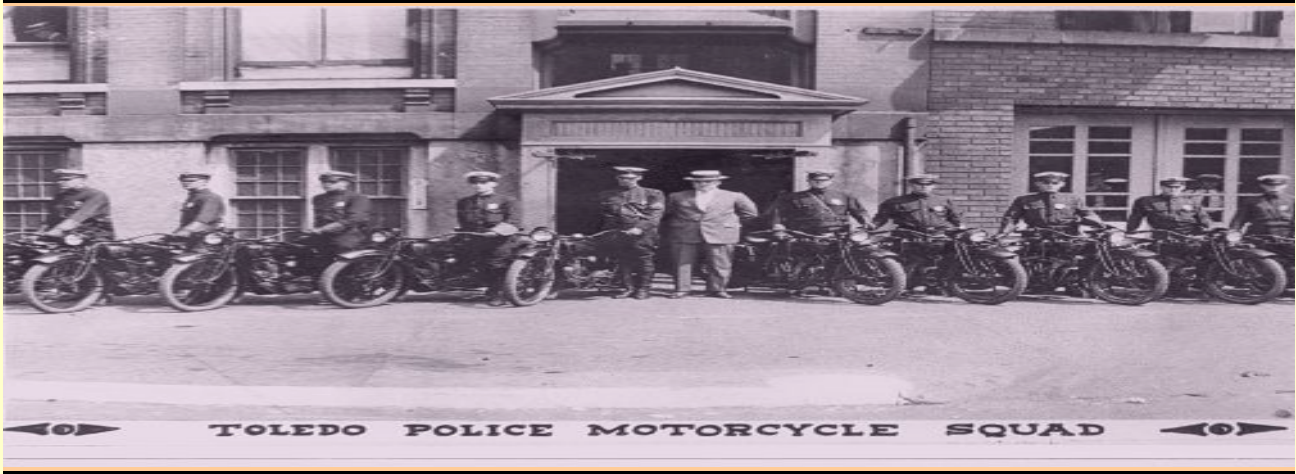


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From Our Museum President.....

Dear friends of the Toledo Police Museum,

Looking back on the past year and a half since we opened our doors, I am still in awe at what has been accomplished. That we even exist is a testament to the drive and commitment of a hard-working group of people with the vision to preserve and tell our unique story. I am grateful to be part of such an organization and humbled by the dedication of our board and volunteers.

It wasn't long after we opened our doors that we became overwhelmed with hundreds of great ideas and just as many directions to go! We realized we needed a strategy if we were going to contribute something positive to our community. To accomplish this, the board worked with a consultant for the majority of our first year developing a sustainability plan. A vision began to slowly take shape with clear goals and objectives and logical steps to achieve them.

The board completed the plan in the summer of 2012, and as the first and most important step towards reaching our goals, appointed Shay Carlson as Director of the Toledo Police Museum. Shay, a former Toledo Police officer, has an "outside the box" kind of thinking. She has the passion, dedication, enthusiasm and "pluck" to lead this museum down the path the board has forged. We look forward to this next year of growth!

Thank you to the many volunteers who have devoted themselves to the purpose of preserving and telling our story! Without them we would cease to be.

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless." ~Sherry Anderson

In humble service,
Beth Thieman (Cooley)
President



Bulletin Board of Upcoming Museum Events

Cops and Rodders Coming June 23rd

"The Toledo Police Museum Cops and Rodders Car Show." This will take place June 23rd at Ottawa Park at the Museum. The event will play host to hundreds of classic and vintage cars as well as other exhibits and a chance to visit the Museum. Refreshments, prizes, free stuff and plenty to look at, talk about and people to visit. Fun for the whole family!



Police Museum On the Road

The Police Mobile Museum will be on the road this summer attending local fairs and other events with special exhibits, free stuff, and demonstrations for the kids. George Shaunessy is the man whose keeping the mobile museum on the move.

Museum Visits Increase in 2012

Toledo Police Museum Visits Increase for 2012 Good news for the Toledo Police Museum as the museum posted a substantial increase in the number of people who opened our doors last year to check out the police museum experience. The total number of visitors was just about 2500 and that meets all of our expectations for 2012. Those who came by the museum were a mix of local residents and those visiting the city from other areas. With some increased marketing, promotions, new events and better visibility we hope to see these numbers climb even more in 2013.

