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Monthly Report

## DISPATCHES

October 31, 2006

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### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

We had several groups visit us in October. The Downtown Walking Beat Officers brought in two groups from the KY League of Cities. We had a Cub Scout Troop visit on Thursday evening the 12th. 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 will be undergoing similar renovation and rearrangement.

### **ROLL CALL:**

The next meeting for Board members and interested parties will be Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. It will most likely be a working meeting as we will be working on the library.

### **SPECIAL NOTES:**

Thanks to Melinda Rockwell and Chris Steuart for their volunteer work at E. W. James Grocery on Leestown Road on October 28<sup>th</sup>. They handed out sample food products at the store and earned the museum \$250. The store was so impressed with their work, that they asked them to come back in December.

We have recently ordered the Community Corrections badge pin, so expect them to arrive in November. This will be the seventh pin created by the museum to sell as a fundraiser.

### **OTHER NOTES:**

We set up a display of our Fayette County Police items at the Fayette County Police reunion held on Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> at Tates Creek Country Club. The museum was closed that day since we removed items from the museum for the reunion. We sold approximately \$300 in merchandise and had Silver Shield member James Laughlin renew his membership at the reunion and former Fayette County Police Dispatcher and Metro Policeman Mark Kessinger became a Silver Shield member.

On October 21<sup>st</sup>, the museum set up a display at the Police Firing Range. It was exhibited in conjunction with the police retirees annual qualification shoot. Many positive comments were made regarding the display. Special thanks to Capt. Mike Blanton and Range Officer Todd Johnson.

Thanks to Charlie Milward, Bob Starkweather, and Mark Arnold for the recent work done on the old courthouse. We had some moldy wet ceiling tiles replaced and had two of our rooms wired for cable.

Thanks to Chief Beatty and the Lexington Police Department for donating a 26" flat screen LCD HD television to the museum. We were able to hang it on the wall, which gave us more floor space. We now are set up with cable television.



The museum recently purchased an original 1890's Lexington Police badge 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.

The Police Department donated some books that were 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. We are going through the books and articles in our library in order to purge what 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 November 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](mailto:dhume@lfucg.com). We especially need volunteers on Mondays and Fridays. Welcome to our most recent volunteers, Officers Chip Nowlin and Justin Pereslucka.

Thanks to Pat Murray from the Aviation Museum for setting us up with a display case which they were no longer using. We bought a new glass shelf for it and now it is in use as a radio display.

#### **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 the University of KY Police Department. There are now six badge pins that have been created with a seventh on the way. 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 have ordered the Community Corrections badge pin and expect it to arrive in November. 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. As of this date we have 50 individuals who have donated anywhere from \$25 to \$1000. Those who join now will have their membership good until December 31, 2007

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