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### **Racine Police Association Becomes Major Contributor to Law Enforcement Museum of Valor**

MADISON – The effort to establish Wisconsin’s first museum to honor the state’s law enforcement heroes took another tremendous step forward this week when it announced a \$25,000 contribution from the Racine Police Association (RPA).

An independent charitable organization, **The Wisconsin Law Enforcement Museum of Valor** announced its formation last May, along with the news that legendary University of Wisconsin basketball coach Bo Ryan would serve as its honorary chairman. The Museum launched its website, [wisconsinvalor.org](http://wisconsinvalor.org), last fall, and just recently commenced its fundraising efforts.

The RPA will join the Wisconsin Professional Police Association, the Madison Professional Police Officers Association, the Dane County Deputy Sheriffs Association, and the End of Watch Memorial Golf Outing as the Museum’s “Law Enforcement Founding Partners.” Along with the individual donations that the Museum has received, the RPA contribution is the latest gift thus far in the museum’s initial campaign to raise approximately \$1 million to construct an exhibition facility to display historical stories of law enforcement courage. Current plans for the museum also include a police motorcycle photo booth, a squad car simulator, and an interactive bomb-disarming robot, among other features.

“Our mission to honor Wisconsin’s law enforcement heroes in an educational and respectful fashion has been received with a great deal of excitement from the public and officers alike,” said Museum CEO Jim Palmer. “In addition to the individual donations of all sizes that supporters continue to generously make, along with the recent endorsements of groups like the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial and the Wisconsin Riders of the Police Unity Tour, large endowments from groups like the RPA will bring us that much closer to fulfilling that benevolent vision.”

For RPA President Todd Hoover, it was important that the officers he represents play a leadership role in this historic effort.

“We are proud to help launch this groundbreaking mission to establish the Museum of Valor, which we know will greatly benefit the entire State of Wisconsin,” said Hoover. “While those officers that have died in the line of duty are appropriately honored, there really is more that we can do to recognize those officers who act bravely and then return to duty. The Museum of Valor will serve that critical need.”

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