

THE IPM SCANNER

The official newsletter of the International Police Museum
at Rockaway Beach, Oregon



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Welcome to the Scanner, the official news letter of the International Police Museum at Rockaway Beach.

Exciting news, we are on track for a record year! We had 375 visitors during the 4th of July weekend and 890 for the month of July. We have recorded 1,911 visitors in 2016, made \$1,489 on the 4th of July auction, and were one of the sponsors of National Night Out for the Police Department on August 2 at City Hall! We were also allowed to have a silent auction at the Night Out and we received \$100 in donations. So far we are keeping the doors open and maintaining our FREE ADMISSION for all. This is primarily due to our great volunteers, both on the IPM Board and in the Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS) who staff the police office during the week and monitor access to the museum from 9-5 weekdays. IPM volunteers staff the museum and gift shop on weekends and handle special events such as a booth at the Farmer's Market in Tillamook and fundraisers. Thank you for your support.



We are evolving. The volunteer counter, with a recess for the cash register, is installed and painted. I also painted a few areas to make them a little more presentable and eliminate some of the green edge trim from the chipboard panels. I have a bulletin board hung, a white board for quick messages, and an expansion gate to close the gift shop when volunteers are not available. The cash register is up and running for our volunteers. We have a printer stand to buy or build, then we can will bring the computer over to the counter area and consider expanding back into what is now the office and work area. The donation box is now both locked and affixed to the counter as it is closer to the door. Our volunteer storeroom is stocked with bathroom supplies such as toilet paper and towels. We have no objection to people using our bathroom as they can be in short supply at the beach during the summer. Besides, we have some great "bathroom decorations" and it may generate donations.



During this quarter, the IPM welcomed new volunteers Mike and Joanne Love; Gloria Tarnasky and Rhonda Guerin. Special "Thanks" to Doug Tharp for taking on the leadership of the volunteers! If you know someone who can assist us in the museum, please ask them to contact any volunteer or officer to get a volunteer application to them.

Our current displays, including our new feature, Women in Law Enforcement, continue to receive great reviews. Visitors also like our weapon and evidence displays, particularly the Smith and Wesson Identikit for making facial composites. The interactive "Bear Game" where participants follow clues to find Teddy bears in the display cases, is popular with the young visitors and continues to get great reviews. We have some additional ideas on how to make the interactive area a little more "kid friendly" and add some things that all visitors can interact with, but it will take a bit of time to develop. This is likely an off-season or winter project. Many children and adults have enjoyed trying on the uniform parts such as hats, helmets, coats



and even a bullet-proof vest. Our old jail door from the Rocky Butte Jail is rapidly becoming one of the most photographed spots in town.

Future displays include an old Polygraph machine (Lie Detector) which will be displayed along with a loaned "Stress Tester" which works on same principle; people can look at the display and then test their own stress level. We are also investigating the possibility of the use of some old fashioned hand/eye coordination devices for people to test their skill. We have many more pictures to display and Mike Love suggested adding taller dividers between showcases to increase flat wall space and break up the "flatness" of a single room display. We are in discussion with a local builder to make these displays to fit our showcases.



Our gift shop is open and we carry some toys, books and other police-themed items for children and adults. With a broad selection of police type vehicles, we are rapidly becoming the largest car dealership in Rockaway Beach. We are also hoping to promote some local artists and have a broad variety of items which appeal to both tourists and locals.

Using our grant funding from the Economic Development Council of Tillamook County, new brochures and rack cards have been printed and are being distributed. We joined the Tillamook Chamber of Commerce and will be published next year in the Tillamook Coast Visitor Guide. The grant will also assist us with our on-line advertising as well as allowing us to advertise in the Mile by Mile Guide. The true fruits of most of our labors will be more evident next year as the Visitor Guide and Mile-by-Mile are published annually. We will reap benefits this year via electronic advertising. We are currently rated number 7 of the top 9 things to do by Trip Adviser.

Coming Events:

- August 19-21 - Step Back In Time. All museums in Tillamook County participate in this three day event sponsored by the Tillamook Coast history Alliance. A single \$20 ticket gets access to 11 sites and a ride on the Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad.
- September 3 – Book Signing with Sydney Stevens, author of Jail House Stories of Pacific County from 1-4 PM at the International Police Museum, 212 N Hwy 101.
- October - Lions Night at the Museum. This is an opportunity to thank the Lions for their support fo the community and of the museum. We will work with Lions' President Ron Hemberry on this.

You can help preserve history. The Museum is always seeking old, unique equipment items or documents and posters related to law enforcement which will enhance displays. As an example, there is very little photographic or written history on the Rockaway Beach Police Department. It is always interesting for visitors when the items can be identified to a specific person or department. Donations are identified, cataloged, and displayed with the information available to make them relevant and understandable. All donations are tax deductible as IPM is a recognized 501(c)3 organization.

Museum admission is free. 100% of your donations go to costs including rent, utilities, repairs, and office supplies. You can also contribute to this valuable work and preserve this attraction by becoming a Friend of the Museum, contributing at any US Bank, linking your Fred Meyers Reward Card, or by PayPal. See our webpage for more specifics at www.internationalpolicemuseum.org. Contributions are also accepted at the museum.

Friends of the Museum. Information on the Friends of the Museum program, including levels of participation and benefits, are available on the website. We are pleased to welcome Mary Ellen Knipe at the Commissioner level. Thank you for your support!