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EDMONDS POLICE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE ON SEPTEMBER 16th

The Edmonds Police Department is planning a celebration for its centennial anniversary. The community that became Edmonds developed from the original homestead of George Brackett in 1876. Edmonds was officially incorporated in 1890, and on October 16, 1912, the police department was established by Ordinance No. 254.

On Sunday, September 16, 2012, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. the public is invited to visit and tour the Edmonds Police Department as part of the centennial celebration. Visitors will have an opportunity to see operations from inside the police station, view displays of police equipment, see a K-9 team in action, and examine our police vehicles and the mobile communications van.

Visitors will also witness the public unveiling of three recently completed, historically significant murals painted inside the police station by artist Andy Eccleshall. The mural project includes a depiction of the various badge designs used throughout the department's history, a uniform patch and an image of the original police station. That building, which still stands today, went under construction back in 1910 thanks to a grant from the Carnegie Foundation. The brick and stone building located at 118 5th Ave. North housed the library on the upper floor and City Hall on the lower floor. The original Edmonds Police Station was located on that lower level. The building has since been placed on the National Register of Historic Buildings and currently houses the Edmonds Museum.

The mural project was conceived by the employees of Edmonds Police Department and completed without cost to the City. The three-phase project was made possible by support from the Edmonds Police Foundation, Campbell-Nelson Volkswagen/Nissan, the Edmonds Historical Museum, public donations, and contributions from the employees of Edmonds Police Department. The artwork provides police employees and station visitors a convenient reminder of our humble beginnings 100 years ago. In 1912 the police department was staffed by one marshal. Today our city of over 39,000 residents is served by a police department of 54 commissioned officers and 11 civilian staff members.

As part of the centennial anniversary, the Edmonds Historical Museum is presenting its exhibit, "Stick 'Em Up! Celebrating 100 years of the Edmonds Police Department." The museum exhibit runs through November 4th.

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