Welcome to the History section of the Coeur d’Alene Police Department web site.

It is important for any public service organization to remain focused on our commitment to public safety and service to the public.

Part of our never ending effort to remain responsive to the needs of the community is the pride and honor that an agency displays.

In order to change with the future demands and changes in our society it is important to remember and honor our past.

Much can be learned about a department’s commitment to its citizens and its mission by its history.

I hope that you will find this presentation interesting and informative.

This is an ongoing project that will continue to capture our past and present and allow our citizens to understand the culture and history of law enforcement.

On behalf of the women and men of the Coeur d’Alene Police Department thank you for your support and community involvement.

Chief Wayne M. Longo
History of the Coeur d’Alene Police Department

1887 to 2012
The City of Coeur d'Alene began as a military post in the late 1870s when Camp Coeur d'Alene, later renamed Fort Sherman, was established to provide safety for the settlers traveling west.

When gold was discovered in 1878, many settlers arrived in the area. Steamboat traffic flourished on Lake Coeur d'Alene where the lakes and rivers were used to transport supplies to mining and lumber camps and move logs to the mill. The city also became a popular tourist destination bringing hundreds of Spokane, Washington residents by electric train to enjoy the parks, beaches and boat excursions.

The town's founding fathers soon realized law enforcement was essential to the growth and development of the community; and in 1887, the Coeur d'Alene Police Department was established. The first Town Marshal, Warren Baldwin, was hired in 1887; and by 1904, the first Chief of Police, Patrick McGovern, was appointed.

Nine Chiefs later, the Coeur d'Alene Police Department has flourished to more than 92 employees who provide a wide range of services to the residents and visitors of our city.
Coeur d’Alene’s First Police Station & Jail

- Built in 1888 at a cost of **$150.00**
- Located on the SE corner of 2nd and Wallace

The Coeur d’Alene jail about 1905 is shown here. Before the turn of the century, an ordinance was passed stating that all town prisoners, during their term of imprisonment or commitment, would be liable to work upon the public square, No prisoner was worked more than 10 hours a day or on Sundays.
Coeur d’Alene’s Second Police Station

1910
Located in City Hall Building

- Built in 1910 at a cost of $35,420
- Located on the SW corner of 5th and Sherman
Current Home of the Coeur d’Alene Police Department

Built in 1999
George K. Evans, Coeur d’Alene Chief of Police with a deer in City Park. circa-1910
1st Motorcycle Policeman, Julius Johnson – circa 1920
Policeman in uniform

circa 1920
GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

TO THE POLICE OFFICERS OF COEUR D ALENE, IDAHO.

In addition to the verbal instructions that have been or will be given you from time to time, you will please consider the following instructions as standing orders; your special attention to and strict compliance with these instructions is required.

Officers while on duty will confine themselves so far as practicable to the territory embraced within the fire limits, this territory constituting two beats, the dividing line of which is 3rd St. Except when there is good reason for doing otherwise, officers will remain separated and within their respective beats, the better to protect the territory within their charge.

Officers while on duty are expected to remain vigilant and alert at all times, giving their undivided attention to their duties. They will refrain from entering into any extended conversations or discussions not directly connected with their immediate duties, and will especially avoid any unnecessary discussions on the subjects of war, politics and religion. The reason for this requirement is so apparent as to need no explanation under present unsettled conditions when our citizens are apt to be drawn into unpleasant controversies on these subjects.

Officers while on duty are expected to be kindly and courteous to all, but especially so to strangers requesting information, direction etc. The use of profane or indecent language is prohibited by law and officers are especially required to set an example in this regard and to refrain from the use of profane or other objectionable language in public.

Officers are required to enforce all the laws of State, County and City to the full extent of their authority and jurisdiction and in the manner provided by law for so doing. This applies especially to the laws of the State of Idaho and the City Ordinances relating and applying to the subjects of liquor, gambling, immoral women, lewdness, and good morals generally. These laws must be enforced to the letter and without regard to persons or consequences. The strictest compliance with these instructions is demanded.

