

# Winnipeg Police Museum & Historical Society Inc.

**2014 Annual Report**



The Winnipeg Police Museum is contacted regularly through our online web pages by families conducting Genealogical Research. These contacts often result in pictures and other information being provided to the Museum for addition to our archival database.

This picture was donated by the family of George Fremont NEILY (Born: June 3, 1883) who joined the Winnipeg Police Force on June 18, 1906. He resigned on April 9, 1910, to join the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, and later enlisted in the Canadian Army in 1916. He was killed in action on April 9, 1917, during the Battle of Vimy Ridge in France during WWI.

The picture shows members of the Winnipeg Police Force wearing raccoon coats while on parade outside the Central Police Headquarters Building (Rupert/Louise) in 1908. NEILY is identified in the centre of the front row.

## ANNUAL MEETING - JANUARY 21, 2015

### *Board Of Director's Report*

The Board of Directors are pleased to report to the membership that 2014 was another successful year for the museum and it continues to attract a significant number of visitors. This year the museum was open only from January to the 28th July when it was closed to begin the task of preparing all the exhibits, records and equipment for the move to the new Police Headquarters Building at Graham Avenue and Smith Street. Initially it was believed the museum would probably move in the Fall of 2014 but this has been delayed due to some repairs to the building from water damage. Visitors who came to the museum for the 7 months it was open were very complimentary with regards to both the tours and displays presented.

There was a total of 18 conducted tours during January and July, involving 90 children and 123 adults (213 persons). Although not included in the total of visitors; approximately 245 additional persons toured the museum on family night for Recruit Class #156, and family night for Cadet Recruit Classes 7 and 8. Conducted tours are arranged for day, evening or weekends and the number of persons attending such tours are recorded. The museum is open each day The Training Academy is open and persons may view the displays at their leisure but these are not conducted tours. There continues to be a number of small groups of visitors attending the museum during the day in 2014 by just dropping in for that purpose. Persons attending classes or lectures at The Academy from agencies other than the Police Service may tour the museum and many do so but no record is available of the number involved. Police Officers attending various activities at the Academy tour the museum as well, but such visits are not recorded.

The Board of Directors held five meetings during the year, February 26th, April 16th, June 18th, September 16th, and November 5th.

The museum operates in accordance with its mandate which is:

- (a) To discover and collect any material related to the local police services,
- (b) To promote the research and recording of the history of the local police services,
- (c) To provide for the preservation of material collected and to ensure its accessibility to those who wish to examine or study it,
- (d) To promote the rebuilding and refurbishing of police equipment and apparatus,
- (e) To promote and encourage public interest in police history.

A monthly report on museum activities is submitted to The Board President and to The Superintendent, Support Services, by The Museum Curator, Jack Templeman. The Board is very pleased with Jack Templeman's services and look forward to his continued involvement with the museum. The assistant Curator, Bruce Honey, has certainly proved to be a significant asset to the operation of the museum, and The Board is pleased with his involvement.

The Board wishes to thank The Winnipeg Police Service Executive for their co-operation and assistance during the year, as well as our two major funding organizations – The Winnipeg Police Association and The Winnipeg Police Credit Union, along with other individuals and organizations who contribute to the museum's success. Their efforts are very much appreciated.





Museum uniforms were supplied to the IAWP conference. Jack Templeman volunteered as master of ceremonies for the fashion show.



