

# THE IPM SCANNER

The official newsletter of the International Police Museum

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With the Washed Ashore Crafts Mall and Ringing Anvil Design Blacksmith



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**Welcome to the Scanner**, the official newsletter of the International Police Museum at Rockaway Beach, Oregon

As the year fades into the rear-view mirror, IPM is thankful for our blessings, a good year in Wheeler, no known COVID cases, and all our volunteers and Board are healthy. Wow! What a ride 2021 has been and we eagerly look forward to 2022. IPM closed December 2020, moved everything Wheeler and reopened April 10, 2021 and it went well. We had our best year, hosting 6,894 visitors. We made some great contacts, particularly because of Peggy Schumann. Peggy truly was a shopkeeper extraordinaire. She welcomed IPM to the community and included IPM in her promotions and activities. Peggy became more than just a landlady; she became part of our operation and promotional opportunities.

2021 was full of exciting opportunities for IPM and the collection. The Museum received multiple donations in third quarter 2021, some from prior donors, and several new ones. Many of the new donations went directly into displays. IPM received several pictures of old Wheeler from Ms. Schumann which were displayed with the Wheeler collection. Additional artifacts were donated to compliment the plaque from Richard "Dick" Tracy, proof that the legendary Dick Tracy did exist beyond the crime fighting comic strip. Officer Tracy served as a Corrections Officer in the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office beginning in 1972 and serving in the jail until his retirement in 1994. The artifacts were donated by his widow, Sandra Tracy Christoffer, who also shared information on her husband's off-duty efforts as a volunteer concrete artist and builder at the Mt Hood Kiwanis Camp. Tracy had a talent not only for law enforcement work, but also for concrete work and building. According to both the Kiwanis and coworkers, he was always willing to help others and share his building knowledge. IPM is always pleased to be able to meet the family and find out about the prior owner of the artifacts.

Another donor, Jim Landles, gave IPM a retired Clackamas County uniform and other artifacts including two gas caps from the Harley Davidson motorcycle he rode during his service as a DARE Officer (Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education) working with school children and youth. Officers in this program try to educate youth, reducing the probability that they will fall victim to dependence on alcohol or drugs. IPM also received a donation from Mr. Dean Cameron. Mr. Cameron mailed us a box of miscellaneous US and German uniform artifacts he collected, as well as the office and field equipment which he used during his career. IPM appreciates all these contributions and many of these artifacts exemplify IPM's motto "IT'S NOT ALL GUNS AND CUFFS".

These items will be entered into the inventory data base, which is coming along nicely due to the diligence of our inventory contractor, Mia McClain. Our web site contractor, Appaloosa Business Services, has updated the web site and we have added additional information on the museum. We have also brought on more interactive games for children in the "IPM Kids" section. Contracting for services we do not have the expertise or volunteer time to achieve, has proven very effective for us. We are fortunate to have two very talented contractors currently working for us.

## IPM is Moving Again



IPM had a great time in Wheeler. IPM was well received by business, citizens and the city government. The space was leased to another firm in 2022, displacing both Wheeler Treasures and IPM. So reload the truck.

IPM will return to Rockaway Beach with a small space in the Washed Ashore Craft Mall. We thank Peggy Schumann for a great eight months and look forward to working with Washed Ashore, our new landlady. (Picture 1927 Ford Model T truck)

Board member Herman Doty went with our executive director, Ed Wortman, to collect a model T kiddie ride which was donated by Chuck and Zandra Harral of Springfield Auto Recycling. This ride was made by Bally in the mid-1950s. The ride is in pieces and will require quite a bit of restoration. The parts are available and when completed will be a great companion to our existing motorcycle ride which has been enjoyed by many of our young visitors.

IPM will have a new home in February 2022, opening in the Washed Ashore Craft Mall which shares space with Ringing Anvil Design Blacksmith. Both are a popular tourist draw which should mutually benefit the mall and IPM. The space is small but affordable and helps keep IPM viable while IPM and Washed Ashore has a chance to evaluate the compatibility of our operations. It is possible that we may expand in the store later as space becomes available.