The foregoing instructions may be supplemented by verbal orders, but shall not be abrogated or amended so as to in any manner detract from the force and effect thereof except by written, specific orders directly designating the whole or some specified portion of them.

Dated the 1 day of June, A.D. 1915.

Chief of Police, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.
CURRENT POLICY MANUAL

and growing.....
Owned by the Fire Department the Police Department was authorized to use it for night calls requiring an automobile. The 1925 Buick was bought for the fire department for $745.
Coeur d’Alene Police Department
Brand New 1946 Ford
Police Department Fleet

1952
Police Department Patrol Car

1952
Police Department Motorcycle

1952
CDA PD Current Fleet 2010
Coeur d’Alene and Kootenai County Police Officers

1934
Coeur d’Alene Police Department

1939
Coeur d’Alene Police Department

1945
Coeur d’Alene Police Department

1946
Coeur d’Alene Police Department

1947
Coeur d’Alene Police Department

1954
Coeur d’Alene Police Department

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Coeur d’Alene Police Department

1957
Coeur d’Alene Police Department

1964
Coeur d’Alene Police Department

1965
The look of the Coeur d’Alene Police Department

1959

Night patrol building and door checks.
Finger printing

Accident-Spot-Map
Radio Dispatch
(pre-911)

Front desk
City Jail - 1975
Coeur d’Alene Police Department

The Coeur d’Alene Police Department has it’s beginnings when the Town Coeur d’Alene, Idaho territory was incorporated on August 3, 1887. The Town’s founding fathers, realizing law enforcement was a necessity, appointed Mr. Warren Baldwin as Town Marshal on August 29, 1887.

THE CHIEFS AND DATES OF SERVICE

Patrick McGovern  1904 – 1911

Greenberry “George” Evans  1911 – 1927

Mike Roche  1928 – 1945

Arnold Engen  1945 – 1960

Reine Schmidt  1960 – 1964

George Lenz  1964 – 1972

Robert Nuttelman  1972 – 1978

Frank Premo  1979 - 1989

Dave Scates  1989 – 2000

Tom Cronin  2000 – 2003

Wendy Carpenter  2003 – 2007

Wayne Longo  2007 - Present
Chief Patrick McGovern

Employed: 1904-1911
Chief: 1904-1911
Chief Patrick McGovern

Biography

Coeur d’Alene officially became a city on June 1, 1904, and on July 6, 1904, Patrick McGovern was appointed the City’s first Chief of Police. He was described as “big, over six feet tall, married with seven children, a quiet man, never saying much.”

The Police Department expanded to four officers on May 6, 1907. P.F. McGovern was Chief, Carl Kronblatt was night patrolman, and George Ott and E.G. Jackson were day patrolmen.

The City Council also voted to purchase a uniform for the police force. It was to be of blue cloth with brass buttons, caps for warm weather and helmets for cold.
Chief Greenberry "George" Evans

Employed:
1909-1928

Chief:
1911-1927
Chief Greenberry “George” Evans Biography

On May 8, 1911, Patrick McGovern retired and G.K. Evans was appointed as Chief. Although the “G.K.” actually stood for Greenberry Kelly after his two grandmother’s maiden names, many people assumed the “G” stood for George.

Evans liked George better than Greenberry, so he kept the name. His daughter Florence, described him as “6’1” tall, 200 pounds in weight, and normally wearing black high top walking shoes, a black Stetson hat, and a loose coat with numerous pockets.

Finding no use for handcuffs or a holster, Chief Evans carried a Smith and Wesson 4-inch 38 Special revolver in his back pocket. He had the first official police dog in Coeur d’Alene, a spaniel named Cougar, who accompanied him when he patrolled the alleys at night.
Chief Mike Roach

Employed:
1909-1945

Chief:
1928-1945
Chief Mike Roach

Biography

Michael Roche was born on July 4th, 1875 in County Tipperary, Ireland to Martin and Catherine (Cussen) Roche. He was one of five siblings. Mike had a sister Catherine, and brothers Patrick, Edward, and John. There is little known about his formative years while growing up in Northern Ireland. He signed on with the Royal Irish Constabulary (RIC) on January 16th, 1900 and most likely completed his six and one half month training on or about August 1st, 1900.