# MAJOR EVENTS INCLUDED

1. From April 1st to 3rd both Curator Templeman and Asst. Curator Honey attended The American National Police Museum Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. It was a very informative conference as it only involved police museums. One other Canadian police museum was represented.
2. From June 26th to 30th Cruiser Cars 78 and 87 were used by Community Relations at Cabela's as a tribute to EMS personnel.
3. On July 28th the police museum was officially closed for preparations of the pending move to the new Police Headquarters Building.
4. On August 18th and 27th a number of retired police officers volunteered to work at the museum to help with the packing and wrapping. All Display cases are being emptied and packed and every large picture has to be wrapped in plastic sheets. On the 27th the old jail cell (all steel) was taken apart so it can be moved in pieces.
5. On September 15th Curator Templeman took part in a one hour radio show put on by the Age and Opportunity Centre whereby their members throughout the province can call in and ask questions on a dedicated line. In this case the subject was the Police Museum and History. All participants had been supplied with a booklet of museum pictures and a brief outline of the history. This is the second time this has been done for the museum.
6. On September 28th the museum took part in the Annual Police & Peace Officers Memorial Service with the display of officers killed on duty. Due to rain the ceremony was held inside the Legislature Building. It was extremely crowded due to several hundred female officers who were in Winnipeg for the Annual Convention of International Police Women from around the world.
7. On November 15th the police museum took part in the Festival of the Lights/Santa Claus Parade with the 1978 and 1987 cruiser cars as well as nine volunteers walking along dressed in the old Buffalo Coats and the Frieze Coats. Board Director, Supt. Gordon Perrier was Acting Chief of Police that day and rode in the 1978 cruiser.

# Significant Museum Activities

*January to June 2014*



**January 22nd**

The Annual General Meeting of The Winnipeg Police Museum was held at the Training Academy.

## JANUARY

**January 28th**

Approximately 100 visitors toured the museum at Family Night for Cadet Recruit Class #7.



**February 24th**

Curator Templeman gave a history lecture to Cadet Recruit Class #7.

**February 24th**

Curator Templeman and Vice/President Burchill gave a lecture to The Manitoba Genealogical Society.

## FEBRUARY

**February 26th**

Regular meeting of the museum Board of Directors at the Academy.

**February 28th**

Curator Templeman gave a history lecture to Recruit Class #156.



## MARCH

**March 5th**

Recruit Class #156 held their Family Night with approximately 125 visitors touring the museum.



• **April 1st to 3rd**

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• **April 16th**

The Museum Board had the opportunity of touring the new museum area of the new Police Headquarters Building and then attended a dinner meeting at the Canad Inn, Wellington and Empress.

• **May 24th**

Community Relations used cruiser cars 1978 and 1987 during the Ride for Dad Cancer fundraiser.

• **June 4th**

Cruiser car 1978 was taken out for a full mechanical check and found to be in good working condition.

**June 18th**

Community Relations officers took cruiser cars 1978 and 1987 to a North End Seniors function.

**June 18th**

A regular meeting of museum Board of Directors held at The Training Academy.

**APRIL**

**MAY**

**JUNE**

• **April 26th**

The Reo Patrol Wagon was taken for display to the Canad Inn at Polo Park for The Winnipeg Police Association Charity Ball.



• **June 20th**

Community Relations borrowed an old 1950s bicycle for the "Ride Your Bike to Work Day" function. S/Sgt. Terry Macyk is in the period uniform with the bike, P/Sgt. Rich McDougall is the piper.

• **June 22nd**

Cruiser cars 1978 and 1987 took part in the "Memorial Cruise Night Ride".

• **June 25th**

The Museum artifacts were removed from the police office at the Airport after the RCMP took over.

