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Newsletter of the Northern Territory Police Museum & Historical Society Inc

NTsafe EXPO – 3 June 2001

THE EVENT

This one-day event, hosted by the Police, Fire and Emergency Services will highlight the Northern Territory Government's crime prevention and community safety initiative **NTsafe**.

NTsafe Expo will also provide a snapshot of the everyday operations of Police, Fire and Emergency Services (PFES), other Northern Territory Government agencies with crime prevention activities and some Commonwealth agencies, for example the Australian Customs Service.

The Expo will provide opportunities for the public to see exhibitions of emergency response personnel at work, including handling of weaponry and animals. It will include hands-on activities that will enable the public, particularly young people, to momentarily experience what it is like to be a member of the police force, a fire fighter or emergency services volunteer.

Darwin businesses will also be invited to take part and showcase their crime prevention and community safety products.

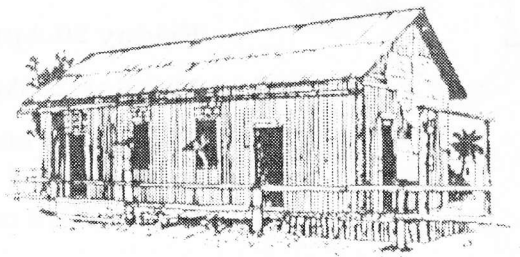
NTsafe Expo 2001 will be a celebration of the International Year of the Volunteer and will provide an opportunity for PFES associated volunteer organisations to raise funds. It will also mark the Centenary of Federation and celebrate the progress made by PFES in the past 100 years.

THE AIMS

The aims of the **NTsafe Expo** are to:

- ◇ Highlight the role of **NTsafe** in promoting crime prevention and community safety.
- ◇ Show the dedication and determination of personnel toward maintaining law and order.
- ◇ Advise the community on how they can help maintain a safe environment and quickly respond to emergency situations.
- ◇ Promote recruitment of staff and volunteers.
- ◇ Develop a better relationship with the public.
- ◇ Highlight International Year of the Volunteer.
- ◇ Provide a fund raising opportunity for related non-profit organisations.
- ◇ Offer the private sector an opportunity to promote crime prevention and community safety products.

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VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Further to the NTsafe Expo on Sunday 3 June, our Association will be setting up a display underneath House No. 2 at the Peter McAulay Centre. The Expo will commence at 10am and finish at around 4pm. Obviously, we now need a commitment from some of our members to make this event worthwhile for us.

It is envisaged that the static display will be basically set up on the afternoon of 2 June and the remainder of the display will be finalised at 9am on Sunday 3 June.

Enclosed is a Volunteer Form for you to complete and return to us

ASAP so that we can continue with our planning. It would be great if everyone could provide us with a couple of hours over the weekend to enable us to share the work load.

The Retired Police Association of the Northern Territory will be working with us on this venture and will be having a "Devonshire Tea & Coffee" stall.

We look forward to your support. If you have any questions in relation to the display or what might be required - please contact Janell on 8922 3374.

ORAL HISTORIES

There is an URGENT need for us to find at least three (3) more volunteers to participate in the Oral History Project. A training day has been set aside for Friday 27 April. After the training has been completed, interviews will then need to be conducted on an "as needed" basis. Please contact Janell URGENTLY if you are interested in this worthwhile project.

VOLUNTEER DAYS

As mentioned in the last issue of Contact, we are seeking some of our members to participate in regular "Volunteer Days" to enable us to commence work on the cataloguing of the items that we currently hold in our collection.

We have set aside the following dates and times:

Friday 20 April - 9am-11am

Monday 23 April - 10am-12noon

This should enable those people who are interested to come along and find out what we require to be done.

Morning tea will be provided, so come along, have a chat and assist your Association by helping us with the workload.

We can only commence this task when we have at least six volunteers as there is a considerable amount of work to be done.

We don't expect you there all of the time, but maybe one morning a month would be great. Please don't leave it all to the same few. Hop in and give us a hand.



"POLICING THE TABLELANDS" - ON THE MOVE

The first display has been exhibited in Katherine for just over five weeks and has now been packaged ready to be forwarded to Alice Springs for display there.

Alice Springs display will house the display in the old Hartley Street School and will coincide with Heritage Week. It is anticipated that Janell Cox will be taking the display to Alice Springs for the setting up etc.

Alice Springs members are also sought for volunteering too whilst it is on location there.

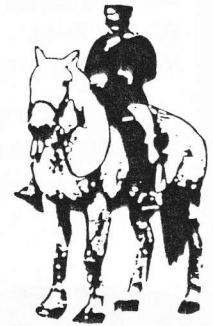
The display will remain in Alice Springs until the middle of May and

will then return to Darwin before being sent to Borroloola and possibly Tennant Creek during the dry season to get the full benefit of the tourism market.

It is anticipated that once this display has circulated and returned to Darwin, the second display will be ready to be travelled.

Any comments or suggestions in relation to displays etc would be greatly appreciated.

The Committee is seeking ideas for future displays, your thoughts would be appreciated on this topic as well.



*PUBLIC
FORUMS -
2001 - CATCH
THEM ALL!!*

"THE LAST HANGING" - NEARLY READY

The second display is coming along nicely with our planned date of late May for the Darwin opening still being on track.

"The Last Hanging", will provide visitors to the exhibition with an understanding of:

- The reality of capital punishment;
- The social climate of Darwin in the 50s, and
- The Policing process in the post-war decade.

The exhibition will become a semi-permanent display located in the old Infirmary building of the Fannie Bay Gaol and will be copied to enable us to travel the exhibition as well.

Funding for the display has been provided in the main by the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory - Territory History Unit with the Northern Territory Police Museum and Historical Society Inc providing limited funding as well.

To date things are going well and we look forward to the opening in May.

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**We will soon be on the
WEB - keep watching!**

"BRAVERY AWARDS" - DISPLAY NO. 3

Work is currently underway on our third display which will depict those members who have received Bravery Awards over the years.

There are nine incidents in all with eighteen members being in receipt of them.

This display will be ready for public viewing in the Great Hall of Parliament House in late September this year, to coincide with National Police Remembrance Day.

One of our valued volunteers, Christine Cox is working on the material for this exhibition.

"THEY ALSO SERVED" - The police wife's perspective

This public forum was reasonably well attended, with the noted absence of many of our members.

The three speakers, Christine Cox, Norma Grant and Margaret Bates were all well received.

The ladies all spoke of their individual lives as the wife of a policeman. They all had a varied story to tell and all spoke of the hardships, isolation and dedication to "the job" of their partners.

It should also be noted that each of the ladies also mentioned that within the next year they would each be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary - a record for the police force I am sure.

Congratulations to each of them and thank you all for your entertaining window of your lives.

"FINGERPRINTING THE TERRITORY" - Public Fo- rum No 4

Denzil McManus and Sergeant John Maloney will be our next guest speakers at our fourth Public Forum to be held on Wednesday 16 May 2001.

Denzil will provide us with an insight into the introduction of fingerprinting in the Northern Territory Police Force whilst Sergeant John Maloney will bring us up-to-date with the current facilities and techniques used.

This evening should be a very interesting one and we look forward to seeing more of our members at this event.

Ticket prices remain at \$5.00 for members and \$8.00 for non-members.

The evening will commence at 7pm and will again be held in the Theatre at the Police College, Peter McAulay Centre, Berrimah.

For further information, please contact Janell on 8922 3374.

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