1st Annual Guns and Hoses Golf Outing



The First Annual Police Museum and Fire Museum Golf Outing and Dinner takes place in September. It will take place at Brandywine Country Club. The cost will

be \$70 per person, and will include 18 holes of golf, a cart, dinner buffet - steak or chicken. The first 36 teams will be accepted and check in will start at 10:30am with a shotgun start at noon. Dinner begins at 5:00pm. We are also looking for hole sponsors at \$50 each. If you know of anyone who might like to be a hole sponsor, or if you are interested in coming out that day for what promises to be a great time, please contact Gale Karam. at gkaram@bex.net. Or call the museum at 419-720-2485.

What 's Ahead For 2013?

More Museum Volunteers Needed As the Toledo Police Museum enters its third year of operation, we are still in need of more volunteers to help us meet our day to day objectives and needs. If you have an interest in joining our growing family of volunteers, we extend this welcome. We are always looking for docents and hosts to help guide visitors through our museum, and we can also use the talents of researchers, clerical help, tradespeople, and special events helpers. It takes a community of people to keep our museum running and if you'd like to join us, please contact Donna Christian at dchristian.tpmuseum@yahoo.com.

Museum Board and Staff for 2013

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Trustee.....	Jennifer Schramm

Board meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at the Ottawa Park Police substation next to the Police Museum on Kenwood Blvd.

Trivia: Who was Toledo's First Police Chief?

Save the Range House?



The last aging remnant of the once famous Toledo Police shooting range at Detwiler Park sits mostly ignored and neglected these days. A time-worn relic from an era when the range was considered one of the best law enforcement shooting ranges in the nation. During its heyday, it offered trainees a wide variety of stationary targets and moving targets, plus a nearby road course where officers could practice shooting from cars. Those days have now faded into memory. The once famous range shut down when Detwiler was transformed into a park and golf course in the 1970's. The only structure from the facility still standing is the large brick range house. It was actually built by the volunteer labor of the police officers themselves in the 1920's. Sadly, though, it has become a frequent target of vandals and firebugs in recent years. The damage to the interior has been extensive and the building's future looks pretty bleak. The Museum board is aware of the situation and is exploring options this year to see what might be done to either save it, or possibly move it to our museum location at Ottawa Park. We'd like to hear from you. What do you think we should do about this piece of the TPD story? There's little doubt that saving, restoring and/or moving it would be an expensive and time consuming task, but we're not ruling anything out until we see what the options are. Please let us know if you have some suggestions on the future or fate of this once proud icon of the Toledo Police Department's past.



Trivia Question #2 : What were Toledo's first motorized vehicles?



**STORIES IN BLUE:
REAL STORIES FROM THE FILES OF TOLEDO POLICE MUSEUM**

The Badge and the Baton: The Charles Roth Story

The Toledo Symphony Orchestra celebrates its 70th birthday this year and many Toledoans probably don't know it, but the Toledo Police Department was, in large part, responsible for its creation. Namely one officer, Inspector Charles Roth. Growing up in Defiance County in the early 1900's, Roth was the son of a farmer, but was not content with pursuing the cultivation of crops in the field, instead, the young Roth wanted to cultivate the music in his heart. At a young age he had already taken up the piano and trumpet and numerous other instruments, hoping to relocate someday to Toledo where he might play in the popular Toledo Police Band.

By 1917, he achieved that goal and joined the police department as a rookie on beat, young Roth was practicing his music 1923, however, Roth's musical ambitions as Toledo Police Civic Symphony, recruiting the Toledo area who shared his appreciation new orchestra as its conductor and musical his career on the streets as a Toledo Police to be popular with local citizens during the 1930's, appearing often in concert at numerous venues around the city. Roth as the conductor reached for new horizons as a writer and composer. By 1937, he wrote the official Centennial March for Toledo's 100th birthday. The orchestra debuted this original composition at the newly built Toledo Zoo Amphitheatre. By 1943, however, the current Toledo Symphony Orchestra was formed and Roth passed the baton of leadership to the new organization which is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year.



moved to the big city to the North where he street patrol. When he wasn't pounding the and playing in the Toledo Police Band. By were ready to expand and he formed the musicians from all walks of life throughout and talents for good music. Roth led this director, while at the same time, continuing officer. The Toledo Civic Symphony proved to be popular with local citizens during the 1930's, appearing often in concert at numerous venues around the city. Roth as the conductor reached for new horizons as a writer and composer. By 1937, he wrote the official Centennial March for Toledo's 100th birthday. The orchestra debuted this original composition at the newly built Toledo Zoo Amphitheatre. By 1943, however, the current Toledo Symphony Orchestra was formed and Roth passed the baton of leadership to the new organization which is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year.