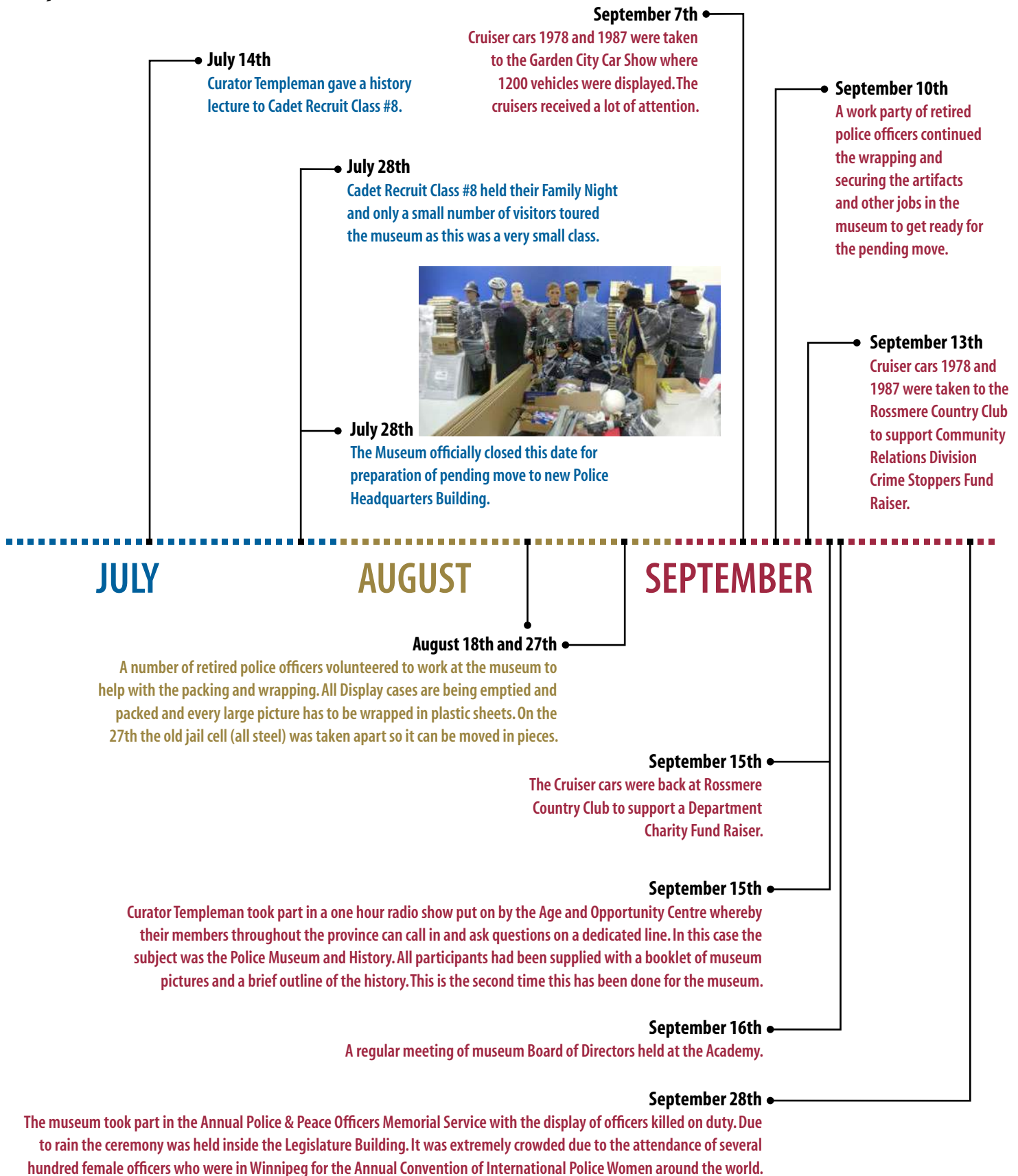
• **June 26th to 30th**

Cruiser cars 1978 and 1987 were used by Community Relations at Cabela's tribute to EMS personnel.



# Significant Museum Activities

July to December 2014





● **October 6th and 7th**

Cruiser cars 1978 & 1987 were on display at the Convention Centre for the City of Winnipeg Career Symposium.



● **October 15th**

Another work party of 10 volunteers were at the museum to continue wrapping and packaging artifacts in preparation to the upcoming move.

● **November 3rd**

Curator Templeman gave a lecture on History of the Winnipeg Police Service to Recruit Class #157.

● **November 5th**

A regular meeting of the Museum Board of Directors held at the Academy.

The Museum continues to receive enquiries which require attending at the Academy as well as work continuing on the restoration of the Bomb Truck and Cushman Motorcycles.

## OCTOBER

## NOVEMBER

## DECEMBER

● **November 15th**

The police museum took part in the Festival of the Lights/Santa Claus Parade with the two 1978 & 1987 Cruiser cars as well as nine volunteers walking along dressed in the old Buffalo Coats and Frieze Coats. Board Director, Supt. Gordon Perrier was Acting Chief of Police that day and rode in the 1978 Cruiser.



