



POLICE CAREER OF MUSEUM CURATOR

Staff Sergeant John (Jack) Templeman



Jack Templeman began his Policing career in 1955 when he commenced employment with the Canadian Pacific Railroad (CPR) Police. In 1958, he joined the St. Boniface Police Force and worked out of their offices located in the basement of the town Hall building at 219 Provencher. With this agency he was later promoted to the rank of Patrol Sergeant. The amalgamation of all suburban departments occurred in 1974, and during this time Templeman transferred over to officially become a member of the Winnipeg Police Department.

Templeman always had an interest in Police history, and during Amalgamation in 1974 he was appointed to a Historical Committee along with Cst. Bernie Hutchison. Both were tasked with the responsibility of preserving artifacts for a future museum that would be created one day. Hutchison eventually retired and Templeman carried on to later be involved with the formation of the Winnipeg Police Museum and Historical Society that was incorporated in 1986. He was also promoted to Sergeant, and then Staff Sergeant.

Initially, Templeman was allowed to set up a small one room Museum in the training academy when it was located in the Van Belleghen School at 10 Vermillion Road. When the academy moved to Allard School at 130 Allard Avenue, S/Sgt. Templeman set up a much larger museum and performed the role of Curator.

In January of 1994, S/Sgt. Templeman retired having completed 38 years of service over the course of employment with three agencies. He commenced duties as a Museum Curator and Historian on a part-time basis which allowed him to conduct research on local Police history. This led him to write a number of articles, and in 1999 he published a history book *From Force to Service* which celebrated the 125th Anniversary of the Winnipeg Police Service.

Jack continued to serve as Curator for many years, and was directly involved with the planning and building of the new Police Museum located in the Winnipeg Police Headquarters Building at 245 Smith Street. This modern 4,000 square foot facility was much larger than anything seen in the past and officially opened to the public in July 2016.

Jack plans to retire as Curator in 2017, but will continue on as the Police Museum Historian.