



# DENVER POLICE MUSEUM

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*Forty family members who were honored at this year's Fallen Officer's Survivor Dinner gathered on the steps of the City and County Building after the dinner to wait for the building to glow blue in honor of Police Week 2015.*

## Message from the Board

Many exciting events and activities have taken place in our efforts to continue to build momentum for a state-of-the-art Denver Police Museum since our last correspondence.

For Police Week, May 10–16, the museum partnered with sponsors TIAA CREF, Mountain States Credit Union Association, the Rocky Mountain Law Enforcement Federal Credit Union (RMLEFCU), Dunkin Donuts and the Colorado Rockies to host several events for active officers, fallen officer families, and retirees.

On May 10, the Denver Police Museum was the designated non-profit for the Rockies–Dodgers game. Several hundred officers and their families received free tickets to the game in honor of their service. The weather the morning of the game looked bleak but later resulted in a wonderful

Colorado spring day. Due to the early climate challenges the museum was given additional tickets for later games in June for retirees and active officers.

The museum, along with RMLEFCU, hosted the second annual dinner for fallen officer survivors and had over 40 people attend including Executive Director of Public Safety Stephanie O'Malley and Chief Robert White.

Dunkin Donuts offered free coffee to officers for Police Week and renamed the blueberry donut the Denver Police Donut for the week. The museum held an open house prior to the formal memorial ceremony in the Art Dill Auditorium and over 300 people attended. The highlight of the reception was when former Denver Police Officer Stan Baker announced a \$20,000 contribution to the Museum! Stan gave a very touching presentation about what a critical role the Denver

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## DENVER'S AFRICAN AMERICAN POLICE OFFICERS REMEMBERED

An exhibit on the History of African American police officers in Denver and the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) was featured at the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library in Denver through June. This was a partnership between the Denver Police Museum, the Museum Studies Department of Metropolitan State University of Denver, and the CSP. Denver's first African American officer, Isaac Brown, was appointed in 1880 and the second, John Bell, in 1881. Many more followed and served with distinction, a reflection of the growing African American community living in Denver in the early years.

The exhibit was a huge success and generated so much interest that it was extended an extra month.



*The Museum Board hosted a Volunteer Appreciation BBQ in July. "We wanted to let our volunteers know that we wouldn't have accomplished all we did without them," said Pat Nading Amman, the museum's Volunteer Coordinator. Call Pat at 303-807-3924 if you would like to volunteer.*



*Long-time police museum supporter former U.S. Congressman Scott McInnis meets with board members Mike Hesse and Sue Smith.*



By Larry Amman

# 2nd Annual First Responders Tribute Set for Saturday, September 12th

All types of first responder vehicles from many different agencies in the metro area will be featured in the 2nd Annual First Responders Tribute at Esplanade at City Park (in front of East High School) The Colfax Cruise/Poker Run is from Sports Authority at 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. The Safety Expo/Tribute is at East High from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. All events are free to the public.

“We expect entries from Police, Fire, Sheriff and EMS departments as well as private individuals,” said Denver Police Museum Vice President Mike Hesse.

“Most people and especially kids are fascinated by old police cars and fire trucks and this promises to be one of the greatest displays of these special cars and trucks and many lesser known antique responder vehicles,” he said. There will be all types of vehicles both historical and modern, including motorcycles and even a helicopter.

The Museum established the car show in 2014 as a way to honor the first responders of the 9-11 attacks and those who quietly serve throughout the country and especially Colorado.

## Public Safety Expo & Colfax Cruise

Sept. 12, 2015 9:30AM to 4:00PM

East High School Parking Lots & Play Fields with a Cruise and Poker Run

to Sports Authority Field at Mile High Stadium

Food and other vendors at both sites  
Classic Fire Trucks, Police Cruisers  
and All makes of Classic Cars and Trucks



Denver Skyline Photo  
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Police Department has played in this life.

1430 am, again broadcast live, from the memorial and interviewed a number of retired officers about their careers

serving the citizens of the City and County of Denver. Finally, the highlight of the week's activities included for the first time in Denver history the blue lighting of the City and County Building, to honor the men and women of the Denver Police Department!



## Museum Volunteers Repair Memorials

On August 1, 2015, the 139th anniversary of Colorado's statehood, the museum launched a service project in honor of Denver's fallen officers. Over 30 participants fanned out to the 13 memorial signs hung at the various locations where officers lost their lives. Each sign was cleaned and had a memorial bow placed on it. Unfortunately, only 13 of the 72 officers who have died in the line of duty have signs placed at the locations where they lost their lives. The museum has announced that it hopes to work with the city administration, other pro-police groups, retirees and citizens to get the other 59 officers appropriately honored. If you are interested in helping with this effort or donating to this project please call Mike Hesse at 303-495-9718.



### You can support the Denver Police Law Enforcement Museum in the following ways:

- I want to volunteer for the museum.
- I want to share my story about the Denver Police Department.
- I want to donate an artifact to the museum.
- I want to underwrite an Oral History segment.
- I want to make a contribution to the museum. Enclosed is my contribution of:  \$25  \$50  \$100  \$250 \_\_\_\_\_ Other

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Contribute online at [www.denverpolicemuseum.org](http://www.denverpolicemuseum.org) or mail contribution to PO Box 9140, Denver, CO 80209.



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