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Napa Fire-Police Museum: A Reality

By Todd Shulman

I had the opportunity to meet with the board of directors for the Napa Firefighter's Museum in March. I presented a formal proposal to form a new Napa Fire-Police Museum, jointly run by the NPHS and the Firefighters Museum. I am pleased to announce they embraced the idea with open arms, and their board unanimously approved the proposal.

I am now working with the Firefighter's Museum President, Jeff Hunter, to organize a corporate sponsorship campaign, to raise the capital needed. Specifically, the current museum's displays will need to be revamped, items will need to be stored in an archivally-safe manner, and we would like to set up a unified computer-based museum collection management tool.

Please see the related articles on volunteering and the up-coming Wine Train fundraiser for ways you can help.



Membership Report

The NPHS added only one new members during the past three months; however renewals of yearly memberships continue to be strong. Thank you to everyone for your continued support! If you know of anyone who you think might be interested in joining please direct them to our website, www.napapolicehistory.com, or have them contact the NPHS at (707) 693-9700.

The following are new or renewal members:

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| Vince Deguilio | Life |
| Bob Nance | Year |

Museum Fundraiser Planned

As part of the effort to make the Napa Fire-Police Museum a success there is a very special fundraiser being planned. A team of chefs from the NPD will battle a team from the NFD, to create a unique dining experience on the Wine Train. Guests will then vote on which team prepared the best meal.

Tickets will be sold for the event, with the proceeds benefiting not only the Fire-Police Museum, but also the Napa 9/11 Memorial. The Memorial will be built at Heritage Park, which backs up to the Fire-Police Museum, and is being designed with the help of noted local artist Gordon Heuther.

The event is still in the planning stages; however, it is currently slated for the late summer. We will send out a special letter when the details are finalized.

Museum Volunteers Needed

One of the factors which caused the Firefighter's Museum to reach out to the NPHS with the idea of a Fire-Police Museum was their acute need for more volunteers to staff the museum. The museum currently is opened Wednesday-Saturday, from 11am-4pm; it is staffed totally by volunteer docents.

The docent's duties are very minimal, and it is very rewarding to see the reactions of visitors, especially young children.

If you are able to help out once or twice a month (or more) please contact Jeff Hunter at (707) 738-7304.

Archive Report

The NPHS has established itself over the last four years as a safe place to donate and ensure the preservation of treasured historic documents and items related to the NPD, and even other law enforcement within Napa County.

The NPHS also is still seeking surviving relatives of former NPD employees who may have random photos, scrapbooks, or artifacts stored away. The NPHS use of museum-quality archive materials will preserve these items, and its detailed cataloging records allow the history of each item to be preserved as well.

It is hoped that part of the joint efforts with the Napa Fire-Police Museum will include the addition of an industry-standard museum collections database software program, to be used by both groups.

Vehicle Restoration: the Transformation Continues

By Todd Shulman

The 1957 Ford police car project has been moving along during the last few months. We were able to start the engine, and determined it will not need any major work. The brakes are also being worked on.

The biggest news; however, has been the work done on the vehicle's exterior. A group of volunteers stripped the trim and bumpers off the vehicle. It was then media blasted by S&B Soda Blasting in Sebastopol. The transformation was nothing short of miraculous.

After the media blasting the vehicle was coated in epoxy primer by volunteers, led by Rod Dahlgren. It looks like a completely different vehicle, as the picture below attest to.

The next step will be getting the body work done, and then painting. Check the NPHS website for periodic updates; there is a tab marked "vehicle restoration" on the home page.

We are still accepting monetary donations to help finish the restoration. You can donate on the website, or by sending a check to the NPHS address listed on page 4 of the newsletter. All donations are tax deductible.



1957 Ford prior to work being done



1957 Ford after media blasting & priming

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we report on a former NPD employee who passed away recently:

Sergeant Chuck Holden: Charles “Chuck” W. Holden, 85, of Napa, died peacefully at home April 1, 2010, following a lengthy illness.

A native of Stratford County, Iowa, Chuck had lived in Napa since the early 50s. He served as a pharmacist’s mate in the U.S. Navy during World War II and retired as a sergeant from the Napa Police Department after 20 years service.

He was blessed to have loved two women in his life, Myra Holden and Ginger Chaney, both of whom preceded him in death. He is survived by two daughters: Michelle Chaney, and Tami Herrera, her husband Ricardo, and their children, Gabriella and Michelle. He also leaves longtime friend, Steve Robertson, and his beloved five-year-old Chihuahua, “J.D.”

Memorial services were held on April 9, at the Treadway & Wigger Funeral Chapel, 623 Coombs St., Napa. Memorials to Kaiser Hospice, 975 Sereno Dr., Vallejo, CA 94589.



Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the NPHS has been set for June 11th (Friday), at 5:00pm. The meeting will be held at the new Napa Fire-Police Museum, located at 1201 Main Street (in downtown Napa). This will be a great opportunity for you to tour the museum. There will be a short presentation on the “State of the Society”, a review of yearly financial and archive information, and a display of some of the items/photographs acquired during the past year. Light refreshments will be served, and door prizes given away.

Please RSVP via the phone # or e-mail address provided in the box at the lower right of this page.

Upcoming Events

NPBS Annual Meeting

When: June 11 (Friday), 5:00pm

Where: Napa Fire-Police Museum
1201 Main Street- Napa, CA

Fire-Police Museum Wine Train Fundraiser

When: TBD

Where: Wine Train

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