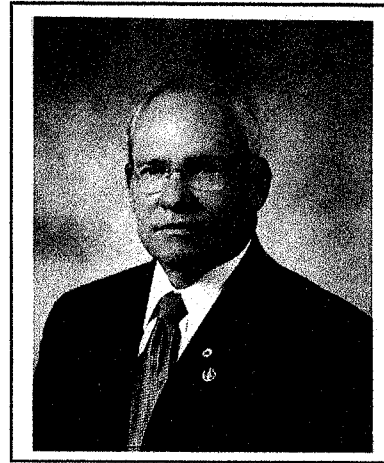


*Welcome to the
Palestine Police
Museum!*



You honor us with your presence and it is my hope that after visiting with us you will come away with a better appreciation of your local Police Officers. Since 1871 the City of Palestine has been blessed to have had in it's employ many good men and women who have worn the badge of a Police Officer. Within the walls of our museum you will find photographs and other memorabilia that will give you a glimpse into how law enforcement has changed over the last 137 years in Palestine.

*Larry Coutoric
Chief of Police*



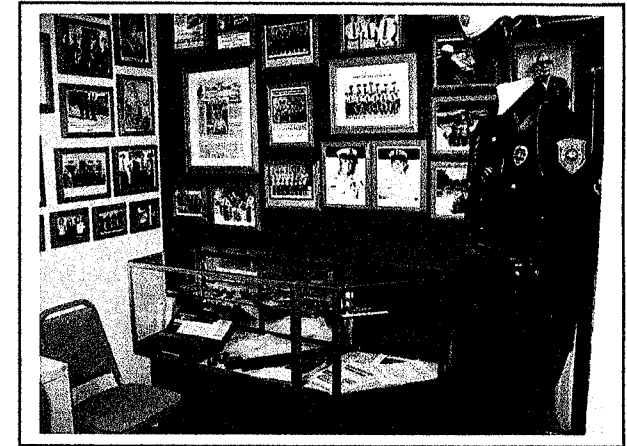
Detective Charles Lee Steen
Creator and 1st Curator of
the
Palestine Police Museum
October 1, 2007

Hours:
Saturdays
1:00 – 5:00

Phone: 903-731-8468
email: clsteen@palestine-tx.org

The Palestine Police Museum

*Located in the Palestine
Police Department*

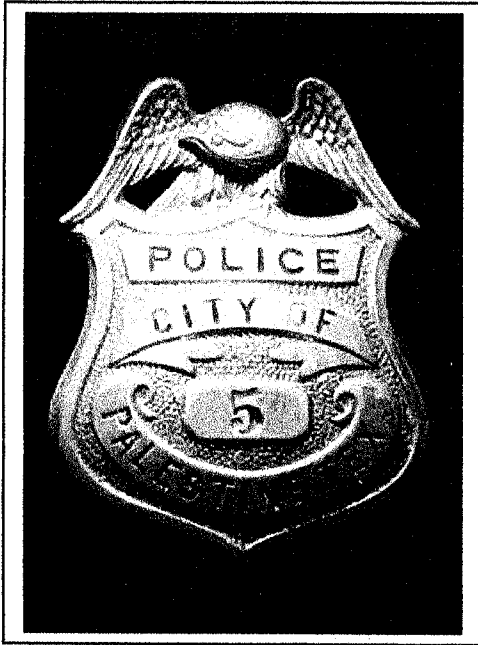


Admission
Free

511 N. John Street
Palestine, Texas 75801

To Protect and To Serve

EXHIBITS



ON APRIL 26, 1871 A CHARTER WAS ENACTED CREATING THE CITY OF PALESTINE TEXAS. ON MAY 31, 1871 THE POSITION OF CONSTABLE FOR A 1 YEAR TERM WAS CREATED. THE FIRST CONSTABLE, JAMES MADISSON WAS APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR EDMUND J. DAVIS. BY MARCH 1872 THE POSITION HAD BEEN RENAMED MARSHAL. ELECTED ANNUALLY EVERY APRIL THE LAST MARSHAL WAS CONRAD PERRY IN 1908 AND WHO IN 1909 WAS APPOINTED THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF A 6 MAN FORCE.

THERE HAVE BEEN 29 OTHER CHIEFS SINCE HIM WITH LARRY COUTORIE APPOINTED AS THE 30TH CHIEF ON JANUARY 1, 2008.

FAMOUS FIRSTS

- WITHIN THE PALESTINE POLICE MUSEUM YOU WILL FIND OVER 120 PHOTOGRAPHS DEPICTING OFFICERS FROM THE FAMOUS CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS ROGERS IN 1871 TO OUR PRESENT CHIEF OF POLICE, LARRY COUTORIE IN 2008
- ON DISPLAY IS THE COMPLETE UNIFORM WORN BY THE DEPARTMENT'S LAST MOTOR-CYCLE OFFICER AND THE GUN HE WORE, THE LONGEST GUN CARRIED IN THE HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT, A 8 ¼ INCH COLT 45 CALIBRE ANACONDA REVOLVER.
- OLD AND YOUNG ALIKE WILL ENJOY PURUSING THE GLASS DISPLAY CASE FILLED WITH JEWELRY, BADGES AND OTHER MEMORIBILIA.
- A UNIQUE DISPLAY IS A REPLICA OF THE RED LIGHT CALL SYSTEM USED FROM 1924 UNTIL 1964 TO ALERT OFFICERS TO COME INTO THE STATION WHENEVER A CALL FOR SERVICE WAS WAITING
- JULY 1, 1914 THE FIRST MOTORIZED VEHICLE A 1914 INDIAN MOTORCYCLE WAS PUT INTO SERVICE AND JOHN ORMOND WAS SELECTED TO BECOME THE DEPARTMENTS FIRST MOTOR OFFICER.
- FIRST STOP SIGN WAS ERECTED BY CHIEF OF POLICE EARL G. TOMKINS ON APRIL 25, 1927
- FIRST POLICE CAR WAS PURCHASED IN DECEMBER 1930 A 1931 MODEL A FORD. IT HAD NO LIGHTS OR SIREN OR MARKINGS
- FIRST TRAFFIC LIGHTS WERE INSTALLED IN PALESTINE ON DECEMBER 10, 1936
- FIRST RADIOS INSTALLED IN PATROL CARS OCCURRED IN AUGUST 1947 WHEN FM 2-WAY UNITS WERE PLACED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S TWO 1947 PLYMOUTHS
- FIRST SPEED LIMITS WERE PLACED IN EFFECT ON JUNE 11, 1910 OF 12 MILES PER HOUR FROM INTERSECTION TO INTERSECTION AND 8 MPH ROUNDING CORNERS
- FIRST CHIEF OF POLICE WAS CONRAD PERRY ON APRIL 27, 1909. HIS SALARY WAS \$100.00 A MONTH