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Special Summer Exhibit Spotlights the History of the N.Y.P.D.

The New York City Police Museum will once again open its doors to the public, this time on historic Governors Island. In partnership with the Trust for Governors Island, the Museum has opened special exhibits for the summer of 2017 which include *Links To The Past*, *Women in Policing*, *Transportation* and *9/11: A Uniform Response*.

Links To The Past – explore the history of policing the city from its earliest days when



the Dutch settled in what was then called New Amsterdam. In 1625 Johann Lampo patrolled the trails and paths of the area, keeping the peace. Lampo was the FIRST in a long, honored line of law enforcement officers in the United States. As the city grew, so did its policing needs and in 1658 an eight man Rattle watch was established, our nation's First Paid Police Force. Timelines, artifacts and photographs trace the history of the department from these early times to today.

Women in Policing - The New York City Police Museum, celebrates the significant



contributions of women to the NYPD. The exhibit examines the rich history of women in the department and explores the pioneering roles they have played as emerging and influential members of the law enforcement community. This exhibition features the women who piloted the first radio patrol car assignments and the challenges that they faced on the road towards equality. A uniform and artifact display shows the transformation from “Policewomen” who wore skirts, high heels, and carried guns in specially designed handbags to what we know as the gender-neutral “Police Officer” of today.

Transportation – Police transportation stayed relatively unchanged for the first 225



years of policing – foot patrol! It wasn't until 1871 when the first Mounted Unit was formed. Officers on horseback were able to cover a larger territory and were also used for rapid deployment to strikes, riots, etc. Bicycles followed in 1895, motorcycles in 1904 and police cars shortly thereafter. Exhibit explains the evolution of police transportation from its earliest days to today with photos and artifacts.

9/11: A Uniform Response

The Associated Press and The New York City Police Museum collaborated to create a



powerful exhibition of photographs featuring some of the most memorably iconic images from that day and New York's road to recovery. The pictures are drawn from the archives of the Associated Press and document both the heroism

of first responders--fire fighters, police officers, medical personnel, and volunteers--and the brave men and women who were charged with capturing their story on film for the rest of the world.

About the NYC Police Museum

Incorporated in 1998, The New York City Police Museum is dedicated to preserving the history of the New York City Police Department, the world's largest and most famous police service. The Museum strives to be an accessible resource for all the communities of the city of New York. Through its exhibitions, collections and educational programming, the Museum illustrates how the policies and culture of the NYPD have evolved over time to meet the changing needs of the City. The Museum serves as an educational institution, living memorial, and bridge of understanding between the various communities of New York, the international community and the New York City Police Department.

Visit us at Governors Island

The New York City Police Museum – Governors Island is located at Pershing Hall – building 125, a short walk from the Manhattan ferry landing. Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. thru October 1, 2017. Admission is a Suggested Donation. For more information please visit our website at www.nycpm.org or call (212) 480-3100.

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