Mike joined the RIC at Tipperary (South Riding) after being recommended by District Inspector MacDonald at Cashel. After training, he served in the RIC in County Wexford, and resigned from service on March 25th, 1902. The reason stated on his resignation was “to better himself.” Shortly after he resigned, Mike left Ireland for America.

Mike traveled by ship (The Cedric) and entered the U.S. on June 16th, 1902.

Mike obtained employment at the Boston Police Department for a short period of time after June of 1902. In September of 1903 he represented to immigration officials that he resided in Idaho. Mike came to Coeur d’Alene to live with his uncle James Roche. He worked for a period of time in local lumber mills and as a laborer.

Mike received his certificate of naturalization on June 5th of 1909. He met his wife Mary Kelleher (also Irish and from County Cork) while living in Boston. Mike and Mary were married at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Coeur d’Alene on August 30th, 1905.
Chief Mike Roach

Biography

Mike was hired by the Police Department on July 14th, 1909. In 1928 he was appointed to Chief of Police. Mike was a large man of 6’4” who spoke in a heavy Irish accent. He was good-natured and active in the community. He was known for being good with children, and he and Mary had four of their own. They had daughters Catherine Mary Roche born in 1906, Margaret Roche (Richardson) born in 1907, Agnes Magdalene Roche born in 1909, son John (Jack) Thomas Roche born in 1910, and son Martin James Roche born in 1912.

Their family home was at 938 6th St. and later at 1012 E. Coeur d’Alene Ave.

Wayne Smith of Coeur d’Alene recalled Mike fondly in a letter he presented to the Police Department in June of 2005. He stated that as a young boy he lived next door to Mike from 1933 to 1939. Wayne said he was kind of adopted by the family because they did a lot of things together. Wayne said Mike loved baseball and playing with his kids but still had ties to Irish customs at times. Mike used to smoke a corn cob pipe and walked with an Irish cane.

Wayne stated he did not think Mike ever drove a car because he always had a driver (patrolman Burt Hack) that brought him home in the police car. In the summer time Mike would ride his motorcycle around town.

Mike had a long and prestigious career with the Police Department.

On July 8th 1945 at the age of 70 Mike suffered a heart attack while on duty. He died on July 27th, 1945. Mike was known for his devotion to his job, and the community he served. His death was a great loss to the City of Coeur d’Alene.
Chief Arnold C. Engen

Employed: 1941-1960
Chief: 1945-1960
Chief Arnold C. Engen

Biography

Engen, who at age 29, with less than two years on the Police Department, had attained the rank of Assistant Chief. Engen was the first officer with the Coeur d’Alene Police Department to attend the prestigious F.B.I. Academy in Washington D.C., graduating on October 23, 1943.

During Chief Engen’s administration, the famous “Diamond Cup” hydroplane races started on Lake Coeur d’Alene. Chief Engen improved the working hours of his officers and was instrumental in obtaining a second police car.
Chief Reine Schmidt

Employed: 1944-1964
Chief: 1960-1964
On July 15, 1960, Chief Engen retired and Reine Schmidt was appointed Chief. A good-natured man, Chief Schmidt enjoyed mathematics and worked to improve the Police Department’s budget.
Chief George Lenz

Employed: 1947-1972
Chief: 1964-1972
Chief George Lenz

Biography

George Lenz was born on June 25th, 1914 in Butte, Montana. His ethnic background was Austrian. George moved to Coeur d’Alene with his parents when he was 5 years old. He attended grade school at Cougar Gulch and then went to work for his uncle, Richard Johnson, logging until January of 1942. He left the logging business in 1942 and went to work for Interlake Bus Company in Coeur d’Alene. The company’s business was transporting servicemen between Coeur d'Alene and Farragut naval base.

George left that job in October of 1942 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served during WWII and was honorably discharged in 1945. After the war he returned to Coeur d'Alene and was hired by the State Patrol as a patrol officer. In 1947 he began working for the Coeur d’Alene Police Department as a patrol officer.

He met his future wife Florence in 1951 when she called the Police Department after losing her car keys. George was 38 at the time and had always been a bachelor. They married in 1952 and their marriage endured 50 years celebrated shortly before George passed on.

