

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE of POLICE MUSEUMS  
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**Hosted by the Orange County Sheriff's Museum & Education Center  
and the  
Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs (AOCDS)**



**March 23 to March 26, 2020**



## **Conference**

Come to Orange County (California) in March, 2020 for the International Conference of Police Museums. We don't know what the weather may be, but we can guarantee that it won't be snowing here! We have four exciting conference days planned to include interesting and helpful seminars on museum management and innovation, plus some fun and unique excursions planned.

The Conference full registration (General) fee is \$275 (U.S) until December 31, 2019 and \$290 thereafter (if space is available). We urge you to register soon, as there is no assurance that we can book additional seats later for the Catalina Express and other field events. Payment is by credit card (online), or mailed check or e-transfer. Fees cover training sessions, the Catalina Express boat excursion, the Bowers Museum tour, transportation to events, morning refreshments, most lunches, and all dinners during the conference. Spouse (Guest) registration is \$175 for all events when accompanying a fully registered conference attendee. Local attendees may participate in daily sessions at a rate of \$60 per day, plus the cost of individual field trips (\$90 for the Catalina Express and \$15.00 for the Bowers Museum visit). For more information, please contact Ray Grimes at 562-370-7744

To register for the Conference visit:

<https://www.accelevents.com/e/InternationalConferenceofPoliceMuseums2020>  
(no password required)

Rooms have been secured for our guests at a special group rate of \$159 for a standard studio suite (plus taxes). Room rates include a complimentary full American breakfast, parking, wi-fi, and access to the fitness room, heated swimming pool and spa.

## **Accommodations**

The Ayres Hotel is located in the City of Orange, in the center of Orange County, directly across from Angel Stadium (the famous baseball field) and freeway-close (at the junction of the 5, 22, 57 Freeways). This hotel is #1 rated for the City of Orange on Trip Advisor and ranks 5 out of the top 400+ hotels in Orange County.

<https://www.ayreshotels.com/ayres-hotel-orange>

Rooms have been secured for our guests though early booking is recommended. Please contact the hotel directly by telephone or online using the event name 'Conference of Police Museums 2020' and the group code '865'.

Ayres Hotel, Orange  
200 N. The City Drive  
Orange, CA 92868  
1-714-919-7940  
1-855-672-9737 (toll free)

## Event Schedule

The event schedule (subject to change) is;

### **DAY 1            MARCH 23, MONDAY**

0800 Pickup attendees at the Ayres Hotel in Anaheim and drive to AOCDS in Santa Ana.

0800-0900 Registration and networking

0900-1600

- AOCDS facility kickoff meeting - Tom Dominguez AOCDS President key speaker.
- A History Lesson - California and the County of Orange historical overview, the County of Orange and the Sheriff's Department today, and the History and Development of the Orange County Sheriff's Museum & Education Center.
- LUNCH onsite.
- An overview and tour of the Sheriff's Museum at AOCDS and a discussion of the original museum exhibits at the Sheriff's Academy in Tustin.
- Bowers Museum lecture.
- Various presentations. Opening of silent auction for donated and museum merchandise and collectibles sales.

1730 Group dinner in Old Town Tustin.

1830 Return transportation to the Ayres Hotel.

### **DAY 2            MARCH 24, TUESDAY**

0715 Pickup at Ayres Hotel and drive to Long Beach Harbor for Catalina Cruise.

0930 Group day cruise to Catalina Island (on your own at Avalon, arriving at 1030).

1700 Group Dinner in Avalon.

1900 Return cruise boarding.

1930 Return cruise from Catalina to Long Beach Harbor (1 hour).

2030 Return drive to Ayres Hotel.

**DAY 3            MARCH 25, WEDNESDAY**

0800 Pickup at Ayres Hotel and drive to Sheriff's Academy in Tustin.  
0900 Meeting at OCSD Training Academy. Undersheriff Bob Peterson and Academy Commander Lt. Guy Coffee key speakers. Tour of Sheriff's Academy.  
1100 Lecture: 'Building a Law Enforcement Museum on a Budget'.  
1200 Catered lunch onsite.  
1330 Drive to Bowers Museum for self-guided tour.  
1700 Drive to group dinner location.  
1730 Group Dinner in Orange.  
1900 Drive to Loma Ridge.  
2000 Tour: Loma Ridge County EOC/and OCSD Dispatch Center.  
2130 Transportation to Ayres Hotel.

