



Monthly Report

DISPATCHES

April 30, 2006

HIGHLIGHTS:

April was a busy month for the museum. We had 95 visitors who signed in, including those from Arizona to Peru. We also opened for an open house at the Lexington History Museum during the evening of April 20th. Thanks to Max Hellmueller for staffing the museum that night.

Renovation, for the most part, is complete. The Dedication of the "Fallen Heroes" room will be held Friday, May 26 at noon. What better way to start the Memorial Day weekend than to remember those Fayette County Public Safety Officers who made the supreme sacrifice.

The Chaplain will give an invocation and the Honor Guard will post the flags. Food will be served, so everyone is invited to attend and eat lunch at the museum. This will take place at the Cheapside Park entrance to the old courthouse.

ROLL CALL:

The next scheduled meeting of Board Members and interested parties will be held **Tuesday**, May 9th at 1900 hours (7:00 PM) at the museum. We will be discussing the Dedication and hope to have all plans in place.

SPECIAL NOTES:

Check out our web site at: lexingtonpublicsafetymuseum.org. ***We have posted some new photos from the One-year Anniversary Open House that was held on November 20th, 2005.*** You can order merchandise on line or sign the guest book. Thanks to Scott Ballinger of the Detention Center for being our Webmaster. Scott will soon be moving to Florida but has agreed to keep our website up.

Katherine Walcott, a writer from Alabama, visited the museum on April 28th. She is writing an article on the museum for the Alabama Firefighters Association's Command Post magazine.



OTHER NOTES:

The Lexington Police Horse Patrol is donating the old horse drawn patrol wagon to the museum. The Wagon was used in the 1976 Bicentennial Parade. Unfortunately it has been deteriorating in the elements and needs to be refurbished and restored. We have someone who may be interested in helping restore the wagon and we plan to move it to an inside storage area in May. A storage building has been cleaned out for our use.

We also received an estimate from an Amish group for restoration. The cost could be around \$4,000 and we would hope to have a sponsor fund that project.

The Police Department donated some books that are outdated and no longer being used to the Museum Library. We also have old newspaper articles and annual reports, newsletters, along with other research material. The museum office is now open and has been furnished with a desk, couch, refrigerator and microwave oven.

Thanks to all our volunteers who have staffed the museum. We welcome retired LFUCG employee Harold Barker who has helped us out on Mondays and Fridays staffing the museum. A schedule is being worked on for May 2006. Volunteers are asked to give us one day a month = 4 hours. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering.

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George Clapp recently donated a nice lighted display case to the museum. Thanks George and I hope to have it in use very soon.

MERCHANDISE:

Personalized Coffee Mug/Glass Stein orders for the Police Department were in high demand for the Christmas season. We now have the ability to make personalized coffee mugs/steins for the Fire Department and Community Corrections. The cost is \$15 for the coffee mugs and \$18 for the steins and the turnaround time is usually less than 10 days. Feel free to email me with your order. The mugs come in Blue or Black with a gold or silver badge. Name, rank and badge number can be placed on the mugs/steins. Other colors such as red, green, yellow, maroon, pink, and others are available too.

Our most recent badge pin is for the University of KY Police Department. There are now six badge pins that have been created. They are Fayette County Police circa 1960's, Fayette County Police circa 1950's, Lexington City Police circa 1973, current Lexington-Fayette Urban County Police and current Lexington Fire Department badge. We will soon be ordering a Community Corrections badge. The badge pins are \$5 each.

We are taking orders on crystal blocks with the badge image in 3D. These blocks can be personalized with your name and badge number. Cost is \$20 for the crystal block and for an additional \$10; you can order a lighted base in all white or colored lights. We also have crystal blocks with the 3D image of the police cruiser in it. We have these in stock and they are also \$20 each.



ABOUT US:

The Lexington Public Safety Museum is located in the old courthouse on the first floor. The Pharmacy Museum is also on the first floor and is now open. The Lexington History Museum occupies the second and third floor. The Public Safety Museum is open on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Our hours are 12 noon until 4 pm on those days. There is no charge for admission. We are closed Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.

At this time, the museum is divided into three rooms. They are based on a timeline. The first room exhibits items from the 1800's to the 1930's. The second room exhibits items from the 1940's-1950's and the third room is from the 1960's-1970's. Our first exhibit has been on Public Safety Buildings past and present. We have tried to put an emphasis on the different buildings that Public Safety has occupied over the years. This includes showing photos of old Police Departments, Jails and Fire Stations. We are also increasing our photo collection to include vehicles and people. In addition, the museum has other items of interest such as old badges, patches, uniforms, jail keys, photos, fire and police equipment and other memorabilia. We are planning a change in the exhibits for 2006.

We are in the process of renovating two more rooms on the first floor for hands on type displays and larger items. One room will honor those who have made the supreme sacrifice. It will include photos and stories of those Lexington Public Safety Officers who have been killed in the line of duty and will be open on May 26th.

The museum has gift shop type items for sale as part of the fundraising efforts. These items include die cast police cars, badge pins, coffee mugs, drinking glasses, throws or blankets and other items of interest. Polo type shirts are on sale at the museum. Merchandising has accounted for more than half of our revenue. The other half of the revenue has come from donations and memberships.

We have several types of memberships depending on the amount of money donated. The types of memberships are student, individual, family, silver shield and gold shield. As of this date we have fifty plus individuals and businesses who have donated anywhere from \$10 to \$1000. A letter was sent to all members for renewal in 2006. Approximately 40 of our members have renewed so far this year and we have several brand new members who have joined.

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