For Captain Roth, while the music played the melody of his life, it was always in harmony with his career as a police officer, for Roth was also considered an outstanding law enforcement officer in a number of areas. Among them was his renowned abilities as a marksman. Instrumental in the building of Toledo's police shooting range at Bay View Park, Roth exhibited his skills as a champion marksman in numerous matches held at the range.



He was also one of the driving forces behind the development of the Toledo Police Academy. With a strong belief that police officers needed more training, discipline and professionalism, as he rose through the ranks, he became known as a tough taskmaster and strict disciplinarian.

He not only guided the academy's growth for many years but literally wrote the books and manuals that the rookies absorbed during their training. Major Charles Roth by the end of his career, had helped the Toledo

Police Department grow as a professional law enforcement organization over five decades and when he left this life in 1967, he left behind not just a police department, but a wonderful symphony orchestra that to this day can ascribe a part of their legacies to this most unique and dedicated Toledo police officer.

Police Academy Has 21st Birthday All Under Direction Of Inspector Roth

Occasion Observed As Quietly As School Has Turned Out 457 Men And Women

July 3, 1968

A 21st birthday anniversary usually calls for something special in the way of a celebration, but that wasn't the case this week with the Toledo Police Academy.

For the academy observed its 21st birthday as quietly as it has been turning out graduates since 1948.

At the same time, Inspector

Of 458 men in the division only 67 are non-graduates. These are the men who were on the force before the academy was organized.

18 Classes graduated

Actually, the academy also have alumni groups. These are the graduating classes who continue to work at the Toledo



THE LABOR AND LOVE OF RESEARCH RESIDE IN THE HEART OF HISTORY

For most of us involved with the TP M, this has been a labor of love. From the very start of our project, it was our fascination with the paths traveled before us that set us on our own journey to develop a police museum so we might be able to share with others the rich history of the Toledo Police heritage. That motivation remains strong and so does our commitment to look deeper into the past to gain an even greater understanding of who we are as a community. Kindled within all of us at the Toledo Police History Museum is a desire to learn not just about the police department and the stories of crime, but how those experiences are woven into the fabric of the Toledo story, from its earliest beginnings to the present day. It is a wonderful and intriguing story and it is our job to find it and tell it. It's a long and daunting journey, however, as we have many files and documents, photos and artifacts to sort through and attempt to put into the context of the much larger picture. That requires a considerable amount of labor just to inventory and then catalog each so that they can be preserved for the future and future students of local history. Thanks to our volunteers, our Exhibits Committee and our researchers we are making progress. And we welcome anyone who has information, items or stories to share to contact us. Or if you have questions about family members who might have been police officers or relevant incidents from the past that we can answer, we are happy to do so. Over the past year and a half we have met with many people at the museum who have shared a wealth of information about family members that were former officers and even those who had involvement on the other side of the law. These are the conversations that help to enrich our understanding of this rich treasure we call the past.

One of the ways we are planning to add to our reservoir of knowledge is by conducting oral history interviews with former department members who can tell us about their experiences during their service to the city. With these, we intend to build a body of research to give voice to the TPD story. A story that could be quite valuable to the researchers and historians of future generations. If you have any interest in working with us on this project, or to be interviewed, please contact me, Lou Hebert at Lou@voicefornews.com.

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Trivia answer. # 1 -- First "police chief" in Toledo was Calvin Comstock who was the first city marshal hired in 1836

Trivia answer #2 --The first motorcycles were seven Indian Motorcycles purchased in 1907. The first TPD motorcycle patrol was organized in 1911.



Text 1: Mystery Photo? Call us if you know!



Text 2: Mystery Photo #2, Do you know this dog?



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