**DAY 4            MARCH 26, THURSDAY**

0900 Meeting at Ayres Hotel in Anaheim. Various speakers.  
1200 Lunch onsite.  
1330 Transportation to Disneyland.  
1400 Behind-the-scenes tour of Disneyland Security.  
1800 Group dinner and close of event (at hotel).

**DAY 5            MARCH 27, FRIDAY\***

Optional flex day, with transportation provided for local places of interest, shopping, transportation to the airport as needed.

\*A concierge will be available during the entire event for special requests, problem solving, transportation, etc. This service will extend through Sunday, March 28 for those remaining after the conference. *The nearest airport is the **John Wayne Airport (KSNA)**. **Long Beach Airport (KLGB)** is also nearby. Many international flights arrive at LAX though it's around 30 miles to the Ayres Hotel in Orange.*

## **Training Sessions and Speakers**

### **Keynote Speakers**

#### **Orange County Undersheriff Robert Peterson**



Undersheriff Bob Peterson has been a member of the Orange County Sheriff's Department for 31 years. He brings a wealth of law enforcement experience and decades of knowledge about the department and our Orange County community. Among the many roles he has had during his tenure, Undersheriff Peterson led a team responsible for outreach to the community, and assisted in the creation of the Sheriff's Interfaith Advisory Council.

Most recently, he has overseen our largest command, effectively leading Patrol Operations, Investigations, Homeland Security, Coroner, and Crime Lab Divisions. It's clear that he believes strongly in our department mission and exemplifies our core values of integrity, service, professionalism and vigilance in the performance of duty.

#### **Tom Dominguez, AOCDS President**

Joined the Orange County Sheriff's Department in 1986 and spent many years as an investigator. He currently serves as president of the Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs (AOCDS), the largest and most influential law enforcement union in Orange County Ca., representing over 3000 sworn rank and file Peace Officers in the Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's Office, Probation Department, and OC Parks. Prior to being elected AOCDS president, he served over 20 years on the union's Board of Directors and 14 years as the Political Action Committee chairperson. Dominguez worked in the Central Men's Jail, as a patrol deputy, a field training officer and in the Transit Police Services bureau.

He became an investigator in 1996, serving in General Investigations and Homicide. He was assigned to the Bomb Squad for 16 years as an FBI Certified Bomb Technician, including 10 years full-time as a Bomb Technician and explosive detection canine handler. He was awarded the Medal of Courage from the Sheriff's Department in 2006 for his actions during a bomb incident in the city of Anaheim. He has received training throughout the United States and Israel. He has given expert testimony in the Superior Court of Orange County in explosive/bombing related criminal matters for the prosecution.

He is the Chair of the Political Action Committee for the California FOP State Lodge. He has served as president of the Southern California Alliance of Law Enforcement (SCALE), an organization representing over 30,000 professional law enforcement officers.



## **Orange County Sheriff's Academy Meeting and Tour**

### **Speaker – Lt. Guy Coffee, Academy Commander**

The Sheriff's Regional Training Academy located on the former Marine Corps, Lighter than Air Base (LTA) property in Tustin was officially opened in September of 2007 and facilitates a minimum of six basic academies and two sheriff's special officer academies per year, as well as reserve officer academies and a future modular training academy program. The site is jointly occupied by training division staff as well as our training partners from the Santa Ana College Criminal Justice offices. This new, 52,000 square foot, state of the art facility boasts four classrooms, indoor and outdoor recruit dining areas, an arrest and control techniques training area, a state of the art weight room, a special events room with a stage and seating for approximately 1,300 guests, dual obstacle courses, an outdoor running trail, a formal inspection grounds, and video production offices with a fully equipped production studio. The facility also houses the Sheriff's Community Services offices, and hosts Sheriff's Explorer and Reserve Officer meetings and training, as well as Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, pre-employment (PEP) and mentoring training, and more. Multiple agencies utilize the facility for recruiting and testing of law enforcement candidates. The Orange County Sheriff's Regional Training Academy is also home for the Orange County Peace Officer's Memorial, which finished construction in May of 2013.



## **Orange County Emergency Operations Center/OCSD Dispatch Center Tour**

### **Speaker – Watch Commander**

The Emergency Communications Bureau (ECB), which consists of Dispatch Operations, Control One, and the Department Commander is a 24/7 operation and is based at the Loma Ridge Facility. The facility is located in the unincorporated Orange County area of Silverado and is strategically built on an elevation of 1,320 feet.

