



# National Law Enforcement MUSEUM

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## Programs and Activities

### Education Program Goals

To build mutual respect and foster cooperation between the public and the law enforcement profession, education program participants will recognize the impact law enforcement has on our democratic nation; acknowledge the obstacles and challenges linked to the success of law enforcement work; develop opinions about the role of law enforcement officers based on objective, complete and accurate information and consider their role as citizens in creating a safer nation.

### Program Development and Assessment

In consultation with advising experts (including an Education Advisory Committee, a Domestic Violence Prevention Advisory Committee and a Teen Advisory Council), the education team develops programs that present objective and accurate information. Programs are designed to accommodate diverse audiences and multiple learning styles and abilities in an educational yet entertaining way. Partnering with the Institute for Learning Innovation, the Museum has systematically embedded an evaluation process into program development. This ensures that the outcomes of every program and activity meet our mission and the rigorous standards of our Museum's education department staff and stakeholders. The following assessment process is repeated until results verify that the program is achieving desired outcomes:

Identify program objectives and anticipated outcomes ⇒ Create a preliminary interpretive/lesson plan ⇒  
Select most effective instrument for data collection (i.e., survey, focus group, pre-post questions) ⇒  
Conduct audience evaluation ⇒ Revise program plan.

### Program Offerings

The goal of Museum programming is to accommodate the broadest possible audience. The National Law Enforcement Museum currently offers programs for families, school-related audiences and museum stakeholders. Soon to follow are programs for young professionals, teachers, law enforcement officers, senior citizens, intergenerational groups, and young children. Until the National Law Enforcement Museum opens, Museum programs take place at various community-based venues; see program descriptions for specifics about when programs are offered.

### SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

#### *Take the Case: Chain of Evidence*

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade/Science/Online activity/Accessible anytime

Through this interactive and educational web-based environment, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders will use a forensics tool kit to gather and analyze evidence from a mock crime scene. Participants will complete activities using the specialized skills required of professional crime scene investigators and forensic scientists. They also use critical thinking and problem-solving skills to form and test hypotheses and apprehend a suspect. They then present the analyzed evidence in court. Has their work been good enough to lead to a conviction? *Available in early 2011, free.* Partially funded by the Verizon Foundation.

### *What's in the Evidence?*

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade/Science/Call to schedule

A crime has been committed at the Museum! Using hands-on forensic science, problem-solving skills, and a little creativity, students investigate the evidence left behind to reveal the perpetrator. Meets science standards set by the National Academies of Sciences, as well as state standards. *Available now, free during 2011 testing phase.* Partially funded by the Verizon Foundation.

### *Project Citizen*

6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade/Civics/Weekly classroom activity/ Call to schedule

In partnership with the Center for Civic Education and the DC Metropolitan Police Department, the National Law Enforcement Museum gives 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade students the knowledge and tools they need to actively improve their community through participation in the political process. *Available now, free during 2011 testing phase.* Partially funded by the Verizon Foundation.

### *Policing: Where Democracy Meets the Streets*

9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade/Civics and History/Call to schedule

This Washington, DC, walking tour and activity will introduce students to the workings of our nation's democratic system and the role of law enforcement within it. Starting at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Judiciary Square, highlighted historic locations include the Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Pennsylvania Avenue, and the United States Capitol. *Available now, free during 2011 testing phase.* Partially funded by the Verizon Foundation.

### *National Law Enforcement Museum Teen Advisory Council*

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade/Leadership/ Weekly DC-based activity/Call to join

Metropolitan Washington youth advise Education Program staff on program development designed to appeal to teens. Overall goal is to promote respect, trust and confidence between law enforcement officers and community youth. Participants learn real life work skills in leadership, strategic thinking, project planning, and team work- skills that are especially important to the college bound student. *Available now, free.* Partially funded by the Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation.

### *Tools, Time and Impact on Today*

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade/Law Enforcement/Call to request

Using images from the National Law Enforcement Museum collection, officers are given background information and discussion points that inspire conversation and challenge students to identify changes that have influenced how and why law enforcement officers do their jobs. *Available now, no fee required.*

## **ADULT PROGRAMS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

### *Law Enforcement Agency Brown Bag Lunch Series*

Museum volunteers, staff, and other law enforcement agency historians and record keepers/

History and Museum Development/Call for information

Participants come together for lunch and conversation about law enforcement history, object based learning, and other content- and museum-related topics. The informal venue and relaxed atmosphere fosters relationships between the Museum and other law enforcement agencies. *Available now, no fee required.*

### *Domestic Violence Awareness Program*

Professional Development for School Staff/Safety/Call for information

Teachers, school resource officers, counselors, nurses, and other school staff in Washington Metropolitan Area school systems will learn how to identify, address and support students who are living in a household with domestic violence. This program aims to raise awareness around domestic violence and to help school staff provide students with an outlet to get support and stay safe. *Available summer 2011*. Generously funded by the Verizon Foundation.

### *Gleaning the Stories: Using the National Law Enforcement Museum Collection for Object Based Learning*

Educators/History, Social Studies and Object-Based Learning/Call to schedule

Middle school and high school teachers are challenged to think about how to use objects in the classroom to inspire students and promote critical thinking. Using a series of questions, participants will learn how to look at an artifact in a different way, gleaning both the obvious and the "hidden" information that help people understand its use, the society/culture that created it, and why all of that is important in understanding its significance. *Available now, fee negotiable*.

### *Behind the Scenes Program and Tour: Connecting with the National Law Enforcement Museum Collection*

Museum stakeholders/History and Object-Based Learning/National Law Enforcement Museum Off-site Storage Facility/Call to schedule

Participants experience the heart and soul of the Museum—its collection—during this behind-the-scenes tour and program at our off-site storage facility. They learn about the significance of the National Law Enforcement Museum collection, the importance of our role as its steward, and how essential a collection is for telling the story of American Law Enforcement. *Available now, no fee required. Donations appreciated*.

## **FAMILY PROGRAMS**

### *Build a Badge*

Families with elementary school-age students/Art and History/Call to request

Imagine—one badge represents each of the over 18,000 law enforcement agencies in the U.S. That's a lot of badges! Children are challenged to design a badge that represents their family. Parents are given ideas for sharing the history of law enforcement with their child and can be received by mail or email. *Available now, no fee required*.

### *kIDSafe*

Families with K-12-age students/Safety/Call to register

Discover how to stay safe by participating in this monthly family activity. At this engaging program, families can create child identification packets and participate in safety workshops that cover the basics of playing safely, decision-making, bullying, traffic laws, healthy and safe relationships, and more. *Available Spring 2011, no fee required*. Partially funded by the Verizon Foundation.

**For more information or to inquire about program participation, please contact Vanya Scott, Acting Senior Director of Museum Programs, at 202-737-8535 or [VScott@nleomf.org](mailto:VScott@nleomf.org).**

*The mission of the National Law Enforcement Museum is to tell the story of American law enforcement through exhibits, collections, research and education. The Museum dynamically engages the broadest possible audience in this story in an effort to build mutual respect and foster cooperation between the public and the law enforcement profession. By doing so, the Museum contributes to a safer society and serves to uphold the democratic ideals of the U.S. Constitution.*