

THE IPM SCANNER

The official newsletter of the International Police Museum

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

IPM reopened on March 7 following our refurbishment and display reset. The area that was once the blacksmith shop has been repainted and sports a new floor – resulting in our new meeting and/or community room. Other areas and walls that were hodgepodge paneling, pegboard, and other available materials, have been cleaned up, smoothed out, and painted. Major floor cracks were filled, leveled, and resealed. New LED lighting has been installed throughout the museum. Some worn out fixtures such as the hot water heater and a baseboard heater have been replaced to improve functionality and comfort. This will all improve sustainability and hopefully reduce costs. Many thanks to Miami Cove Electric and Tillamook Plumbing who completed the work promptly and with minimal disruption.

Our new sign out front is working well and many guests have said they stopped because of the sign. We are still – and will always be - making adjustments to displays and new traffic patterns to ensure a pleasant museum experience. This is an exciting time for IPM as we move into our 11th year bringing police history to the public. We feel fortunate to have entertained over 59,000 visitors in our first 10 years and look forward to great success in our expanded location.

Spring is obviously upon us with the March rains bringing an accompanying dip in tourist travel. IPM has benefited somewhat from the weather, as we are a dry location for visitors to retreat into.

Display additions have included an additional jail bars from the Rocky Butte Jail in Portland. They were previously used in our initial opening in 2015. The bars have been set up in the main viewing area to allow for larger group photos. A fragment of the Tillamook Jail, which was removed in 1982, was donated by retired Chief Mark Miranda and will soon be on display. New updates are coming to the interactive telephone display and additional



uniforms have been added to the “try on” area. Some of the displays, such as Fred, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police horse and Mounties have returned to their previous location. A new display diorama of radio communications has been created to compliment Sally Switchboard’s display. A new display highlighting the technology changes in speed detection radar; impaired driving and photography have been added. These displays highlight the technological advances rendering each of the displayed instruments

obsolete. We have also done additional work on the women in law-enforcement display. Since March is women’s history month, it is fitting that we recognize their contributions.

This issue also highlights the opportunity to feature articles related to law-enforcement from additional contributors. This quarter we are featuring Mr. Robert (Bob) Caulkins, noted Search and Rescue (SAR)

volunteer and dog handler. Bob serves as the current President, Washington State Search and Rescue Volunteer Advisory Council. Director Wortman had the privilege of working with him when Bob served as the public information officer for the Port of Seattle and later for the Washington State Patrol. Bob did a great presentation for Museum visitors in 2024 when he and K9 Ruger put on demonstrations of Ruger's search skills. IPM is pleased to present an article by Bob as this month's feature (p. 3). Bob has an extensive background in public service and is also a writer, authoring a series of children's books featuring Sierra, The Search Dog, named after one of his original SAR dogs. He has also received awards for his adult mystery novels. IPM is honored to have Bob's books in our IPM gift shop.

The gift shop also has new items along with toys, souvenirs, locally made gifts, and books. The gift shop also has new display showcases for our sale items to improve the shopping experience. Come see our new displays and items related to the beach, police, and areas around the world.

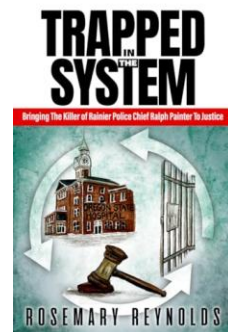


IPM is excited to welcome another talented writer, Rosemary Reynolds, the author of "Trapped in the System" covering the 8 years of challenges and delays, bringing the killer of Chief Ralph Painter, Rainier, Oregon, to justice. The homicide occurred January 5, 2011. The suspect was apprehended but the case was not closed, with the suspects guilty plea, until 2019. Get her book which reveals the challenges encountered during this lengthy process.

Rosemary has a 30 plus year history as a Journalist, radio reporter and anchor covering Police, Fire and Public Safety. Rosemary is also the owner of Reynolds Public Safety Communications LLC. We are excited to

have Rosemary presenting and signing her book on March 28 at 1:00 PM in the Museum. Her book is also available for purchase in our IPM gift shop.

The book signing will be the inaugural use of our new meeting/ community room. We envision it will be ready for use at the end of March. We are still working out the details with our insurance provider to ensure the broadest possible access while protecting IPM from liability as required by our insurance carrier. This is not an easy task as insurance companies are more reluctant to accept risk - particularly for events held by persons not vetted by their firm. We will continue to pursue a solution to this problem, hopefully making it more affordable for people who wish to use the new space.



Coming Events

March 28: Book Signing by Rosemary Reynolds

April 4: Emergency Preparedness fair 8-2, Anchor Street Park

April 4: Easter Egg Hunt, Phyllis Baker Park at noon. See RB Fire Department Facebook for Details

April 4: Easter Scavenger Hunt, participating downtown merchants 12 to 4. See posters in windows

Artifact donations

Vintage police call boxes, police caps and signs: Chief Mark Miranda (Retired), Newport, OR

Vintage police artifacts: Chief David Rash, Rogue River Police, Rogue River, OR

Obsolete USAF Police uniform: Sheriff Tom Croskrey (Retired), Kennewick, WA

Cash donations

Mrs. Joanne Love, Rockaway Beach, OR

Colonel Fred Morgan (Retired), Colorado Springs, CO

That Others Might Live -The Amazing Relationship Between Law Enforcement and SAR

By Bob Calkins, Retired SAR K9 Handler and current President, Washington State Search and Rescue Volunteer Advisory Council

It's become too routine. Almost every day we see news stories of yet another person going missing. And every time it happens, scores of Search and Rescue (SAR) volunteers put on their boots and head out.



Did you catch that I said volunteers?

The overwhelming majority of people you see in news media photographs of SAR missions are unpaid. In most cases the only paid person at a search is a single sheriff's deputy.

The first call must always go to 911. *Credible SAR teams will only deploy at the direction of law enforcement.* Most sheriff's offices have at least one deputy trained to lead searches. That deputy uses an app called "Lost Person Behavior" to develop a search strategy while volunteers are enroute.

The initial or hasty search can be simply running known trails and roads while calling the person's name. Dogs will be deployed. Drones will get in the air. Some ground teams will be sent to simply camp along more distant trails as containment in case the missing person wanders by. (It happens.)

By the second day teams from multiple counties might be called in, with dozens of different search assignments. A sophisticated mapping program called SARTopo shows searcher assignments, and in return SARTopo documents every place they've looked and every clue found.

It's not well known that SAR also has a role in crime scenes. We don't chase crooks, but we do look for evidence- and sometimes the body. When Gary Ridgeway, the Green River Killer, was arrested he began telling detectives about his various dump sites. SAR teams were deployed to those locations and helped get the remains of several victims back to their families.

At any search, deputies handle contact with the family, outside agencies and the news media. They also arrange for the care and feeding of volunteers. Sometimes it's pizza, and sometimes the "Soup Ladies" show up with lasagna, garlic bread and some yummy dessert.

Once the subject is found, SAR volunteers are trained to get them out of the woods, whether by walking, 4X4, a litter-carry or helicopter.

I like to say that SAR volunteers go:

- To the middle of nowhere
- In the middle of the night
- In the middle of a rainstorm
- In furtherance of the SAR motto: That Others Might Live.

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Some of our visitors enjoying the great interactive areas, photos provided by the participants / families



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