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

IPM is excited to announce that after being shuttered for 4 months following the outbreak of the Coronavirus, we are back open on a limited bases beginning July 10. The doors were closed on March 14 following the State and County shut down in an attempt to stem the spread of the virus. Originally this was anticipated to be a short pause in operation but since then, there have been many setbacks and delays caused by the fluctuations in the numbers of reported cases. Tillamook County has been fortunate, due to our low number of active cases, to move into a new phase which allows more businesses to open. These openings will be in a limited basis, with new rules for cleaning and sanitizing. Masks are required, total numbers in the museum are reduced, and our hours are limited to weekends only. IPM has adapted to meet these new requirements including installing a shield around the volunteer area, closing our public restroom, and enhancing cleaning schedule for exhibits. Those displays which cannot be adequately cleaned will be paused until they can be safely reopened. The “Bear Facts” game for children will continue with modification. Cards and single use sanitized pens will be passed out to the children; they will not be collected for recycling. The prize for finding the bears guarding the cases will be a coupon for a child’s ice cream cone instead of a choice of stuffed toys. This avoids multiple people handling items and reduces the probability of any cross contamination. A huge “Thank You” to Al and Sea Breeze Ice Cream and Gifts (purple front store) for helping create the coupons, making this possible. IPM has also paused the child interactive areas where uniforms and other items were tried on and passed around among children and adults. The interactive items will be stored until it is safe to reopen the area.

IPM reopening was made possible by the generosity or two local businesses, Ringing Anvil Design and Washed Ashore, Crafts and More. These two businesses, owned by Herman and Angie Doty, came to the rescue of IPM when the City increased our monthly rent. Their generous contribution allows us to stay in our current location for another year. We are beyond appreciative. Of almost equal importance to us is their belief in our value to the community and our goal to help improve understanding of, and building a relationship between, police departments and the public they serve.

Fundraising is an unfortunate necessity in the Museum and non-profit world. During the COVID 19 pandemic, the Western Museum Association has stated that over 90% of museums worldwide had to close down due to the pandemic, and organizations of all shapes and sizes are bracing for the financial impact of these closures. There is some concern expressed by the various museum and historical organizations that
to 37% of them may not survive the pandemic in their current state. Those that survive will be those who can adapt to the fundraising challenges posed by a slowing economy and a lack of public exposure. IPM has not been able to have our annual garage sale, our July 4 auction, and other fundraisers so we are seeking other avenues.

When I was a child I in Oregon, I collected bottles along the road to buy candy and treats. Today IPM is collecting returnable bottles and cans to augment our other fundraising efforts. Thanks to the assistance of other people, we have recycled enough to cover the light bills and the cost of collecting. We have also received several individual donations in the mail, online, and at the museum when we are open. Some donate in memory of a family member who has passed or served in a police, sheriff or federal position. One and two dollar donations accumulate to help us purchase office supplies or display repair needs. IPM appreciates all donations of whatever size.

Coming Events
IPM will be open weekends only during COVID-19. Saturday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Sunday 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM. Please see our web site for updates: www.internationalpolicemuseum.org

New acquisitions
Shoulder patches; Goldendale Police, Washington and Los Angeles Park Safety; Dropped off at Police Department for museum.

Picture of Obrien Oregon antique police car; Mr. R. M. Fischer, Applegate, OR

Portland Special Police Badge; Mr. Don Best, Rockaway Beach

Tillamook County Constable badge; Mr. Don Best, Rockaway Beach

Mr. Best's donations were made in honor of his grandfather Ed Best, an early Rockaway Beach settler (1911), who wore the Portland badge when he worked at the Forestry Building, constructed for the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition in Portland, 1905, and the Tillamook Constable badge prior to 1942 in Rockaway Beach.

