



## CITY OF EDMONDS

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### EDMONDS POLICE DEPARTMENT PREPARES FOR ITS 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The employees of the Edmonds Police Department are preparing for the agency's centennial anniversary on October 16, 2012. The community that became Edmonds developed from the original homestead of George Brackett in 1876. Edmonds was officially incorporated in 1890, and in 1912 the police department was established by the City Council and then Mayor A. L. Waddle by Ordinance No. 254.

As part of the upcoming celebration the police department employees are raising money to hire local artist Andy Eccleshall to paint a historically significant mural inside the police station. Back in 1910 a grant from the Carnegie Foundation enabled the City of Edmonds to build a brick and stone building at 118 5th Ave. North. That building, which still stands today, housed the library on the upper floor and City Hall on the lower floor. That lower level included offices for city business, the council chambers, as well as the police department and city jail. The building has since been placed on the National Register of Historic Buildings and currently houses the City of Edmonds Museum.

The image of that original police station, with a vintage city police car parked out front, will be the basis of the new mural. The artwork is intended for the large open stairwell that links the first and second floors of today's police station. Its location there will provide all police employees and station visitors a convenient reminder of our humble beginnings 100 years ago. In 1912 the police department was staffed by one marshal. Today our city of over 39,000 residents is served by a police department of 54 commissioned officers and 11 civilian staff members.

The employees of the Edmonds Police Department are paying for the mural without cost to the city. To that end a fund raising effort has been established where employees are offering for sale coffee cups, travel mugs, water bottles, glass steins, and reusable grocery bags bearing various Edmonds Police patch and badge designs. These centennial products are available for purchase at the business office of the Edmonds Police Department Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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