

Mission Statement

The mission of the Gloucester County Law Enforcement Educational Resource Center, Inc. is to educate the public about law enforcement in Gloucester County through exhibits, artifacts and collection of items.

It is our goal to preserve the history of law enforcement in Gloucester County and the United States of America by honoring men and women whose contributions advanced law enforcement in Gloucester County.

VISIT THE MUSEUM

Museum Hours

Monday – Saturday
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Summer Hours

Monday – Thursday
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (only)

For guided tours of groups of 5 or more people
please schedule in advance by calling:
(856) 384-5534



Gloucester County Facts & Firsts

- DO YOU KNOW THAT A GLOUCESTER COUNTY FAMILY HAS ONE OF THE LARGEST GROUPS OF CLOSE RELATIVES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT IN NEW JERSEY?
- DO YOU KNOW HOW POLICE OFFICERS CAME TO BE KNOWN AS "COPS"?
- NAME NEW JERSEY'S FIRST FEMALE POLICE CHIEF. SHE WAS FROM A TOWN IN GLOUCESTER COUNTY.
- EVER HEAR OF "3-D" – GLOUCESTER COUNTY'S FIRST K9 POLICE DOG? HE WAS WELL-KNOWN ENOUGH TO BE FEATURED IN NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE.
- WHO WAS THE FIRST GLOUCESTER COUNTY POLICE OFFICER TO DIE IN THE LINE OF DUTY?

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Woodbury, NJ 08096

GLOUCESTER COUNTY



POLICE MUSEUM

GLOUCESTER COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Located in the LIBRARY at
Rowan College at Gloucester County
(formerly Gloucester County College)
1400 Tanyard Road
Sewell, NJ 08080

<https://www.facebook.com/GCPoliceMuseum>

GLOUCESTER COUNTY VALIANT HEROES

PATROLMAN CHARLES A. DUER – Age 41, with three years of service with the Westville Police Department, was struck and fatally injured by a drunk driver while checking another motorist's ID on January 31, 1932. The intoxicated driver was fined \$100 and jailed 30 days. Patrolman Duer was married and had four children.

LIEUTENANT KENNETH B. DECHEN – Age 44, an officer with the West Deptford Police Department for 23 years, died October 18, 2000, from an accidental discharge of his service weapon shortly after returning from completing a semi-annual firearms qualification. He was survived by a wife and three teenage children.

SERGEANT IPPOLITO (LEE) GONZALEZ – Age 40, a 14 year officer with the Franklin Township Police Department was fatally wounded by a handgun fired from a car during a check on a suspected township burglary on May 6, 1995. The suspect, a newly-paroled outlaw motorcycle gang member, was killed in prison in 1999. Sergeant Gonzalez was survived by his parents, three sisters and two brothers.

CORPORAL STEVE L. LEVY – Age 35, a 13 year member of the Washington Township Police Department, was fatally wounded by a barricaded man's shotgun blast during a SWAT entry at a Woodbury home on October 21, 1999. The gunman then killed himself. Corporal Levy was married and the father of two children.

DETECTIVE ALBERT MALLEN – Age 36, a 14 year veteran of the New Jersey State Police, then assigned to the Berlin Barracks, was shot dead by a narcotic trafficking suspect's shotgun discharge while executing a search warrant in Westville on August 29, 1985. The suspect died in prison. Detective Mallen was married and had three children.

TROOPER ROBERT J. MERENDA – Age 32, an officer with the New Jersey State Police for nearly three years, was struck and fatally injured on the New Jersey Turnpike in Woolwich Township as he made a traffic stop of a speeding vehicle on November 29, 1971. He was survived by his wife and two young sons.

TROOPER ROBERT J. PRATO – an officer with the New Jersey State Police for one year and one month, was fatally injured when his patrol car was struck head-on by a drunk driver on Interstate 295 in West Deptford on December 2, 1969. Assigned to the Mantua Barracks, he was survived by a wife and two sons.

OFFICER PATRICIA E. QUINN – who grew up in Washington Township and was appointed to the township police department in 1987 after employment as a police cadet/dispatcher, died on November 4, 1987, two weeks after sustaining a head injury while participating in a required boxing exercise at the Gloucester County Police Academy. She was to join the Washington Township Police Department as a full time officer upon graduating from the Academy.

