

THE IPM SCANNER

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

Spring is finally here, the weather is getting warmer, and the flowers are starting to bloom. May is always a beautiful time on the coast as the trees and flowers begin to blossom, the geese pass overhead heading south, and tourist activity begins to pick up. IPM has been busy, too, improving the educational displays, such as communications, and the telephone display, with the addition of actual voice communication. Many of our younger visitors have never seen the early wall mounted telephones, much less talked on one. Visitors coming to the Museum will soon be able to pick up a telephone on the table and talk to somebody on a different type of telephone on the other side of the partition or beside them on the table. "Debi, the Dispatcher" has been added to our window display, supported by the local radio scanner monitoring actual emergency calls. People coming by at night can see both the telephone operator and a radio dispatcher at their workstations, a reminder that police communications are always on duty. With these additions, the "communications corner" will be virtually complete. We are still adding some descriptive placards to the displays to make them easier to understand. IPM continues to refine displays and traffic patterns to ensure accessibility and maximize the potential of the displays.



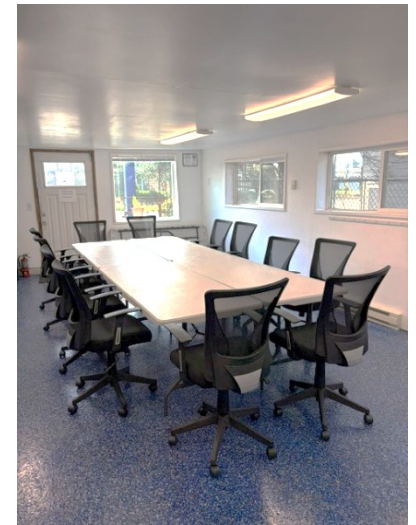
We are excited for new displays which are being unveiled this year. We constructed a frame to properly display the fragment of the Tillamook County jail which is now on display. This artifact presented some interesting challenges, considering size and weight of a piece of iron Jail Door. This fragment, removed from the Tillamook County Jail during a remodel in 1982, was provided to the Museum by Mr. Mark Miranda who worked in Tillamook at the time. Chief Miranda is retired from Newport Police and has contributed historic artifacts to the museum. Other donations have included a selection of batons and saps, along with a 1954 vehicle identification book from Mr. David McDonald, whose father-in-law served as a policeman in California during the 1950s. IPM received a Japanese Police Superintendent breast badge from Mr. Andrew Glover Thiel, whose father obtained it while serving in the New Zealand Police Force. We appreciate these donations and the inquiries from retirees and families regarding future donations and support.

IPM has also been fortunate to receive some items from the Police Officers Hall of Fame Museum, in Titusville, Florida. The Titusville Museum, a long-standing fixture in Florida, was forced to close this spring because of lack of funding. According to the news, they lost significant grant support and their very large facility could not survive without it. IPM received several professionally mounted displays from them, including vintage mug shots and photographs. We also received a display of Wyatt Earp memorabilia including a replica of his favorite handgun. These displays, along with information on Bass Reeves (first known African American U S Marshal west of the Mississippi River), have been

added to the U S Marshal display. We are honored to be recognized by another museum as an appropriate repository for some of their artifacts.

May is also a time of some sadness and reflection, as we recognize National Police Week honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, and recognizing those still selflessly serving their communities. The holiday was created on October 1, 1961, when Congress authorized the president to designate May 15 to honor peace officers. John F. Kennedy signed the bill into law on October 1, 1962. The proclamation signed by President Kennedy read: "To authorize the President to proclaim May 15 of each year as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week of each year during which such May 15 occurs as Police Week". The International Police Museum recognizes and honors those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and those who continue to serve in these turbulent times. 2026 marks the 65th anniversary of Police Officer Memorial Day, now known as Peace Officer Memorial Day, recognizing all first responders. (National Law Enforcement Memorial, Washington, DC. website) The National Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation reports 111 police officers killed in the line of duty for the Calendar year 2025. Of these, 34 were killed in motor vehicle related incidents, either responding to a call or struck by vehicles while directing traffic. While this is a reduction from 2024 numbers, it still leaves the families and the departments devastated. One of the goals, set by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, is to reduce the number of fatalities to under 100.

The Community or Meeting Room is open for use. The painting of the room is done, the epoxy floor coating, done by Rick of "LoMonaco On The Go" painting, looks great and is holding up well. We completed our first "test run" of the room on March 28 when IPM hosted a book signing by Rosemary Reynolds. Her book "Trapped in the System" is also available in the Museum gift shop along with Bob Calkins's books featuring Sierra the search dog. IPM is very interested in featuring other local authors and artists in the Museum gift shop. The Rockaway Beach Fire Department has certified the room capacity, and we have developed reasonable rental rates which we believe are competitive. We hope this becomes a fundraiser for IPM so we can maintain our financial stability. Please contact Jane at the Museum, 420 S, Hwy 101, or by phone, 503-457-6056.



