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**JOIN LT. STEVEN W. WHITE AS HE DISCUSSES THE HISTORY OF THE
DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15**

DETROIT – The Detroit Historical Society continues its Author Series with **Lt. Steven W. White**, a co-author of “**Detroit Police Department**,” published by **Arcadia Publishing**, on **Wednesday, April 15** at **6 p.m.** at the **Detroit Historical Museum**.

The Detroit Police Department was established in 1865 with 40 officers. Originally, these officers patrolled the neighborhoods and business districts on foot. In 1897, the department became one of the first to put its officers on bicycles. To improve police response time, they developed one of the earliest motorized forces and was the first department to use Harley Davidson motorcycles. In 1909, they became the first department to use the patrol car. Through photographs, this book highlights the Detroit Police Department’s rich history and its revolutionary advancements in law enforcement.

This project was sponsored by the **Detroit Police Foundation**, a nonprofit organization. The authors, which included White, **Lt. Donna Jarvis**, **Lt. Charles Wilson** and **Officer Michael Woody**, viewed hundreds of photographs from a variety of sources that included the department’s museum and archives, the *Detroit Free Press*, Detroit Public Library, Wayne State University, and current and retired department members.

The cost for the event is free for Detroit Historical Society members and \$10 for the public. For more information or to register for the event, please call **(313) 833-1801** or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

Arcadia Publishing is the leading publisher of local and regional history in the United States. Their mission is to make history accessible and meaningful through the publication of books on the heritage of America’s people and places.

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Detroit’s Cultural Center area, is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the Museum is not open to the public but available for

group tours by calling **(313) 833-7979**. Adult admission is \$6. Seniors (60+), college students with valid college ID, and youth ages 5-18 pay \$4. Admission for children ages four and under is free. Parking in the Museum's lot is \$4 at all times. Permanent exhibits include the famous *Streets of Old Detroit*; *Frontiers to Factories*; *The Motor City*; and *The Glancy Trains*. New exhibits include *Detroit's Classic TV Personalities*; *Hero or Villain? Metro Detroit's Legacy of Leadership*; *1920s: Detroit's Building Boom*; *100 Years Ago*; and *Automotive Showplace*, spotlighting the Model T Centennial.

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