### Coming Events

**Reopening, February 1, 2022, at Washed Ashore Craft Mall in Rockaway Beach**

### New acquisitions

**DARE instruction material and artifacts;** James Landles, LaPine, OR

**Additional artifacts of Richard "Dick" Tracy, Multnomah County;** Sandra Tracy Christoffer, Vancouver,

**German uniforms, US office equipment and patches:** Dean Cameron, Royal Oak, MI

**Bally Model T kiddie ride:** Chuck and Zandra Harral, Springfield Auto Recycling, Springfield, OR

**Pictures of old Wheeler:** Peggy Schumman

**Significant Cash donations;** Ed Wortman, Gary Frame

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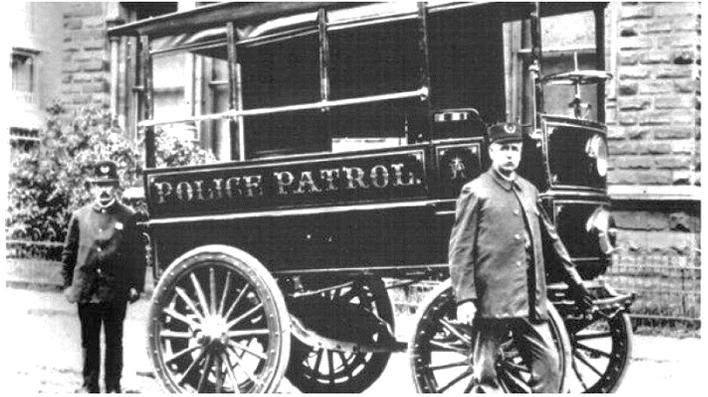
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Coming soon: Evolution of communications devices; Rattles (noise maker), Whistles and Portable Radio

## Electric Vehicles, are we coming full circle? Ed Wortman, Chief of Police, retired

Politically it may seem to be expedient to move to what is considered a clean and efficient fuel source, namely battery driven vehicles. Battery driven vehicles are not new to law enforcement. Akron, Ohio had an electric vehicle in 1899. While not used on general patrol as police use vehicles today, it served to transport police officers and prisoners when needed. The vehicle was a Curtis brand buggy to which a local engineer adapted an electric motor. The vehicle had a top speed of 18MPH on level ground and a 30 mile range before needing recharging. (1)



Prior to the implementation of the electric buggy, officers patrolled on foot or horseback. Foot patrolmen often getting to their assigned beat by public transportation or by a horse drawn wagon, which continued even after the launch of the electric buggy.

Motorcycles came into vogue following the Harley Davidson introduction in 1903 and their aggressive marketing campaign to city and states. With less than 150 miles of paved roads in the whole country in 1908, the Detroit Police Department needed something faster than a horse, and more maneuverable than available cars, for their patrolmen. They found their answer in the 1908 Harley-Davidson Model 4, with a single cylinder 26 cubic inch motor, belt drive, and a top speed of about 40 mph. These were light and durable, and compared to a horse, fast. (2)



When Ford introduced the Model T in 1915 and the Model A in 1919 they, and others, were considered a boon to officers who could be transported comfortably in inclement weather. The automobile also became a necessity as criminals such as bootleggers and bank robbers began using them to affect escapes. Battery driven cars were developed but gas engines took over from electric because they were not only cheaper to maintain and operate but they could also travel faster and refuel quicker. Electric vehicles are still currently in use inside shopping malls and large confined public places like airports. The Port of Seattle police (POSPD) as an example, operated a variety of electric carts and solo scooters to cover the large expenses of the airport terminal quickly and efficiently.

Desire for cleaner emissions is nothing new, Port of Seattle Police switched to natural gas vehicles for its local patrol fleet in 2005 to reduce air pollution in the airport footprint. While efficient locally, there were a number of gasoline fueled vehicles maintained for travel outside the airport footprint, such as bomb squad, canine and detective vehicles.

Currently there is a push toward electric, zero emission, vehicles which are made practical by advances in battery and electric motor technology. Police agencies and administrators are always seeking innovation and ways to improve operations. Manufacturers are responding, Ford Motor Company as example, states their police package "Lightning" pickup can go over 330 miles and compete in speed with gasoline powered vehicles. (3) There is also competition for scarce budget dollars, which sometimes drives or stifles, these innovations. The current trend to defund the departments may force innovative technology or equipment to be postponed, while attempting to maintain personnel levels to meet law-enforcement demands. Acquisition and maintenance costs,



along with training (both operator and mechanics), reliability, speed, and range of operation will be rigorously evaluated to get the most out of scarce budget dollars. Only time will tell if the circle of use returns police to electric, gasoline fueled, or as I suspect, a mix of both to meet the varied demands and requirements of police services.



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## International Police Museum returned to Rockaway Beach

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