

07-28-1961 Arvada CO – Robert Beghtol – LEO PSD Training Trapped

Robert G. Beghtol

American police officer, Arvada, Colorado, aged 26, died during a training exercise.

<http://www.thediversassociation.com/index.php/sheets>

<https://www.facebook.com/arvadapolice/posts/10156763921965408:0>

Officer Beghtol died in 1961 during Scuba Diving Unit practice at the lake near 60th and Tennyson. The Arvada Police training facility is named in his honor (the Beghtol Building).



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Arvada Police Department



[Patrolman Robert G. Beghtol](#)

Arvada Police Department
EOW: Friday, July 28, 1961
Cause: Drowned

Patrolman Beghtol drowned while conducting an underwater scuba exercise with other members of the agency's scuba team. They were diving in a deep gravel pit when Patrolman Beghtol incurred cramps due to the cold water. His equipment then became entangled with debris in the bottom of the pit, preventing him from surfacing.

Patrolman Beghtol was a member of the Arvada Police Department for two and one-half years. His grandfather was the first uniformed policeman to serve full time on the Arvada police force. He was survived by his wife, four sons, parents, sister, and his grandparents.

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<https://arvada.org/about/our-community/fallen-officers-memorial-page/robert-gene-beghtol-obituary>

Obituaries

Robert Gene Beghtol

Funeral services for Robert Gene Beghtol, 26, of 5713 West Sixty-second avenue, were held Tuesday afternoon at the Arvada Presbyterian church. Rev. Melvin Kessinger of the Wellshire Presbyterian church, officiated at the services which were in charge of Albers Funeral Home.

Burial was in the Arvada cemetery.

Beghtol, a member of the Arvada Police department, was drowned while participating in a skin diving training exercise with members of the local police department last Friday afternoon.

He was born April 20, 1935 in Arvada and attended Arvada schools. He was married to the former Mary L. Bartels.

Beghtol had been a member of the local police department for about two and one-half years. His grandfather, Lee Beghtol, was the first uniformed policeman to serve full time on the Arvada police force.

Surviving, besides his wife, are four children: Robert, Richard, Rodger, and Rodney, all at home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beghtol of Brush, Colorado; a sister, Mrs. Betty Poltz of Fort Morgan; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Beghtol of Arvada.