



Monthly Report

DISPATCHES

November 30, 2006

HIGHLIGHTS:

We have completed the expansion of the Public Safety Museum. The 1800-1930's room was moved down the hallway into a much larger room. The other rooms are undergoing similar renovation and rearrangement. The museum is looking for a large tall display case to showcase mannequins wearing old uniforms, badges, equipment, etc. The case must have a glass front and have the ability to lock. Something that would sit in the middle of the room with glass on all sides would be preferable, depending on size.

ROLL CALL:

The next meeting for Board members and interested parties will be Tuesday December 12th, at 7:00 pm. Goals and objectives for 2007 will be discussed.

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.

OTHER NOTES:

Robert Terry and David Hume set up a display of Museum items at the Police Awards banquet on November 1st and Steve Ferrell set up a display at the Citizens Police Academy meeting on November 7th.

Our sympathies to Volunteer Chip Nowlin who recently lost a grandchild. Our thoughts are also with Volunteer Bob Dalzell who has recently completed Chemotherapy. Bob will be recuperating in Florida over the winter months.

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. It has been sent off for minor repairs.

The Museum Library has old newspaper articles and annual reports, newsletters, along with other research material for those who wish to go through them by appointment. We are currently purging books that we don't need. 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 has



built a work table in the 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 December 2006. 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. We especially need volunteers on Mondays and Fridays. Welcome to our most recent volunteers, Officers Chip Nowlin and Justin Pereslucka.

We are in the process of re-framing photos into nicer frames and adding more photos to the museum's collection. Soon we will be 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 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. We sold four coffee mugs at the Woodland Avenue Fire Station.

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.



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.

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