



Monthly Report

DISPATCHES

January 31, 2006

HIGHLIGHTS:

The museum reopened on Friday January 6th after the holidays. We are now in the last phase of the removal of carpet and debris from the expansion area. We have secured one estimate for flooring and are working on several more estimates. The last room will soon have the walls painted and repaired.

Thanks to Mike Acres and his crew from Building Maintenance for clearing out items in the last room to be renovated. They moved all the heavy items across the hall so we could remove the carpet.

ROLL CALL:

The next scheduled meeting of Board Members and interested parties will be held **Monday**, February 13th at 1900 hours (7:00 PM) at the museum. This will be a change from the regular second Tuesday of the month, which is Valentines Day. We will be discussing the expansion progress and plan on doing some minor work and cleanup.

Steve Ferrell and Max Hellmueller set up the Museum Display for the Men's Night Out program at Porter Memorial Church on Friday January 27th. They were able to make some excellent contacts plus sell about \$70 worth of merchandise.

We will be open during the evening of Saturday February 4th for a function at the Lexington History Center. We are always happy to open by appointment or for special events.

SPECIAL NOTES:

Check out our web site at: lexingtonpublicsafetymuseum.org. You can order merchandise on line or sign the guest book. Thanks to Scott Ballinger of the Detention Center for being our Webmaster.

Our condolences to Silver Shield members, James Laughlin and Elizabeth Mellen on the death of Ruth Laughlin. Ruth was the mother of James and the sister of Elizabeth. James is a former Lexington Police Officer, Fayette County Police Officer and Fayette County Deputy Sheriff.



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.

I am in the process of sending out certificates and Thank-you letters to our members. Save the letter for tax purposes. Silver Shield & Gold Shield members will have their certificate framed.

OTHER NOTES:

The museum replaced the merchandise display case in the hallway with a much nicer and larger case. Max Hellmueller did an excellent job renovating the case.

The Police Department donated some books that are outdated and no longer being used to the Museum Library.

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

We now have a phone at the museum and our phone number is 225-6351. Thanks to Rick Curtis from the Commissioner of Public Safety's Office for donating an answering machine. I hope to have it hooked up when we get an additional electrical outlet.

Personalized Coffee Mug orders for the Police Department were in high demand for the Christmas season. We now have the ability to make personalized coffee mugs for the Fire Department and Community Corrections. The cost is \$15 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.

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. Buy all six badge pins we currently have and you receive a free display case to put them in. The badge pins are \$5 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.

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.

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