



The Greater Cincinnati Police Historical Society Museum

"Preserving the history of law enforcement in the Greater Cincinnati area"



Message from the President

Greetings!

Hope you are staying warm. Despite the cold weather, we have been very busy moving into our new home and plans are underway for a grand opening in April, so watch your emails for information about that. I'd also like to thank our volunteers for their continued outpouring of support, time and elbow grease in getting our new museum ready for its public debut.

I am often asked what it is we do at the GCPHS, and among our many accomplishments, perhaps the most satisfying is marking for history the achievements of the many fine men and women who have served law enforcement in the Greater Cincinnati area over the years; the story of one such individual is related below.

Please feel free to forward this email so we can widen our reach, and let me know if there is anything you'd like to see us report on in future issues. You can email me [here](#).

You are the Police Museum

As the opening date for our new location grows closer, we wanted to reiterate that the museum and everything we do is by and for you, our supporters, volunteers and the law enforcement community.

We represent the tens of thousands of men and women who have served and preserved the peace in our region for hundreds of years - especially the 200 of those who have given their lives to those altruistic efforts.

We are the only major law enforcement museum within hundreds of miles and the only regional museum in the country. In terms of artifacts, we are the largest museum between New York and Los Angeles and some who have visited them say New York's is not as impressive.

It is quite a lot to cover in only 6,300 square feet, but that is all we can afford for now. We operate without any assistance from any governmental agency or tax monies. Because of our desire to reach out to disadvantaged youth, we charge no admission fees.

So, how do we do it? Almost every artifact, archive, and image has been donated or loaned to the Museum without cost. Our display cases are donated or found in disrepair and repaired. Construction of displays and temporary walls, installations of lights, and all maintenance is done by our Volunteers. Indeed, our greatest funds-saver is our 50+ Volunteers working in different aspects of our programs. No one gets paid!

However, our landlord does get paid. So does Duke Energy, Cincinnati



Thank you, thank you very much!

Echoing the words of the King, we'd like to thank everyone who came out on Feb. 8 to support the winter fundraiser. When the receipts were tallied, we made more than \$4,000, including a \$500 donation from UC Football Coach Tommy Tuberville - go Bearcats!

Plans are already underway for next year's winter fundraiser.

Your purchases can support GCPHS!

It's now possible to show your support for GCPHS every time you shop at Kroger or online through Amazon! GCPHS is now an eligible recipient for both the Kroger Community Rewards Program and Amazon Smile.

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Register online [here](#). Have your Kroger Plus card handy and be sure to set up your card for a Kroger Rewards Account. When prompted to enter the name of the organization to receive awards, enter "Greater Cincinnati Police Historical Society" or our NP number "82383."

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When you shop on Amazon, a portion of your purchase can now help

Water Works, the local hardware stores, display companies, the IRS, etc. Our expense budget is projected to be about \$90,000 in 2015.

That's where you come in! The first and best way you can help is to sign up for our **Roll of Honor**. If we can get 1,000 (of about 5,000) active and retired law enforcement employees to commit to just \$100 a year (that's 27¢ a day) for ten years, our Museum will be firmly established as the best in the nation.

Next, we need Volunteers. If you are or were a police employee, you already deal with the public and know everything you need to know about being a Docent. If you are or were a cop, your experience in investigating crimes is all the qualification you need to be a Researcher. If you have ever made an arrest, you already know how to process the artifacts that come into our Museum. We also need people who know how to take things apart, build or repair things, finish wood, nail drywall, or paint. Or, those who can enter data into databases, work with spreadsheets, maintain computers, write stories, post on Facebook or Twitter, or act as a Webmaster. One Volunteer does nothing but clean the Museum! If you can imagine it, we need it!

And we need your stories and artifacts. That old notebook of yours is a keepsake. That revolver is an obsolete memory. To us, these are a part of history. If it was a part of your career, we want it in our museum. We also want to hear about your career. Thirty years from now, your great grandchildren will want to see your notebooks and revolver and hear your story.

Please help us survive well into the 21st Century. For the Roll of Honor, contact RolofHonor@gcphs.com or go [here](#). Please contact OralHistory@gcphs.com if you are retired from any agency. To donate or loan us your artifacts, contact Curator@gcphs.com. Or contact me at President@gcphs.com for any question you may have about helping, donating, etc.

Albert Schmitt in the news

The Memorial Committee of the Greater Cincinnati Police Historical Society researched and confirmed that Cheviot Assistant Marshal Albert Schmitt was killed in the line of duty. They have also been working to get him inducted into the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. We are pleased to announce that their efforts have been successful and that he will be inducted on Police Memorial Day this year.

We were just advised that the Ohio Attorney General's Office is working to have him also inducted this year at the Ohio Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

More information about this courageous officer can be found [here](#).

In Memoriam

This regular monthly feature lists those in local law enforcement who have passed away. Please send recent news to director@gcphs.com. And as always, keep these individuals, their families and friends forever in your prayers.

- [Lieutenant Harry Bradford](#) (1931-2015)
- [Specialist Stephanie Kaye Bradford](#) (1964-2015)
- [Sergeant David Lee Caskey](#) (1942-2015)
- [Deputy Card Collier](#) (1948-2015)
- [Police Officer Michael Raymond Dailey](#) (1957-2015)
- [Chief Donald Delaney](#) (1936-2015)
- [Patrolman Sheryl Ledford](#) (1928-2015)
- [Specialist Robert Dale McGuire](#) (1963-2015)
- [Lieutenant Joseph Kenneth Ploeger](#) (1942-2015)

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- [Specialist Ruth R. Weller](#) (1920-2015)
- [Detective Roger Wells](#) (1953-2015)
- [Police Officer Joseph Wright](#) (1937-2015)

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