3 Pieces of Australian Coal from the Emily Reed shipwreck 1908; Don Best, Rockaway Beach

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Please consider supporting the museum with a Memorial Bequest or remembrance in your estate planning. IPM has no paid staff so we rely on volunteers and Board members for staffing and support. We are appreciative of the public support from both area citizens and businesses that has helped us grow and will help us keep history alive for future generations.
Hidden History; what’s in your closet?  Ed Wortman, Chief of Police, retired

Where do the artifacts on display in museums come from? Many come from closets, boxes, and attics of people whose relatives are tasked with cleaning out the estate. Many do not know the intimate history of their departed relatives. How many times have we heard someone say that they wished they knew more about their departed relatives? Some, like my own family, thought that giving granddad a tape recorder and asking him to tell stories of his childhood, growing up on a farm near Hillsboro, surviving the depression and going to war. He said he tried, but did not think it was interesting. My parents said let it drop as they said he had no interest in it. Therefore we lost, as a family, a lot of our history. When he passed, having been preceded by his wife of many years, there was a rapid cleaning of his house so it could be sold. I have vague recollections of boxes of papers, photographs that my parents did not want and little things like WWII ration stamps all going into the garbage. As a child I had no interest in most of the items but did think the ration stamps were interesting, as were some of the pictures of him standing in some foreign city. But the pictures were not identified and we did not know where they were taken, so off it all went to the dump. Fast forward to adult life, working in the police force and developing an interest in the history of policing and uniforms. This was both a historical and practical interest as many uniform changes are started with the belief they would improve comfort or be more practical. As both a commander and later a chief, I was often encouraged to adopt new or popular changes to uniforms or equipment. Upon review, for a variety of reasons, some worked while others did not. A uniformed police patrol, as Sir Robert Peel noted in 1829, is and should be, easily recognized. Today we use uniforms, patches, and badges. To a historian, sometimes a badge raises more questions than answers.

Last year Director Wortman obtained an unusual antique badge being offered for sale on EBay. It was a City Marshal badge for the City of Gladstone, dated 1918, and identified to F. T. Barlow. Small, about 2 inches tall by 1 ½ inch wide, it is not a pin back but made to have a strap attachment, such as a watch fob. It has a leather strap and buckle attached which appears to be of the period. The back of the badge is stamped H L MC G which may be the maker or have another meaning entirely. This badge was of interest because the City of Gladstone and the Gladstone Police were established in 1911. So what did the Marshal do in 1918 and who was F. T. Barlow? According to Kim at the Gladstone Historical Society, Frank T. Barlow was the grandson of Samuel Barlow, an early pioneer responsible for establishing a wagon trail over the Cascade Ridge, later known as the Barlow Road. This trail, around the south slope of Mt. Hood, provided pioneers with an alternative to the treacherous trip down the Columbia River from The Dalles to the areas now known as Oregon City or Portland.

Frank T. Barlow was born in 1861, possibly in Oregon City or Camas. He died in 1948 and is buried in Mountain View cemetery, Oregon City. F. T. Barlow served on Gladstone City Council in 1915, but not in 2016. He was reelected in 1917 and served through 1918. Kim says she is unaware of any official City Marshal being in a public position at that time. Kim indicates that in 1918 there was an outbreak of the Spanish Influenza in Clackamas County and Gladstone was affected. Schools were closed from October 19 to November 14 and much of the town was in quarantine. Elizabeth Hulbert was named a Special Police Officer by Mayor Howell, to deal with the Influenza outbreak; she was in charge of keeping track of who was staying in and obeying the quarantine. Office Hulbert did have helpers and it may be speculated that these members of the Citizen Quarantine Patrol may have been identified as Marshals.

Unfortunately the artifact cannot tell its own story, how it was used, ended up in Indianapolis, or on EBay.
IPM Uniform Display: Women in Law Enforcement

Back Row: Sweden dress, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) current dress, RCMP first dress, RCMP field uniform, RCMP special constable
Front Row: Hong Kong, England, Ireland, RCMP Canada, (maternity), Malaysia, Washington (State Patrol), Australia, Japan (Crime Scene Unit)

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