

# Metro

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If you picnic at Blue Lake or take your kids to the Oregon Zoo, enjoy symphonies at the Schnitz or auto shows at the convention center, put out your trash or drive your car – we’ve already crossed paths.

**So, hello. We’re Metro – nice to meet you.**

In a metropolitan area as big as Portland, we can do a lot of things better together. Join us to help the region prepare for a happy, healthy future.

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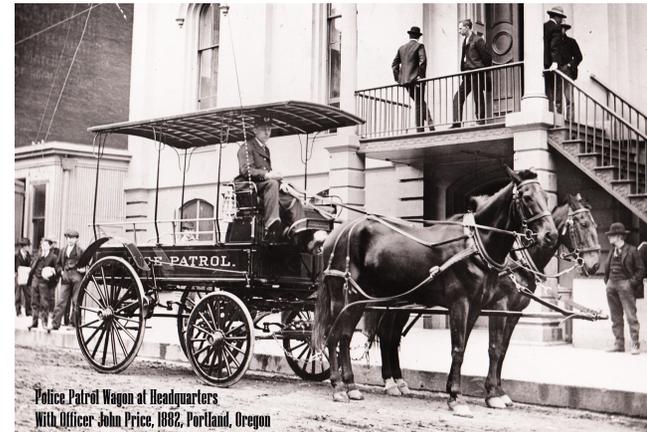
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# Lone Fir Police Officers Tour

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### 1. Charles F. Schoppe

**Block 7, Lot 53,  
Space 3 South**

Schoppe was initially hired to the police force as a temp but his position soon became permanent. Ironically on the night he was planning to resign, he became only the second Portland police officer to die in the line of duty. On June 13, 1874 he was responding to call of a woman in distress at a local saloon. When he swung open the doors of the saloon he was fatally shot, but happened to fall on the perpetrator, thus pinning him to the ground until backup arrived. The man was convicted and Charles was buried next to his wife Anna and their children.



### 2. Chief Luzerne Besser

**Block 12, Lot 39,  
Space 2 South**

Chief Besser was born October 25, 1833 in Buffalo, NY, and headed west to Portland in 1852. He worked in the lumber industry in the booming days of early Portland. By 1862 he became superintendant at the Oregon State Penitentiary, then in Portland. He spent nine years as a Portland city councilor, followed by three years as Portland police chief. He died September 15, 1905 in Portland and is buried next to his wife Sarah. His grave remains unmarked.



### 3. John Willard Schloth

**Block 17, Lot 6G, Space 4 North**

Born in the Dalles, Oregon in 1910 he was buried in Block 17, Lot 6G with many members of his family, including his wife Beatrice.



### 4. Henry Ivan Stevenson

**Block 31, Lot 210, Space 2 North**

Stevenson grew up in the Yakima area of Washington State. He moved to Portland and joined the police force in 1918, serving the department for 24 years. He died after a long battle with cancer and is buried in his family plot.

For more information call Metro Cemeteries at 503-797-1709 or visit [oregonmetro.gov/cemeteries](http://oregonmetro.gov/cemeteries)

Special thanks to Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery and Portland Police Historical Society



**9. George D. C. Turner**  
**Block 9M, Lot 7, Space 2 South**

Born April 14, 1900 he served 20 years as a detective on the Portland police force. He also spent 3 years in the Navy during WWII. He retired from the police force in 1951 when he became ill and passed away September 19, 1955. He is buried next to his mother Carrie, who was also a part of the Portland Police Bureau.



**10. Captain Clyde Ensminger**  
**Block 22, Lot 19, Space 2 North**

Born September 12, 1898, Captain Ensminger, a Portland native, served on the Portland Police Bureau for 28 years. He served as night commander of detectives, chief of the traffic bureau and chief of the east precinct. He was head of the jail division when he passed away on June 21, 1958.



**5. Charles Geil**  
**Block 36, Lot 21, Space 1 South**

Charles Geil was with the Portland Police Department from 1918 until his death in 1931. He played amateur baseball with several clubs as a young man, and he was a Mason. he was buried in Lone Fir Cemetery in March 1931.



**6. Henry Constance Wilson**  
**Block 34, Lot 141, Space 3 North**

Known as Hank by his friends, he was one of the organizers of the Police Band and remained it's drum major until his battle with tuberculosis left him unable to perform. Wilson was not only a police officer but also served as a private in the Oregon infantry during the Spanish-American War. He was the great-great-great nephew of Daniel Boone.



**11. John W. Gittings**  
**Block A, Lot 2A, Space 3 North**

John Gittings was murdered while on duty on December 19, 1907 in a story that held local attention for weeks. Initially it was thought that he randomly caught a bullet from a fight at a saloon. But Gittings, a married man with four children, was at the saloon to aid his mistress' sister, who was having a domestic dispute.



**12. Alexander Frazier Gordon**  
**Block 6, Lot 52, Space 2 North**

Born right here in Clackamas, Oregon on April 11, 1877, Alexander Gordon was a veteran of the Spanish American War and a wagoner in Oregon's 002nd Infantry during WWI. He died on June 25, 1945 and is buried near his wife Hazel.



**7. Captain Felix St. Martin**  
**Block 25, Lot 19, Space 1 North**

Captain St. Martin was loved and respected by, of all places, the Portland Humane Society. In his capacity as a police officer he was regularly detailed to cases of animal cruelty or neglect and subsequently spent a great deal of time with the Humane Society. They describe him as having the "courage and wisdom to bring offenders to instant terms," and say the space left by his resignation was never truly filled.



**8. Carrie S. Turner**  
**Block 9M, Lot 7, Space 3 South**

Carrie Turner was 101 years old when she died in Portland. She had served with the Portland Police Bureau for 25 years as a supervisor with the Women's Protective Division and as a member of the Oregon Association of Prison Directors.

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