

# Montgomery County Police Association

## Annual Meeting, 19 September 2015

SUBJECT: Montgomery County Joint Law Enforcement Museum Project

### SUMMARY TO DATE:

At the September 2012 Annual Meeting, I proposed the notion of a MCPAA Law Enforcement Museum. After discussion at that meeting, I was asked to pursue the matter, with the general concurrence of the members attending and the Board of Directors. A thorough search of likely locations has been done and many of the first and obvious ideas were ruled out. Focus settled on the Red Brick Courthouse in Downtown Rockville. At the suggestion of Sheriff Popkin, the effort was expanded to become a Joint Montgomery County Law Enforcement Museum project. Popkin pointed out the success of the Joint Public Safety Memorial at the new HQ on Edison Drive in Gaithersburg.

Early supporters of the joint effort included Chief Manger, Chief Treschuk (Rockville City PD) and Sheriff Popkin. Each year a report was delivered to the MCPAA. President Sterling participated in the effort to secure the appropriate space in the "perfect nexus" location: The Red Brick Courthouse. Though there were a number of obstacles thrown up against the effort, the most difficult has been overcome. In a high level meeting with County General Services Department, Chief Manger, Assistant Chief Luther Reynolds, Sandra Batterden (MCP-civilian) and Lt. Mark Sheelor made our case for specific space, in fact Room 105, of the courthouse, and other space for exhibit prep and archival storage. The County agreed with the and granted MCPAA approval, as the lead organization, for our request. This would not have not been possible without the endorsement of the agencies and organizations listed below:

- Montgomery County Police
- Rockville City Police
- Montgomery County Sheriff's Office
- Takoma Park Police
- Gaithersburg Police
- Chevy Chase Police
- United States Park Police
- Peerless Rockville (Rockville's Historical Society)
- Montgomery County Historical Society
- Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission Police

### NEXT STEPS:

- Written "Program of Requirements" (POR) for our use of the space
- Draft agreement between Montgomery County and the MCPAA concerning operation of the Museum
- Plan and write a timeline to begin building the museum.
- Collection of artifacts from MCPAA members & families. Cataloguing of those artifacts.
- Professional design plan for the space in Room 105 (Original site of the MCPD HQ & the Sheriff's Office.)
- Fund raising plan
- Volunteer commitment from MCPAA members, and the allied agencies & organizations involved.

SUMMARY: ***THE WORK HAS JUST BEGUN!*** But, a huge hurdle has been crossed and we have a chance to do this right. Please begin gathering your historical artifacts & stories.

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