakfast.

Show contacts: Dennis Daniels at (775)265-9394 or NevadaDFD@aol.com for collector show info or reservations and Roy O'Connell at (775) 771-1111 or motorboy@PeaceOfficersMuseum.org for vehicle show info or registration.

Tables and hotel rooms are filling up quickly so act now to be a part of this great event!

Museum Winter Hours
The museum is closed from January 1st until May 1st. Please call or e-mail for special visit requests.

Calendar of Events
Police Collector and Restored Emergency Vehicle Show and Parade: May 15th and 16th, 2010

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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
See what each member level offers on our website!

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.