At the Santa Claus Parade

# Restorations

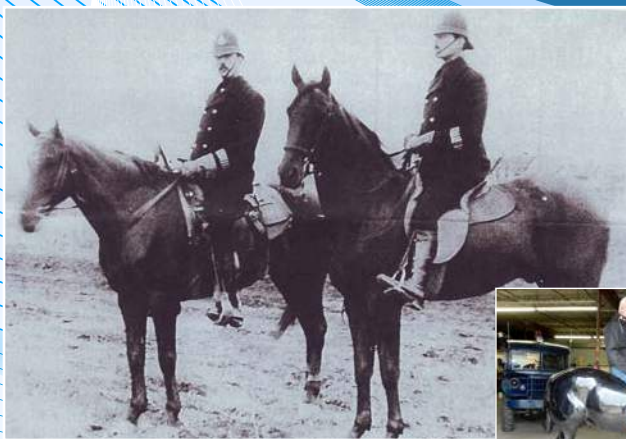
## *Old is New*



The bomb truck was a complete restoration of an original truck owned by the Winnipeg Police that was recovered from a Brandon salvage yard in 2012. The vehicle was restored by a member of a military vehicle collector's club along with Police museum personnel.



North End Divison. Circa 1915.



Pony Corral horse - above and right. Assistant Curator Bruce Honey on the horse donated by the Pony Corral Restaurant chain. The Winnipeg Police Museum & Historical Society will use this donation to create a historical display focusing on Winnipeg's mounted police.



Photo from 1974 Expo.



Recovered from A Selkirk Avenue scrap yard in 2003, the complete restoration of the original hovercraft owned by the Winnipeg Police in 1971 was finally finished this year. The Hovercraft currently sits in warehouse storage and will be moved to the new Police HQ building. Winnipeg was the only force in Canada to own such a vehicle.



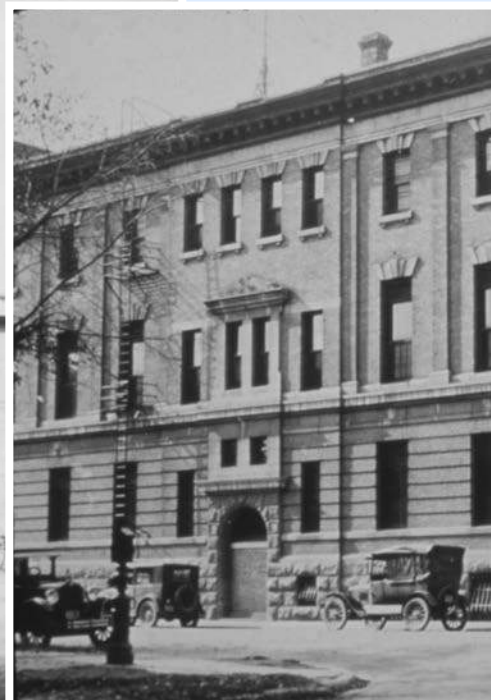
This WW1 monument (left) was moved from the PSB to the new HQ building and fully reassembled to original condition with upper and lower pieces held safely in storage by the Museum.

The Museum owns 2 Cushman parking patrol vehicles that were taken to the Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School for restoration by the students as part of a teaching program. Funding for this comes from a grant provided by the Government of Manitoba Civil Forfeiture program.





**The First Winnipeg Police HQ at the corner of James Avenue and King Street was used from 1883-1908. Police members lined up in front of the building (c1885).**



**Central Police Station ("A" Division)**

# HQ

## Past & Present



Looking West toward Museum expansion.



Looking North toward REO Space.



Office constructed inside the Museum.





**Corner of Rupert Avenue and Louise Street 1908-1966. Photo from Rembrandt Studio Winnipeg.**

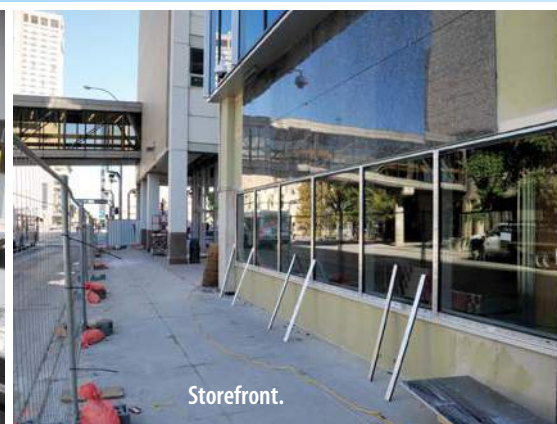


**The Public Safety Building at 151 Princess Street was officially opened in 1966.**

**A professionally designed Museum has been constructed as part of the new HQ Building which is much larger than the former location in the training Academy! This includes new display cases and custom lighting.**



