



## 1978 Washington State Patrol Fury

This vintage 1978 Plymouth Fury was built at Chrysler's Lynch Road (MI) Plant on March 11, 1978 and was the facility's last production police vehicle manufactured prior to the plant's closure in 1979. The 78' Plymouth Fury was also the last police car ever made with the powerful 440 cubic-inch high performance engine.

The Fury was unique in many ways. It was officially rated as the fastest production vehicle manufactured in North America in 1978 and could easily outrun the majority of foreign high performance cars as well. The 78' Fury was the most widely used and easily recognized police car throughout Hollywood's highly popular police television shows and movies of the late 1970's and 80's, where thousands of these cars were destroyed to satisfy the viewer's insatiable desire for police chase scenes of the era. The 1978 Fury was virtually indestructible and could reach speeds of 140 miles per hour with ease. Although these cars were ideal for police use, the energy crisis of the 1970's forced Chrysler to manufacture more fuel-efficient vehicles, thus bringing an end to the police Muscle Car Era.

Purchased by the Washington State Patrol on September 15, 1978 and assigned to Trooper Jeff Sawyer (WSP-298) of District 5's Vancouver detachment, this vehicle was in service for an unprecedented ten years until it was removed from service in 1988. This vehicle was universally recognized by state troopers as being the most meticulously cared for car in the WSP fleet.

This vehicle was located by the Seattle Metropolitan Police Museum in the winter of 2009 in Buffalo, New York. It was initially purchased and then donated to the Police Museum and restored to its original grandeur in the summer of 2010. This project could not have been accomplished without the assistance of Trooper Jeff Sawyer (pictured above) and generosity of dozens of individuals, organizations, businesses and government agencies throughout the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

This rare and historically unique police vehicle is a mobile component of the Seattle Metropolitan Police Museum and used to enhance positive interaction between the community and "their" police. This car is also used to educate the public by generating interest in historic restoration and preservation. For more information regarding this vehicle, please contact the Police Museum at #206-748-9991 or visit our website at [seametropolitancemuseum.org](http://seametropolitancemuseum.org).



## Special Thanks-Organizations



"WSP 298" on its first day in service, 1978.



Former car owner Ray Johnson with Museum Pres. Jim Ritter in Buffalo, NY.



NW Differential owner Dan Lafluer inspecting ring & pinion gears.



Tom Leahy inspecting and repairing valve cover gaskets.



Terry Setina and Larry McKissick designing the light bar brackets.

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Tom Leahy, City of Seattle DIT, installing vintage radio.



WSP's Jerry Thorsell applying door decals at the State Patrol fleet facility.



Tom Leahy installing trunk mounted radio system.



Setina's Todd Ginter installing the protective screen.



Final photos with Museum Pres. Jim Ritter and Trooper Jeff Sawyer