The ECB is managed by a Bureau Commander who also serves as Orange County's Amber Alert Coordinator and oversees a multi-million dollar budget, a team of 85 professional and sworn staff, the 18th largest law enforcement dispatch center in California, and the only county-wide interoperable radio communications center in California. The Department Commander (DC) is entrusted with managing our department's day to day patrol operations for all thirteen contract cities and unincorporated areas. The DC is responsible for monitoring all emergency and non-emergency calls for service, monitoring all radio transmissions by our deputies and dispatchers, coordinating patrol resources, managing and reviewing all vehicle pursuits, and coordinating mutual aid law enforcement requests.

The ECB serves as the vital link for communications operations for emergency 9-1-1 services and emergency communications for Orange County.



## **A History Lesson**

**Speaker - Ray Grimes**, Executive Director, Orange County Sheriff's Museum & Education Center

California and the County of Orange historical overview, the County of Orange and the Sheriff's Department then and now, and the History and Development of the Orange County Sheriff's Museum & Education Center.

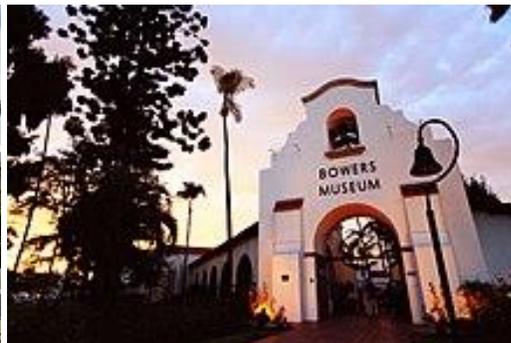
## **Bowers Museum Overview**

**Speaker – Bowers Museum staff member**

The making of a great museum. A lecture on the outstanding Bowers Museum of Santa Ana, California.

The **Bowers Museum** is an art museum located in Orange County, California. The museum's permanent collection includes more than 100,000 objects, and features notable strengths in the areas of pre-Columbian Mesoamerica, Native American art, the art of Asia, Africa, and Oceania, and California plein-air painting. The Bowers organizes and hosts special exhibitions from institutions throughout the world, and travels exhibitions nationally and internationally. The museum has a second campus two blocks south of the main site, Kidseum, a children's museum with a focus on art and archaeology.

Ada Elvira Bowers and her husband, Charles W. Bowers, a late 19th-century Orange County citrus grower and land developer, donated the land on which the museum stands to the city of Santa Ana as well as \$100,000 to build the museum. The building was completed in 1932 but was not fully operational for almost four years due to the economic downturn of the Great Depression. The Charles W. Bowers Memorial Museum finally opened its doors in 1936 as a city-run museum in a Mission Revival-style building devoted to the history of Orange County. The museum went through its first renovation beginning in 1973 adding a 12,500 square foot wing that brought the museum to 24,000 square feet. The expansion was kicked off by earlier bequests from Evelyn Nunn Miller and Nan Preble, with additional funding coming from a countywide drive, the Museum Foundation, and the city of Santa Ana.



## **Building a Law Enforcement Museum on a Budget**

**Speaker – Ray Grimes**, Executive Director, Orange County Sheriff's Museum & Education Center.

The International Conference of Police Museums has introduced us to fulfilling the dream of building the best museum possible, coming to the realization that all it takes is money and staffing. The trick is to construct an attractive and relevant law enforcement museum with very little money and less than a dozen staff members. The Orange County Sheriff's Museum & Education Center has done just that! Thanks to our Sheriff's Department archives, eBay, and Home Depot, we have built a museum that we are proud of. In fact, we have two museums, with one at the Sheriff's Academy lobby in Tustin and our most recent museum at the Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs (AOCDS) in Orange. Our total expense for the nuts and bolts to build our museums is around \$10,000 (though our vintage 1962 Chrysler Newport patrol car cost around \$15,000 – plus repairs).



## **Museum Dynamic Display Model Making**

**Speaker Mark Trask, Sheriff's Museum Committee Member.** Mark has an amazing talent, with an eye for fine detail and resourcefulness. One of Mark's very special creations are miniature antique radios done with great detail and accuracy, having dial backlighting using LED's and playing music through a bluetooth connection to his iPhone. Mark is a master of PhotoShop which he employs to make his replica radio cabinets and dials.

## **Area Attractions**

After the conference, you may wish to stay for a few more days and enjoy some of the local points of interest, such as Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, Universal Studios, Aquarium of the Pacific, Battleship USS Iowa, to name a few. *The Museum has secured special pricing for some local attractions, with details provided separately in your registration package.*

For information on the Orange County Sheriff's Museum & Education Center, visit:  
[www.ocsheriffmuseum.com](http://www.ocsheriffmuseum.com)

Thank you for your interest. For questions, please feel free to contact me at:

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