

PITMAN POLICE DISPLAY

The red and black uniform with the blouse and pants was the first official uniform of the Pitman Police Department. This uniform was issued to former Police Chief Jack McEnery. The original badge used with this uniform was circular and eventually changed to the "shield" style, which is currently used by the Pitman Police Department and many other agencies today.

The book is a handwritten ordinance circa 1890 of borough activity. Before electronics and computers, borough officials and police officers logged all activity and arrests in books. The books were labeled and referred to by the year they were used.

Inside the top left portion of the case is a leather gun holster. This leather holster was used to carry the officer's duty-weapon on patrol. The holster was supported by the officer's duty-belt. There is also a patch that was worn by a member of the Pitman Police Department. This patch is still used today, and it is worn on the left shoulder sleeve of each officer within the department. Prior to wearing this patch, Pitman Police Officers had a red triangle patch.

In two of the center pictures, New Jersey State Troopers are seen patrolling the Borough of Pitman. Many towns and boroughs did not have their own police agencies or departments, so the State Police had to patrol most of the small towns. State Police Officials also assisted with many investigations in towns and boroughs due to the lack of personnel. The names of these State Troopers are unknown.

Also within the center of the case are some of the "very first" police badges issued to members that were sworn to patrol the Borough of Pitman. One of the badges (bottom left) is a Marshall badge that predates the Pitman Police Department. In the top right corner in the group of badges, is a Pitman Police Reserve badge. The Pitman Police Department had police reserve officials that were called when extra personnel were needed.

In the top left of the display case is a summons that was issued when a police official signed charges against a person. This summons was used for criminal purposes.

In the right center portion of the display case is a picture of Oran W. Lloyd and his son. Patrolman Lloyd became one of Pitman's most respected Police Chiefs and served in the Police Department and United States Military.

In the bottom right of the display case is a picture of Police Officials and Borough Council Officials meeting at Alcyon Lake Park. It is unknown what type of meeting it was. A similar picture can be located underneath the logbook on the left hand-side of the display case.

Finally, a constable badge (bottom center of display case) is mounted on a wooden plaque. Constables and Marshalls patrolled the Borough of Pitman prior to the establishment of the Pitman Police Department. The term "COP" was founded by the phrase "Constable on Patrol".