A museum dedicated to the living legacy of the Colorado State Patrol is a fitting venture for the Association of Colorado State Patrol Professionals, the Colorado State Patrol Family Foundation and the Colorado State Patrol Alumni Association.

The Colorado State Patrol History Museum and Learning Center
The Colorado State Patrol Museum and Learning Center will allow the collaborated effort of four organizations to further the initiative of enacting, promoting, and providing education of traffic safety and to save lives.

HISTORY MUSEUM AND LEARNING CENTER
The Colorado State Patrol Museum and Learning Center is designed to provide the rich history of the Colorado State Patrol while offering an opportunity for hands-on learning experiences fostering partnerships while furthering traffic and public safety issues. The mission of the Colorado State Patrol History Museum and Learning Center is to foster an understanding of the moral, ethical, mental, and physical aspects of law enforcement and to encourage long-term partnerships with the community. Through historical displays, meaningful activities, and multi-media sources, the museum is a unique environment that positively impacts its visitors. The museum provides a professional environment for meetings and other activities that is challenging, rewarding, creative, and respectful of Colorado’s rich history and American ideals.

SERVICES
EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS. The Museum and Learning Center provides various displays depicting the history, present, and future of the Colorado State Patrol. The importance of technology, combined with the mental and physical requirements associated with law enforcement, gives visitors a dramatic view of the profession. The importance of basic educational principles, math, science, language, creative arts, and athletic skill as they relate to law enforcement are easily understood.

LIBRARY. The facility houses an extensive, non-circulating library that contains quality material about public safety. The Colorado State Patrol History Museum and Learning Center provides a resource for visitors interested in furthering their knowledge of law enforcement and public safety. The resource library is a collection of reference books, museum guides, prints, postcards, and brochures that enable the user to learn more about Colorado and the men and women who have sworn to protect our highways.

OUTREACH PROGRAM. Dedicated to fostering partnerships with the community in an effort to further traffic safety and reduce fatal and injury crashes, the museum offers a classroom and meeting room for a variety of activities. For example, Child Passenger Safety issues are demonstrated using the Roll-over Simulator, a first-hand look at potential injury from a roll-over crash. Demonstrations from the Colorado State Patrol and other Colorado Department of Public Safety organizations provide education about Hazardous Materials, Homeland Security, and Fire Safety.

CLASSES. The Museum and Learning Center sponsors classes for community groups. Specifically designed toward public safety interests, the museum is an excellent venue for the “Alive at 25” educational program. The museum and programs like “Alive at 25” offers a place to discuss insights on alcohol and substance abuse, and prepare young drivers for safe driving habits. Child passenger safety is a priority for Coloradoans and the museum offers opportunities to discover training and education in this area.

FAMILY WORKSHOPS. Family Workshops give all family members the opportunity to learn together in a positive and fun environment.
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
The Colorado State Patrol was created through Colorado Legislation in 1935 and was originally named the Colorado State Highway Courtesy Patrol. Forty-four men began six-weeks of law enforcement training at Camp George West in Golden, Colorado. Following graduation from the academy, the patrolmen were assigned to duty stations throughout the State. In 1947 the organization’s name was formally changed to the Colorado State Patrol. In 2010, the Colorado State Patrol celebrated seventy-five years of service. Today, new Patrol Cadets complete 22 weeks of extensive training at Camp George West that includes disciplined training in required Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) courses and all of the Patrol’s mandated charges:

Since its inception, members of the Patrol have made heroic and selfless sacrifices to ensure the safety for all persons in Colorado. The Colorado State Patrol Alumni Association (CSPAA) is comprised of past and present members of the Patrol and spearheaded the idea of a new History and Learning Museum. The CSPAA is a driving force dedicated to honoring the legacy of the Colorado State Patrol.

The Patrol Protective Association (PPA) was first introduced in 1936 and is known today as the Association of Colorado State Patrol Professionals (ACSPP). The Colorado State Patrol Family Foundation (CSPFF) was established in 1980 under the umbrella of the ACSPP and serves its members by providing benefits and protections beyond those supplied by the Colorado State Patrol. The CSPFF provides financial and emotional support for Patrol members and their families in times of traumatic injury, death, or personal hardships. In addition, CSPFF awards college scholarships to State Patrol members and their families. In keeping with the mission of the Colorado State Patrol, the CSPFF has expanded its services to include a variety of educational programs. The museum is another opportunity for the Foundation to further its message of traffic safety and help educate visitors to the museum of the rich heritage of the Colorado State Patrol.

In 1946, President Truman initiated particular attention to civil rights for American citizens through the President’s Commission on Law Enforcement. Each president to follow has contributed to that effort. Very significantly, in 1967, President Lyndon Johnson, through the President’s Commission on Law Enforcement, specifically addressed local, state, and federal law enforcement efforts towards homeland security. Consecutive presidents have addressed, among other pertinent issues, organized crime and illegal contraband issues. A vital component to the achievement of public safety goals is the education of, and partnerships with, civilians and members of law enforcement organizations.

Museum board members are uniquely qualified to bring this project to fruition and represent over 130 years of combined service to the citizens of Colorado and our nation. Each member has been integral in the administration of the Colorado State Patrol and instrumental in developing critical public safety initiatives spearheaded by the Patrol. Although “cut from the same cloth” of all Colorado State Patrol members, they are a diverse group of individuals bringing special talents and expertise to this project.

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

☐ $100 Group, organization or your name engraved on a brick in the entryway.

☐ $1,000 Group, organization or your name engraved on a large brick surrounding the flying wheel logo in the entryway.

☐ $2,500 A ‘speeding ticket’ suitable for display.

☐ $5,000 Group, organization or your name stamped/chiseled in steps leading up to the entryway.

☐ $10,000 Display sponsorship. Recognition on a plaque on a display.

☐ $25,000 Room sponsorship. Recognition on a large plaque in a room.

☐ $50,000 Group, organization or your name etched on glass panels on the entryway windows.

☐ $100,000 Bronzed, fallen-officer plaques. Recognition both inside and outside the museum.

Each donation $5,000, or higher will receive a photo or engraved simile of their donation.