

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



HISTORICAL MUSEUM AND RESEARCH CENTER

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

William Pruitt - President

Robert Halverson, B G - Vice President	Floyd Hacker - Member
B. C. Lyon - Vice President	Jeff Heard - Member
Myron Fischer - Treasurer	Jim Murray - Member
Martha Ross - Secretary	Dr. John T. Rogers, Jr. - Member
Morris Arnold - Member	Mike Scott - Member
Maurice Beckham - Member	Ted Vitek - Member
Mike Cox - Member	Bill Williamson - Member

ADVISORY BOARD

Wilson E. "Pat" Speir - Past Director	Joe E. Milner - Past Director
James B. Adams - Past Director	James R. Wilson - Past Director
Leo E. Gossett - Past Director	Charles Bailey - Legal Advisor
Mary Nell Garrison - Member	

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Henry Palma

History. It has long been the hope of many that a means of preserving the proud heritage and history of the Department of Public Safety could be found. However, monetary restrictions and lack of time to devote to such an effort were always realities which stood in the way of such an undertaking. In October 1994, a small group of retired Department of Public Safety employees with a strong commitment to this end formed the Texas Department of Public Safety Historical Museum and Research Center. Incorporated as a nonprofit corporation, the organization has subsequently been certified by the Internal Revenue Service and the Texas Comptroller and has received federal and state franchise tax exemptions.

Purpose. The purpose of the organization is to

- Preserve and present the history, evolution, and development of the Department;
- Educate the community concerning the roles, functions, and contributions of the Department;
- Provide means for the law enforcement agency and the community to foster better relations through positive interaction; and
- Promote an understanding of police work that will increase the general public's awareness of this work, support departmental recruitment efforts, and strengthen pride in law enforcement activities and accomplishments.

Goal. The goal of the organization is to raise funds to establish a museum and research center dedicated not only to DPS personnel but to all law enforcement personnel. The museum will encompass the following:

- Meeting rooms for DPS or related law enforcement workshops with dais, audio/video equipment, and projection screens.
- A research library with computers, books, documents, and research materials.
- A reception area.
- An audio/video application.
- Display areas depicting all facets of DPS operations.
- Administrative offices and work areas.
- A small kitchen.
- A small gift shop.

To attain this goal, a fund-raising effort is now underway. You may become a part of this effort by making a contribution to and/or becoming a member of the DPS Historical Museum and Research Center.

Museum Contributions. Contribution categories include:

- The Founder's Club is for foundations, corporations, and owners and CEO's of large companies contributing \$100,000 or more. (Special recognition in the "Founder's Club Registry of Honor")
- The Patron's Club is for those contributing \$10,000 or more. (Special recognition in the "Patron's Club Registry of Honor")
- The Executive's Club is for those contributing \$2,500 or more. (Special recognition in the "Executive's Club Registry of Honor")
- The President's Club is for those contributing \$1,000 or more. (Special recognition in the "President's Club Registry of Honor")
- The Insider's Club is reserved for DPS personnel, retirees, and supporters contributing \$25 to \$999. (Special recognition in the "Insider's Club Registry of Honor")

Anyone becoming a member of the Founder's, Patron's, Executive's, or President's Club will automatically be issued a Life membership in the Museum. Anyone becoming a member of the Insider's Club will automatically be issued an Annual membership in the Museum. Pledges are encouraged from anyone desiring to make donations over a period of time.

All contributions will be acknowledged at the time of receipt and appropriate club membership certificates issued when the level of payment for that club is attained.

Those contributing under \$25 will be recognized with a letter of appreciation for support of the DPS Historical Museum and Research Center.

All contributions will be gratefully accepted and will qualify for a tax deduction to the extent allowed by law.

Contributions and pledges may be made by using the form on the back or by providing the required information on a separate sheet of paper.

Endowments. The museum will accept endowments and items willed to it; however, the museum does retain the right to reject any such items which are not suitable for its purposes.

Memorial Contributions. Memorials may be made in memory of an individual and will be recognized by a letter to the donor with a copy to the honoree's family.

Museum Membership. Membership is open to anyone. Members receive a membership card and periodic information on the status and activities of the Museum. The first 300 persons making a contribution of \$100 or more will automatically become **Charter Life** members of the Museum. Thereafter, the amount of contribution entitling the donor to automatic Life membership will increase and it will no longer be a **Charter Life** membership. A contribution of \$25 or more but less than \$100 automatically entitles the donor to an annual membership in the Museum.

Annual membership dues (renewable January 1 each year) are \$10 and may increase at the time Life memberships increase. Annual membership dues are not tax deductible.

If you would like to become a member, please provide the information below together with a check for the amount indicated and mail to the address on the back.

Museum Membership Request

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone No. _____

_____ \$10 Annual Membership Dues

_____ \$100 Life Membership

Signature _____

Date _____

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
HISTORICAL MUSEUM AND RESEARCH CENTER**

Yes, I want to share in the creation of a living memorial to Texas' finest law enforcement agency, "The Texas Department of Public Safety," and its personnel.

_____ Founder's Club - \$100,000 or more.

_____ Patron's Club - \$10,000 or more.

_____ Executive's Club - \$2,500 or more.

_____ President's Club - \$1,000 or more.

_____ Insider's Club - \$25 or more.

_____ Other Amount

Please select the club you choose to belong to by checking the blank beside that club. Print your name and address below and, if someone other than you is to be honored on the "Club Registry of Honor," list the name of that person/organization.

_____ Name

_____ Address

_____ City

_____ State _____ Zip Code

_____ Telephone No.

_____ Name of Person/Organization to be Honored

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Total Pledge: \$ _____

To be paid in _____ monthly annual installments of \$ _____ each

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please send your contribution to:

Texas DPS Historical Museum
P.O. Box 141603
Austin, Texas 78714-1603

Telephone: (512) 459-4046