



Monthly Report

DISPATCHES

August 31, 2006

HIGHLIGHTS:

August was another busy month as we had 115 visitors. Unfortunately, we had to close two days because we had no volunteers. Ten members from the University of KY Fusion Group paid us a visit also.

ROLL CALL:

There will not be a meeting for Board members and interested parties in September, because on Tuesday September 12th, Wednesday September 13th and Thursday September 14th we will be working at the museum on our expansion. We will be moving items to the recently renovated room and re-arranging numerous photos and memorabilia. If anyone wants to help, we should be there from 0830-1630 on all 3 days.

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 formerly of the Detention Center for being our Webmaster. Scott has moved to Florida but has agreed to keep our website up.

We have recently ordered the Community Corrections badge pin, so expect them to arrive sometime in October. This will be the seventh pin created by the museum to sell as a fundraiser.

OTHER NOTES:

The Lexington Police Horse Patrol has donated 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. A storage building has been cleaned out for our use. Thanks to Robert Terry for having the wagon moved to the storage facility via Bluegrass Towing. We need a centerpiece for the large empty room that adjoins the "fallen heroes" room and the wagon may just fit the bill.

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The Police Department donated some books that are outdated and no longer being used to the Museum Library.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. We keep the refrigerator stocked with soft drinks and water for our volunteers. Max Hellmueller is building a work table in the office area where we can spread out photos or other items and have plenty of space to work.

Thanks to all our volunteers who have staffed the museum. A schedule is being worked on for September 2006. Volunteers are asked to give us one day a month = 4 hours. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering. We especially need volunteers on Mondays and Fridays. Email me at dhume@lfucg.com

The museum had a display in the Main Street Public Library on the second floor for the month of August. Thanks to Retired Captain Richard Owen for making arrangements for the museum to use the display cases.

Retired officer Gary Brown donated a computer, monitor and printer to the museum. We took it to MCA on Southland Drive and had it blown out and re-installed with new software. We hope to have it up and running soon. We will soon have cable for the television and internet service for the computer.

MERCHANDISE:

Personalized Coffee Mug/Glass Stein orders for the Police Department will be in high demand for the Christmas season. We had Supervisors who ordered them for their squads as a gift. 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. Mugs with colors such as red, green, yellow, maroon, pink, and others are also available.

Our most recent badge pin was for the University of KY Police Department. There are now six badge pins that have been created with a seventh on the way. 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 have ordered the Community Corrections badge pin and expect it to arrive in October. 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 multi-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.

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 47 individuals who have donated anywhere from \$10 to \$1000. Those who join now will have their membership good until December 31, 2007

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