2026 also marks the 250th anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence. IPM looks forward to a great Fourth of July celebration, and the annual Fireworks show is the best on the coast. Since the fourth is on Saturday this year we should have good crowds in the city.

Plans are in the works to improve the appearance of the fencing in front of the museum, and the fountain. Most of the outside work will take place during the warm summer months. IPM will continue to refine displays and traffic patterns to ensure accessibility and maximize the potential of the displays.

Coming Events

Peace officer, Memorial Day, May 15

"Generations By The Sea – Celebrating 250 Years Of Freedom" parade and festivities. July 4

Parade, festivities and fireworks display sponsored by the City of Rockaway Beach

National Night Out Against Crime, at IPM, August 4 Watch for details on IPM website.

Artifact donations

Multiple artifacts, including photographs and composite computer; Police Hall of Fame Museum, FL
Batons, saps and 1954 Vehicle Identification booklet; David MacDonald, Hidden Valley Lake, CA
Japanese National Police Superintendent breast badge; Andrew Glover Theil, Seaside, OR

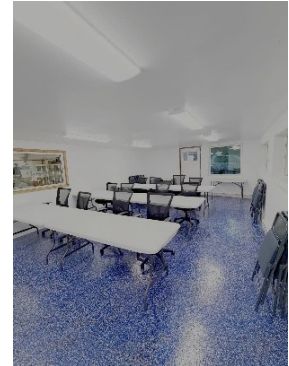
Significant Cash Donations

Jeff and Karen Jorgensen

IPM COMMUNITY / MEETING ROOM: WHAT WE OFFER



IPM is pleased to offer a competitively priced meeting room for public rental. See our “Use Agreement” for specific guidelines and rules.



All our facilities are accessible to people with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. IPM’s community room is for your use only during your designated time. Please be respectful of museum guests in the museum portion of the building.

Your rental fee provides tables and chairs that will allow a variety of configurations suitable to the needs of your group. There is one bathroom accessible to your group and museum visitors.

Please let us know if you are interested in times/hours outside of those listed in the Use Agreement.

Available equipment:

12 - Rolling Chairs 25 - Folding Chairs 10 - 30” x 6’ Tables

2 - 2’x4’ Tables 2 - 18”X6’ Tables

Hours and Fees: See our “Use Agreement” and call for availability and fees.

A/V equipment or screens, easels, power cords, or other display equipment: You are welcome to bring your own stand-alone equipment. IPM has several power strips throughout the room, but no other equipment..

Wi-Fi access: You may have access to any Wi-Fi service IPM has on any given day. However, our Wi-Fi is not always reliable, and we cannot guarantee any Wi-Fi service will be available.

Food and drink is limited to standalone, pre-packaged items, such as cookies. Coffee/tea carafes are acceptable. Coffee makers are not permitted at this time. Additional restrictions may apply.

Cooking food is not allowed as we have no public kitchen facilities.

May I use a caterer at my event? Not at this time. This may change later on a case-by-case basis, and may include an additional cleaning fee. The decision of any staff member on this subject is final.

Capacity limits per Rockway Beach Fire Department:

Standing Only – 80

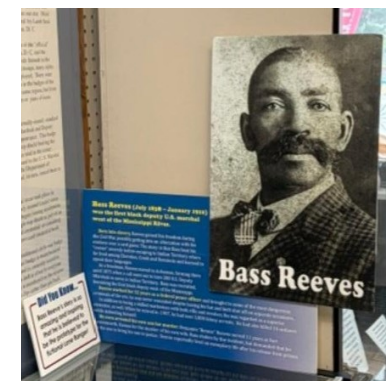
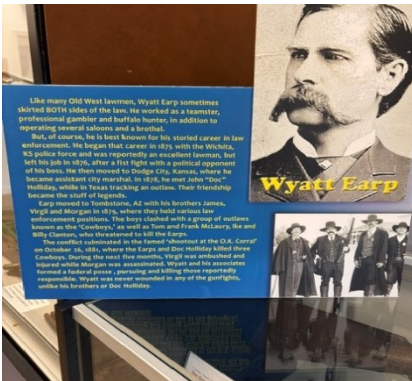
Chairs Only – 58

Tables and Chairs – 27



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Two famous US Marshal, Some of the additions from the Police Officers Hall of Fame Museum



Help International Police Museum keep history alive

International Police Museum is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which provides a free, interactive experience to visitors young and old. IPM has no paid staff and 100% of your donations go directly to supporting our mission. Your donations allow us to bring the Law Enforcement experience to life for visitors, school children, and other tour groups. Donations may be made directly to the Museum, or online at:

www.internationalpolicemuseum.org

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