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Monthly Report

## DISPATCHES

December 31, 2006

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### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

The museum was closed for the Holidays beginning Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup> and will reopen Friday January 5<sup>th</sup>. This is the same schedule as the other museums in the building. We look forward to a prosperous year in 2007. Even though our lease is up in June, we are hoping that it is renewed until a time all occupants will have to move out due to a planned future renovation and restoration of the old courthouse, which we support. And our hope is we would be invited back after the renovation is complete.

### **ROLL CALL:**

The next meeting for Board members and interested parties will be Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm.

### **SPECIAL NOTES:**

We have a new exhibit in the "Fallen Heroes" room with the addition of Lexington Police Sgt. Hunter Falconer's Americat, which honors those who lost their life in the World Trade Center attacks.

The Community Corrections badge pins have arrived. This is the seventh pin created by the museum to sell as a fundraiser.

We welcome the new Mayor, council members and administration and hope they will be as supportive of the museum as the former administration was. We also welcome the newest member to the Lexington History Center, the Isaac Hathaway Museum, which will be located across the hall from our 1890's-1930's room.

### **OTHER NOTES:**

The museum recently purchased an original 1890's Lexington Police badge from a collector in Michigan and will eventually use it to make another set of pins to defray the cost of the badge. It is currently on display with a photograph taken in 1911 of Officer "Tootie" Collins wearing the badge. A matching hat shield was found on eBay and also purchased by the museum.

The alarm is operating again and we are also working with Volunteer Paul Mitchell in having camera's and a monitor installed in one of our rooms so they can be monitored by the volunteer. More cameras may be installed in the future.

Thanks to all our volunteers who have staffed the museum. A schedule is being worked on for January 2007. Volunteers are asked to give us one day a month = 4 hours. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering. You can Email me at [dhume@lfucg.com](mailto:dhume@lfucg.com).



We are in the process of framing all 47 photos of individual Lexington Police officers from 1910-1911. We will then reframe the 1910-1911 photos of the Fire Dept. personnel as mold is starting to grow on the inside of the frame. Retired Fire Chief James Caton has the original 1910-1911 photos of both Police & Fire personnel. With the help of Chief Caton, Robert Terry and the U.K Library, the originals were scanned onto a disk. Robert Terry has restored the copies of the Police photos and has begun restoring the Fire Dept. photos so we can replace the damaged ones.

**MERCHANDISE:**

Personalized Coffee Mug/Glass Stein orders for the Police Department were in high demand for the Christmas season. We had Supervisors who ordered them for their subordinates 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. We sold four coffee mugs at the Woodland Avenue Fire Station. Thanks to Scott Ballinger, we were able to sell coffee mugs to the Volusia County Florida Sheriff's Office and have already sold them over 30 personalized mugs showing their badge.

Our most recent badge pin was for Community Corrections. There are now seven 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, current Lexington Fire Department and the current University of KY Police badge pin. 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.

The Diecast Gearbox 2003 Police cruisers are in short supply. We are down to less than two boxes. There were only 1000 made so you may want to purchase one while you can. Our understanding is the FOP may have some left also.



### **ABOUT US:**

The Lexington Public Safety Museum is located in the Lexington History Center on the first floor. The Lexington History Center is also known as the old courthouse. The KY Renaissance Pharmacy Museum is also on the first floor. 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 five rooms. They are based on a timeline. The first room exhibits items/photos from the 1800's to the 1930's. It adjoins the "Fallen Heroes" room, which honors all Public Safety Officers who have died in the line of duty. Down the hallway are three more rooms. The first and 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. We have started our 2007 membership drive with letters sent to all members whose membership expires at the end of 2006 and those who expired in 2005 and never renewed. Thirty-six members have dues paid up until the end of 2007. Our members' names are always on display at the entrance to the museum.

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