George was promoted to Chief of Police in 1964 and after many years of service retired in 1972. He and Florence then moved to Boise where he worked for Governor Cecil Andrus. Through his retirement years he lived in Hawaii and Arizona. Their marriage of fifty years was celebrated shortly before George passed on. He died in Arizona at the age of 88. George and Florence did not have any children but have family members still living in the area including former City Council woman Dixie Reid.
Chief Robert Nuttelman

Employed:
1959-1978

Chief:
1972-1978
Chief Robert Nuttelman

Biography

Robert Nuttelman was appointed Chief of the Coeur d’Alene Police Department on July 1, 1972.

During his administration, communication equipment was improved; uniforms, body armor and sidearms were furnished to officers by the Department; a School Resource Officer Program was implemented; the task force concept was used to address specific crime problems; plans were developed for a new building; and the Coeur d’Alene Police Officers Association was formed.
Chief Frank Premo

Employed:
1979-1989

Chief:
1979-1989
Chief Frank Premo

Biography

Following Chief Nuttelman’s medical retirement, Frank W. Premo was selected to head the Coeur d’Alene Police Department.

He assumed command in March of 1979 as the Police Department was moving to a new City Hall. Chief Premo served Coeur d’Alene for more than ten years and is remembered for the professionalism he developed within the Department.

Under Chief Premo, modern management techniques were adopted, records were computerized, a specific training budget was created and interagency cooperation was stressed, as was personal development.
Chief Dave Scates

Employed: 1972-2001
Chief: 1989-2001
Chief Dave Scates

Biography

David Scates was born August 7, 1950 in Spokane, Washington. His father, Robert M. Scates, was a dentist and his mother, Catherine (Kit) Barnhart, taught college English. He had a sister, Peggy and a brother, Charles.

He attended school in Hayden Lake, Idaho until early in the second grade. His family then moved to Post Falls, Idaho where he attended Post Falls Elementary, Junior High and High School. In high school, he took college prep classes including Chemistry, Biology, Calculus, Math and Spanish.

He was involved in sports, playing baseball, football and basketball for four years. He was twice selected as “All State” in football.

After he graduated from high school, he worked in the lab of Metals Recovery Unit in Kellogg, Idaho.

After leaving the Army in 1970 he worked for Jones Oil Company managing three gas stations. He left there to work for Stoddard Transfer, a moving company while attending college.

Scates married Cheryl in 1972 and had two children. His personal interests were; woodworking, stream fishing, boating, reading, gardening and sports activities.
Chief Thomas Cronin

Employed:
2000 – 2003

Chief:
2000 - 2003
Chief Thomas Cronin

Biography

Thomas J. Cronin was appointed the new Chief of Police in 2000. Prior to that appointment, Chief Cronin was a Chicago Police Officer for over 31 years. He retired from the Chicago Police Department as the Commander of the Forensic Services Division responsible for all crime scenes in the City of Chicago.

Chief Cronin held both a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Science degree from Lewis University in Lockport, Illinois.

He was one of only 32 police officers in the world that has been extensively trained in the art of crime scene behavioral analysis (criminal personality profiling). This training consisted of a one-year fellowship with the Behavioral Science Unit and the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime at the F.B.I. Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Chief Cronin has authored or consulted on hundreds of profiles of killers, serial killers, serial rapists, stalkers, and arsonists throughout the world. Chief Cronin served the Chicago Police Department and many other law enforcement agencies in the Midwest as an investigative profiler and consultant in major investigations regarding murder, sexual assaults, child molestations, stalking, threat assessment and arsons.
Chief Cronin has lectured at the National Academy in Quantico, Virginia; the Northwest Traffic Institute in Evanston, Illinois; the Southern Police Institute, University of Louisville; Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois; the International Association of Chiefs of Police; the Illinois Chiefs of Police, and the Illinois Sheriff’s Association. He has also lectured other law enforcement groups including investigation, psychologists, medical examiners, crime technicians and attorneys.

