

ARPO Adopts the Police Museum

On March 20, 2010 when ARPO held its fourth reunion dinner, the Police Museum was once again in the forefront of helping, by bringing two restored cars and numerous exhibits. As stated elsewhere, their participation was the highlight of the banquet, yet Mike Nikolin (Museum Curator) and Ed Reynolds both signed a thank you letter for being allowed to participate and suggesting a more formal link between ARPO and the Museum.

On April 23, 2010 the ARPO Board met to discuss Association business and the letter from the Museum was reviewed. A motion was made and unanimously passed to the effect that ARPO would “adopt” the Police Museum as our special project and would encourage all Phoenix Police retirees to support the museum in several ways.

First, of course, would be to ask all retirees to join the museum by paying the annual dues of \$48, but if that is not possible, contribute any pertinent photographs or other memorabilia to the Museum for its collection. Photographs and documents will be carefully scanned and returned to the owner in a prompt manner. Retirees represent a living history of the Phoenix Police Department and it is only natural that this connection be recognized and formalized.

In further discussion, the Board also unanimously agreed to add two Board positions as Directors; one would be dedicated to the Police Museum and one dedicated to the 10-7 Newsletter, another important connection for our retirees. Commander Gail Kavanaugh informed ARPO that she intends to retire in May 2010, but will continue to volunteer in the Reserve Bureau as the coordinator of the 10-7. The connections among ARPO, the Museum and the Newsletter are obvious and natural and all retirees are urged to support all three of these entities and help us make them a success.