**Police Museum Board Members taking a tour of the new location.**



**Storefront.**



**Donated photo. Fort Garry Police Department members with their cruiser car - circa 1960.**



**Donated photo. St. James-Assiniboia Police Officer beside a 1969 Rambler cruiser car. May 1970.**



## Supporting your Museum

**Artifacts** - The Winnipeg Police Museum and Historical Society is successful in part thanks to the generosity of former members and their families who donate artifacts and photos (like those above and on the inside cover). We gratefully accept these items and incorporate them into our archives and exhibits. Please keep the Museum in mind if you have old photographs, digital images, or other articles of Police memorabilia.

**Time** - The Museum is regularly looking for volunteers to assist with projects and tours. Please contact the Curator if you would like to become involved.

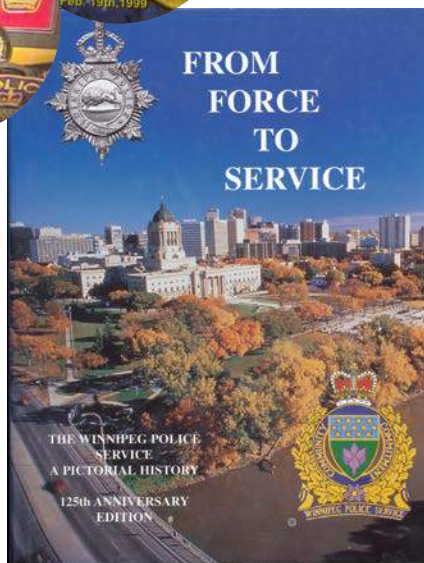
**Charitable Donations** - The Museum is a registered Charity and can receive donations. Tax receipts are made available upon request.

**Payroll Deduction** - The Museum can be supported through Payroll Deduction overseen by the City of Winnipeg for employees, or the Pension Board for Retirees.

**Promotional Items** - A number of promotional items are offered for sale including the items on these pages.

**The Challenge Coins below are prototype designs for a set the Museum will offer for sale around Summer 2015.**

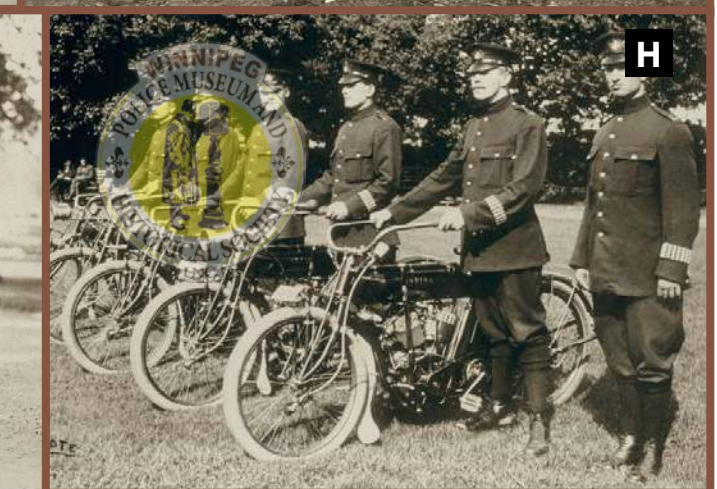
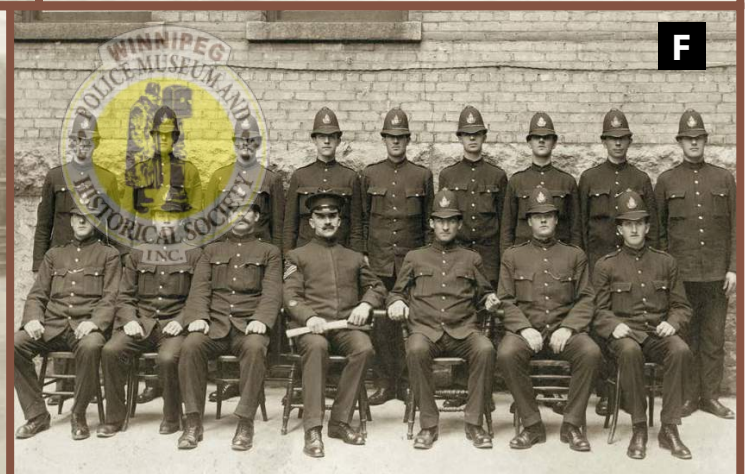