Chief Cronin has authored several articles on the subject of profiling and has been featured in the Reader’s Digest, the New York Times, the Washington Times, Vanity Fair, and other publications. He has appeared on numerous local and national T.V. and radio talk shows.
Chief Wendy Carpenter

Employed:
1977 - 2007

Chief:
2003 - 2007
Chief Wendy Carpenter
Biography

Chief Wendy Carpenter was born in Spokane Washington in 1957. She attended elementary school in Spokane. Her family moved to Coeur d’Alene when she was a teenager, and she graduated from Coeur d’Alene High School.

Chief Carpenter joined the Coeur d’Alene City Police Department on January 11, 1977 and retired in 2007. With 30 years of service under her belt, she had a long distinguished career.

Hers is a story of firsts. She was the first female Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain and Chief. Chief Carpenter worked her way up through the ranks with a dedication to achieving excellence.

The story of how she became a police officer starts at a Spokane Washington Racetrack where she exercised horses until the track was closed in 1976. During this period, she had the opportunity to meet and visit with many Spokane Police Officers. She thought their work sounded interesting, so she enrolled in the North Idaho College Law Enforcement Program in January 1977. She was also working full-time as a Reserve Officer in dispatch. After working in parking enforcement for a few years, she took the test to work as a patrol officer in 1986.
From then on Chief Carpenter worked in every facet of the police department. Her leadership role started as a Sergeant in Patrol. She then took over as the leader of the Kootenai County Drug Task Force, which is a multi-agency unit. She was a Commander of the Detective Division, and the Patrol Division with supervision over the many units within the two divisions. In 2004 she was appointed Chief by the Mayor and City Council. She held the position until her retirement in 2007.

Her leadership ability and high visibility as a role model was an inspiration to the women that make up this great department. Because of her work ethic and commitment to success, she has opened doors for our young female officers. Women in this department can explore a career path they never before imagined.

Coeur d’Alene Police entered a new era with Chief Carpenter. As we move forward with new leadership, we also look back and can clearly see how far we have become in changing the role of women in police.
Wayne Longo our current Chief of Police, was born in 1953 in Long Island, New York. He graduated from Connetquot High School in Bohemia, New York. Chief Longo attended and graduated from Suffolk County Community College. He continued his education at Buffalo State College and graduated in 1975. Chief Longo completed a one year internship with FBI in Washington DC at the FBI headquarters. He then accepted a position with the Idaho State Police and moved to Idaho.

Chief Longo served with the Idaho State Police for thirty one years reaching the rank of Captain. His experience with ISP included service in every division in the department as well as commander of the Crowd Intervention Team.

- Chief Longo received the Medal of Valor which is the highest award for valor, in 1999 for entering a house that a suspect had just exploded a meth lab in and searched for survivors.
- He received the Distinguished Achievement Award for Valor 1992 for his role in the Ruby Ridge conflict in which he was a member of the team that located and recovered the body of US Marshall William Degan.
- In 2008 Chief Longo received the Life Saving Award for being first on scene of a vehicle accident and performing CPR on a female in full cardiac arrest which saved her life.
His academic achievements include an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Police Science, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Administration of Justice and M.P.A. Degree from the University of Idaho.

- Chief Longo is a graduate of FBI National Academy Session 158 and a graduate of the FBI LEEDS Session 62.
- Chief Longo is an adjunct faculty member North Idaho College (since 1989). He received the Faculty Achievement Award 2005. He has also been an adjunct faculty member at Lewis Clark State College since 2001.
- Chief Longo is an Idaho POST certified instructor in three topic areas of Drug Identification, Investigation, and Crowd Control tactics.
- He has been a guest lecturer at the FBI Academy and the FBI National Academy.
- In 2010 Chief Longo received the Highest certification issued by POST; the Executive Certificate.
- Chief Longo was appointed to the POST council in Jan 2011. He is the first chief in CDA PD history to receive this appointment. The POST council is responsible for establishing and maintaining standards and training for all law enforcement in the state of Idaho.

Chief Longo’s community involvement includes the Boys and Girls Club as a Board member; and the Coeur d’Alene Chamber of Commerce Commodores as a Board member.

