

Guide to the Joseph T. LaVoie Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	LaVoie, Joseph, 1916-1995
Title:	Joseph T. LaVoie Papers
ID:	MS-00902
Date [inclusive]:	1930 to 1984
Physical Description:	1.52 Cubic Feet (3 boxes)
Physical Description:	1.96 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The collection is comprised of professional communication, memoranda, newspaper clippings, membership cards, and manuals from 1930 to 1984 that belonged to Las Vegas, Nevada police officer, Joseph T. LaVoie. The collection contains material about LaVoie's police work, his involvement with various labor organizations, and his work with childrens groups such as the Friends of Youth. The material about LaVoie's work as a police officer dates from 1946 to 1966, when the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department was known as the City of Las Vegas Police Department.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Joseph Theodor LaVoie was born in St. Boniface, Canada on March 28, 1916. Around 1920, the family moved to Los Angeles, California. In 1939, LaVoie moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, and began work at the Rheem Manufacturing Company in Henderson. In 1946, LaVoie joined the City of Las Vegas Police Department as a motorcycle officer where he worked as a police officer for twenty years, retiring as a sergeant in 1966. From 1967 to 1971, LaVoie worked as chief of security for the Bonanza Hotel and Casino. LaVoie ran unsuccessfully for public office for the

positions of Clark County Sheriff, Clark County Commissioner of Unincorporated Areas, and for Nevada's State Senate District Three. LaVoie was involved in many civic and labor organizations including serving as president of Friends of Youth, president of the Police Protective Association in 1962, president of the Clark County Democratic Party in 1968, and as the business manager for Teamsters Local 14. Joseph T. LaVoie passed away on February 24, 1995 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Source:

John LaVoie, written communication provided at time of donation, August 28, 2018.

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Arrangement

Materials remain in original order.

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Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2018 by John LaVoie; accession number 2018-050.

Processing Note

These records are unprocessed. A rough box-level inventory of the accession was created by Maggie Bukowski in 2019. To prepare the inventory, the described materials were reviewed to create contents lists, estimate dates, and identify material types. No other work has been performed on the materials.

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Names and Subjects

- Law enforcement
- Crime
- Police -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- Records and correspondence
- photographs
- Las Vegas Police Department
- Las Vegas (Nev.). Metropolitan Police Department

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Correspondence, memoranda, newspaper clippings, awards relating to Joseph LaVoie's law enforcement work, public office campaigns, and civic activities, 1948 to 1984	box 01

Las Vegas Department of Police Handbook, <i>Police Work with Children</i> , membership and identification cards, photographs, 1930 to 1984	box 02
Incident reports and mugshots, approximately 1930 to 1969	box 02
Friends of Youth video recording, 1959	box 03
