



Washington, DC Metropolitan Police Memorial

*Creating a new memorial
to honor fallen colleagues and
to salute all those who served in the
Metropolitan Police Department.*

Founded in 1861, and inaugurated by President Abraham Lincoln, the Metropolitan Police Department has served the District of Columbia since that time. In that time, 122 MPD officers have given their lives in the line of duty.



The current memorial, dedicated in 1942,
has long suffered from neglect and has
become sadly dilapidated.

Following the tragic 1918 killings of D.C. Officer John Conrad and Lieutenant David Dunigan along with a Charles County deputy sheriff, citizens and the business community collected \$10,000 and placed it into a savings account, where it lay for 22 years, awaiting congressional approval for a memorial to be built in their honor as well as to honor all Metropolitan Police Officers killed in the line of duty.

Following the approval of Congress, renowned sculptor John Earley was commissioned to design the memorial. The design was eventually approved by the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capital Preservation Commission to be erected in front of the Metropolitan Police Department Headquarters.



WHY WE NEED THIS MEMORIAL

“...every officer who died while keeping our city safe, deserves to be honored with a memorial that in a city filled with monuments and memorials that belong to our Nation and the world, would be one for our city, for our own Police Department, and more importantly, one the families could be proud of.”

*Shirley Gibson, mother of
Fallen Master Patrol Officer
Brian Gibson,
End of Watch February 5, 1997*

Veterans and rookies, men and women from a myriad of backgrounds make up the officers of the Washington, DC Metropolitan Police Department, who step forward every day to protect residents, visitors and the business community in one of the world's most important cities.



Beyer Blinder Belle, a well-known architectural firm selected as the architect for the historic D.C. Court Buildings Project, designed the memorial conceptual plan.



MEMORIAL GOALS

To renovate

the existing memorial fountain.

To build

a fitting public police Memorial Wall dedicated to those Metropolitan Police Officers killed-in-the-line-of-duty.

To establish

a Metropolitan Police Museum to preserve the legacy and history of policing in the Nations Capital to ensure the unique and rich history of the MPD is never forgotten.

***Our intent is to do this through donations
and make a “gift-in-kind” of the renovated fountain and
new memorial wall to the city.***

WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL HELP TO ENSURE WE DON'T LOSE OUR CHERISHED HISTORY

We are committed to renovate the Memorial Fountain and to build the new Memorial Wall using citizen and business community funding only.

On behalf of the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Police Department Memorial and Museum Project, Inc., we are pleased that the D.C. Government has authorized the renovation of the neglected Police Memorial Fountain, as well as the building of a new police memorial wall that will appropriately honor our 122 officers who have died in the line of duty.

Just over nine years ago, we requested permission from Chief Cathy Lanier to raise funds to honor our fallen officers. Over the years, we encountered many challenges; but, we are finally moving forward.

We have approvals from:

- D.C. Historic Preservation Office
- U.S. Commission of Fine Arts
- Department of General Services
- The Public/Private Partnership Group



SERVING WASHINGTON, DC SINCE 1861



1861 President Abraham Lincoln presided over the first meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners.

1871 The first line of duty death was Officer Francis Doyle, shot by a woman as he attempted to recover a stolen watch.

1877 President Ulysses S. Grant, a notorious speedster, was arrested on M Street for "fast driving" by Officer William West, an African-American officer.



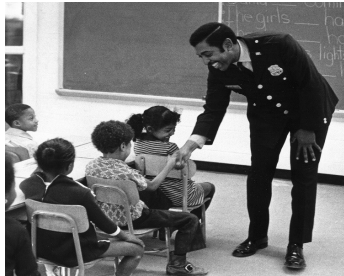
1883 Officer Patrick Kearney arrested Charles Guiteau for shooting President James Garfield as he waited for a train at the Baltimore and Potomac train station.

1890 The first woman was hired as Police Matron, a role that grew into The Women's Bureau, a nationally recognized entity for the handling of female prisoners, juveniles and "incorrigible girls". Now women make up 23% of the force.



1949 Officers caught up with two teens who had robbed passengers on a B&O passenger train, one of the last train robberies in the United States.

1972 Three plain clothes officers answered the report of a burglary at the Watergate Hotel, arresting four men in the office of the Democratic National Committee Headquarters. This resulted in the resignation of President Richard Nixon.



1974 Gail Cobb, an African-American patrol officer, was the first uniformed policewoman to be killed in the line of duty in the United States.

2020 Retired officer Libby Calahan coaches U.S. Women's Olympic pistol team.

ALL GAVE SOME SOME GAVE ALL

— and we can never forget them or their families.

SUPPORT THE DC POLICE MEMORIAL

Make a tax deductible donation of any size to our non-profit, tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization.

All monies go to the project.

We have no paid employees.

Checks should be mailed to:

The DC Police Memorial &

Museum Fund

300 Indiana Avenue NW

Room 4067

Washington, DC 20001

PFCU members may transfer funds from your account to the Fund by calling the credit union at 301-817-1200.

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***‘What do I say to his wife? What do I say
to his mom, his dad? . . . What words
do I have to offer comfort to a family in
circumstances like this?’***

DC Police Chief Cathy L. Lanier at the funeral of
Officer Paul Dittamo, Age 32,
Badge No. 4484.
End of Watch Oct 30, 2010.



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Police Memorial and Museum**

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