**Winnipeg Police History Book offered for sale by the Museum.**











**A. City of Winnipeg Police Officers riding motorcycles at the head of a parade on Main Street & Rupert Avenue. 1932c.**



**B. City of Winnipeg Police Patrol Wagon outside the "A Division" Station at Rupert/Louise. 1913c.**

**C. City of Winnipeg Police Horse Drawn Patrol Wagon outside the "B Division" Station at Jessie/ Nassau. 1913c.**

**D. Members of the Winnipeg Police riding motorcycles. Front: Sgt. CAPELLE and Cst. Jack POTTS. 1932c.**

**E. City of Winnipeg Police Patrol Wagon outside the "A Division" Station at Rupert/Louise. 1913c.**

**F. City of Winnipeg Police Department members outside the "A" Division Station at Rupert/Louise prior to the outbreak of the First World War. Picture taken May 28, 1913.**



**G. Members of the Winnipeg Police Force with Chief Constable John C. MCRAE in front of the Police Court at James Avenue & King Street. 1903c.**

**H. Winnipeg Police Department Motorcycle Corps. 1912c. Photo from the Manitoba Archives, Foote Collection.**



**I. New Winnipeg Police Cruiser Car (1971 Plymouth Fury I) parked outside the front entranceway of the Public Safety Building at 151 Princess street, Winnipeg. 1971c.**

**J. Winnipeg Police Officer directing traffic at the corner of Main Street & Portage Avenue. 1950c.**

**K. Winnipeg Police Department members wearing raccoon coat winter uniforms outside the "A Division" Station at Rupert at Louise. 1915c.**

**L. Members of the Winnipeg Police Force with Chief Constable John C. McRae (centre middle row) in front of the Police Court at James Avenue & King Street. 1892c.**



**M. Members of the Winnipeg Police Force on parade in Victoria Park for the annual Inspection with Chief McRae at front. Picture taken on May 31, 1909.**



**Jack Templeman, Curator**



**Stan Scarr, President**

*Stan is one of the principal founders of the Winnipeg Police Museum, and has been president since the Museum's inception in 1986.*



**Bruce Honey, Assistant Curator**

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## *In Remembrance*



**Inspector Jim POOLE**  
**1961-2014**  
**Winnipeg Police Museum Board Member**

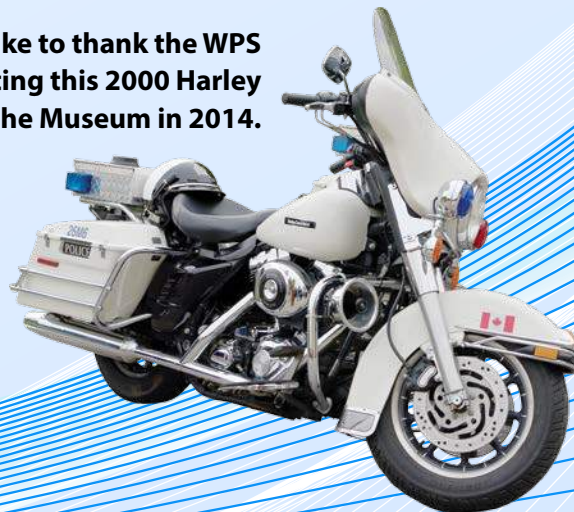


# Thank You

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**The Board would also like to thank the WPS Executive for donating this 2000 Harley Davidson Motorcycle to the Museum in 2014.**





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