



Monthly Report

DISPATCHES

May 31, 2006

HIGHLIGHTS:

May was a hectic month for the museum. We dedicated the "Fallen Heroes" room and estimates have 150 to 200 people attending this event at noon on May 26th at the beginning of the Memorial Day weekend. We had family members of the "fallen heroes" present. Members of the Police, Fire and Corrections Honor Guard posted the flag and Chaplain Welsh of the Division of Police gave the invocation. Mayor Teresa Isaac spoke and Rick Curtis of the Fayette County Peace Officers Memorial Group presented a check for \$1300 for the expenses of the "Fallen Heroes" room. This paid the majority of the cost for furnishing the room including photos, frames, three flags and oak window blinds. Thanks to all those who helped out at the dedication including the Honor Guard members, Firefighter Maria Polenzani who played the bagpipe, building maintenance workers, who had the building and grounds looking neat and clean and the museum board members and volunteers who provided food and assistance.

ROLL CALL:

The next scheduled meeting of Board Members and interested parties will be held **Tuesday**, June 13th at 1900 hours (7:00 PM) at the museum. We will be discussing future expansion plans and the renovation of the old horse drawn wagon.

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.

Our thoughts and prayers are with volunteer Bob Dalzell who had major cancer surgery in May. We wish Bob a speedy recovery.

We also had two visitors from England tour the museum in May.

Steve Blake, Max Hellmueller and Richard Peddicord will set up a table at the Fire School scheduled at the Hyatt in June. They will be selling Lexington Fire Dept. badge pins and advertising the museum.



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. A storage building has been cleaned out for our use. I would like to see an interested party take this assignment and run with it, including the responsibility of having it hauled to the storage facility on DeRoode St.

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.

Thanks to all our volunteers who have staffed the museum. A schedule is being worked on for June 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

George Clapp recently donated a nice lighted display case to the museum. The display case is now in the "Fallen Heroes" room, where we will rotate memorabilia and photos related to those who have made the supreme sacrifice.

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.

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.

David Hume
President, LPSM

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