



# The Greater Cincinnati Police Historical Society Museum

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



## Message from the President

### Greetings!

You have probably been wondering where your edition of this newsletter has been for the past few months. Rest assured, just because we haven't been sending this out doesn't mean that we haven't been hard at work. I am pleased to say the museum is up and running at its new location, and after a great ribbon-cutting and grand opening, we have been receiving visitors and conducting other activities at a frantic pace.

Now on a more serious note, one of the missions of the GCPHS and museum is to foster understanding and support for law enforcement. There's never been a more opportune time for this than now, when police officers around the country are under intense scrutiny for doing their jobs. Closer to home, we are all touched by the loss of Police Officer Sonny Kim. No one who hasn't put on a uniform every day and gone out to serve and protect the community, even those who don't appreciate the efforts, understands the caring, concern and courage it takes to do this job. Our hearts and prayers go out to P.O. Kim's family.

It's great to be back, and as usual, 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](#).

## Honoring the past, serving the future

For those who might be new to the GCPHS and wondering how we accomplish our mission, the following information supplied by Historian Ed Zieverink is enlightening and encouraging.

No one would argue the importance of preserving a record of police history, particularly concerning law enforcement personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty. Yet many brave police men and women have been interred with scant records of their burials. That robs society of the chance to properly honor them and more important, prevents future family members from marking those locations for posterity. That's why one of our core duties is to identify and mark grave sites of law enforcement personnel. Here is a brief progress report on this effort:

- **Railroad Detective Cleveland Kemp** - He is buried in Johnsville Cemetery, in Johnsville, in Bracken County, Kentucky. His grave site does not have a headstone.
- While doing research on two Cincinnati line of duty deaths, we discovered that Vine Street Hill Cemetery has a monument dedicated to police officers and firefighters who were killed in the line of duty and buried there. The brass plates with the names of the fallen officers and firefighters were stolen from the

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monument and the cemetery did not have any documentation in their files to identify the names. We worked with the cemetery and the fire museum to identify those names and the cemetery has restored the monument. An official dedication is being planned for November.

- Identified two CPD officers who were killed in the line of duty and buried at Vine Street Hill Cemetery without headstones. GCPHS purchased two headstones and had them engraved. They have since been installed and are awaiting the November dedication.

Please help us continue our efforts. For the Roll of Honor, contact [RollofHonor@gcphs.com](mailto:RollofHonor@gcphs.com) or go [here](#). Please contact [OralHistory@gcphs.com](mailto:OralHistory@gcphs.com) if you are retired from any agency. To donate or loan us your artifacts, contact [Curator@gcphs.com](mailto:Curator@gcphs.com). Or contact me at [President@gcphs.com](mailto:President@gcphs.com) for any question you may have about helping, donating, etc.

## Why we do what we do

### Our Mission

The mission of The Greater Cincinnati Police Historical Society is to convey an understanding of aspects and history of law enforcement. We aspire to become the area's principal repository for related artifacts by operating a library, archives and research facility which will encourage study into and inspire appreciation of law enforcement. The Museum obtains artifacts and researches the history of more than one hundred local, township, county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies serving more than 600 documented communities in Boone, Butler, Campbell, Clermont, Dearborn, Hamilton, Kenton, and Warren Counties of Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio.

### Our Vision

Our vision is to expand considerably and includes the following:

- Build, maintain, and operate a museum and special collections library;
- Systematically collect, preserve, display, and interpret materials and artifacts relating to local and regional law enforcement;
- Encourage study into and research of law enforcement by maintaining a library, archives, and research facilities at the museum;
- Cooperate with other historical, cultural, and educational institutions in furthering a pride and interest in local and regional law enforcement in present and future generations;
- Feature temporary exhibits on history and material culture related to local and regional law enforcement;
- Serve all members of the community with an outlet to learn about law enforcement;
- Assume a special commitment to serving the educational interest of children through a cooperative effort with schools.

## In Memoriam

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

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- [Police Chief Hobert Adams](#) (1924-2015)
- [Lieutenant George Brooks](#) (1951-2015)
- [Patsy Deaton](#) (1942-2015)
- [Police Officer Pamela Doucette](#)
- [Police Officer Richard Duell](#) (1935-2015)
- [Police Chief Belton Flick](#) (1923-2015)
- [Sergeant Keith Gardner](#) (1960-2015)
- [Police Specialist George Gibeau Sr.](#) (1933-2015)
- [Fire Apparatus Operator Darryl Gordon](#)
- [Special Agent Carl Hale](#) (1928-2015)
- [Police Officer Lana Lee Helton](#) (1970-2015)
- [Warden Gerald Huffman](#) (1946-2015)
- [Detective Harry Keller](#) (1915-2015)
- [Dispatcher Charles Kennedy](#) (1922-2015)
- **[Police Officer Sonny Kim](#) (1966-2015)**
- [Specialist George Kramer](#) (1933-2015)
- [Police Officer Arlen Leslie](#) (1931-2015)
- [Police Officer Thomas Lewis](#) (1948-2015)
- [Captain Gerald Maggard](#) (1933-2015)
- [Sergeant Daniel McShane](#) (1973-2015)
- [Sergeant Wesley Mysonhimer](#) (1924-2015)
- [Detective Terry Root](#) (1946-2015)
- [Patrolman Lester Schmerr](#)(1921-2015)
- [Sergeant Bernard Smith](#) (1939-2015)
- [Patrolman Welton Smith](#) (1932-2015)
- [Specialist Donald Stoll](#) (1929-2015)
- [Corrections Officer Robert Stegemoller](#) (1968-2015)
- [Police Officer Todd Streitenberger](#) (1966-2015)
- [Police Officer William Stroup](#) (1924-2015)
- [Sergeant Mike Sweeney](#) (1946-2015)
- [Lieutenant Leroy Thompson](#) (1941-2015)
- [Colonel Jack Walsh](#) (1935-2015)
- [Police Specialist Harold Lee Weisbrodt](#) (1936-2015)
- [Lieutenant Bill Winzig](#) (1934-2015)
- [Patrolman Karl Woyan](#) (1931-2015)
- [Sergeant Thomas Young](#) (1938-2015)