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Monthly Report

## DISPATCHES

March 31, 2006

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### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

March was a busy month for the museum. We had 77 visitors who signed in, including those from Idaho all the way to the West Bank. We also opened one day by appointment.

We are in the final phases of renovation. The carpeting has been installed. We have spent approximately \$5000 renovating the rooms for expansion. This includes painting, repairing walls and the installation of new carpeting and other items from new smoke detectors to new light grids. The museum office is starting to take shape. Plans are now being made on how to fill the rooms.

The Fayette County Peace Officers Memorial Fund has agreed to finance our "Fallen Heroes" room. This room will honor all Fayette County Public Safety Officers who have been killed in the line of duty.

### **ROLL CALL:**

The next scheduled meeting of Board Members and interested parties will be held **Tuesday**, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 1900 hours (7:00 PM) at the museum. We will be discussing how to proceed on with the expansion project.

### **SPECIAL NOTES:**

Check out our web site at: [lexingtonpublicsafetymuseum.org](http://lexingtonpublicsafetymuseum.org). ***We have posted some new photos from the One-year Anniversary Open House that was held on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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.

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 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 is interested in helping restore the wagon and we hope to move it to an inside storage area this month.

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.

Thanks to all our volunteers who have staffed the museum. A schedule is being worked on for April 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](mailto: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/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.

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.



**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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