He has participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run and is an avid runner who has completed 31 marathons.

He once held the mile and one half record at the FBI National Academy.

Chief Longo has sat on the United Way Grants review committee; he is a member in good standing with the Coeur d’Alene Rotary Club and is 4-H volunteer.

His family includes his wife of 30 years Virginia, a Registered Nurse, and two children.

Chief Longo is sworn in at Coeur d’Alene City Hall Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2007.
History of the Coeur d’Alene Police Department

You have just taken a trip through the past 122 years of the Coeur d’Alene Police Department. That journey gave you a glimpse at the “time-line” that marks the growth of the department.

You’ve seen vintage photos of the long trip to the Coeur d’Alene Police Department of today.

You’ve been introduced to 8 past Chiefs; and our current Chief, Wayne M. Longo.

At this point, here’s some of the NEW advances, along with NEW technologies that will lead the way into the 2100 Century and beyond!

What is **NEW** today, will be Our History tomorrow.
Coeur d’Alene Police Department

**New Patrol Division Operations**

- Crowd Control Team
- S.W.A.T.
- Narcotic K-9 (2)
- C.A.R.E./Motors
- Unmarked Patrol Cars
- VIPER
- Sub-Stations
- Field Training Program
- New Administrative Lt.
- Department IT Sgt.
- Mobile Data
Coeur d’Alene Police Department

**New K-9 UNIT**

**MAX**

Specially trained “Drug Dogs” and handlers to assist officers in detection of illegal drugs.

K-9 Drug Dogs require 4 – 8 hours of training per week.

Drug Dogs assist Officers in Drug Detection with many incidents leading to arrests.

**JUSTICE**
Coeur d’Alene Police Department

HONOR GUARD

“In Valor There is Hope”
Coeur d’Alene Police Department
Investigations & Support Services

Investigations
• Detectives
• Community Relations / Press Information Officer
• Task Force (Drugs & Gangs)
• Crime Analysis
• School Resource Officers
• Criminal Investigative Van
• Total Station Measuring Device
• Internet Crimes Against Children Technology

NEW

Support Services
• Records
• Investigations Clerical Support
• Training Program
• Property / Evidence
• Polygraph Program
New Crime Analysis

Provides Information that Helps:

• **Solve Crimes** through Analysis of Crime Maps & Patterns of Crime and Research of Offenders for Investigators

• **Develop Strategies** to Prevent Future Crimes

• **Find and Apprehend** Offenders by creating Wanted Posters / Intel Bulletins and **Distributing this info** through Regional and State Info Sharing Networks.

• **Prosecute & Convict** Offenders: Court Displays

• **Improve Officer Safety** through Officer Safety Bulletins
Coeur d’Alene Police Department

New Technology in Records

- Faxing From Desktop Computers
- Report Requests Thru Website
- Filing Reports Thru Website
- Electronic Correspondence
- Utilization of Crystal Reports
- Adobe Pro
Coeur d’Alene Police Department

**New** Information Technology

- MDC’s
- Voice Activated Returns
- Surveillance Cameras
- Digital Evidence Storage
- Electronic Finger Printing
- Drivers License Scanners
- Computerized Animal Control Records
Coeur d’Alene Police Department

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

➢ Our volunteers serve a very important role in the Coeur d’Alene Police Department, and we are very grateful for their contributions.

✔ For example, volunteer efforts free up more officers for criminal investigations and patrol related duties.

✔ Joining the Coeur d’Alene Police Department as a civilian volunteer is a meaningful way of providing community service.

✔ We currently have 32 volunteers serving in our;
  ▪ Investigations,
  ▪ Patrol, Records,
  ▪ Crime Analysis,
  ▪ Community Relations Unit
  ▪ And our newly formed C.O.P.’s (Citizens On Patrol) Program.
Coeur d’Alene Police Department

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Total Volunteer Hours since 2004:

27,309

The national hourly rate of compensation comparison of $15.34 per hour. This represents a total savings to the City and taxpayers of;

$418,920.00
Special Thanks To:

Chief Wayne Longo
Sgt. Christie Wood
Coeur d’Alene Library
Museum of North Idaho
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