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Monthly Report

## DISPATCHES

September 30, 2006

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### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

Attendance was down slightly in September as we had 75 visitors. We were closed for a total of four days due to a holiday and three days in which we did not have a volunteer to staff the museum. Two cancellations on consecutive Sundays hurt our attendance, but it was unavoidable due to sickness and family emergencies. 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 October 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. It will most likely be a working meeting as we have several projects that are in need of doing.

### **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 formerly of the Detention Center for being our Webmaster. Scott has moved to Florida but has agreed to keep our website up.

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

### **OTHER NOTES:**

We will be setting up a display of our Fayette County Police items at the Fayette County Police reunion to be held on Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> at Tates Creek Country Club. The museum will be closed that day since we will be removing items from the museum for the reunion.

Several of the museum board members took a field trip to the Greater Cincinnati Police Museum on September 26<sup>th</sup>. We were treated very hospitable and given an in depth tour of their museum which is located in the rear of the Cincinnati Police Credit Union. Several good ideas were gained from the visit. We also visited the home of Stan Willis, who is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records for having the world record handcuff collection. Stan has a mini police, fire, and handcuff museum in his basement. No trip to Cincinnati is complete until you have had dinner at Montgomery Inn for their world famous ribs, which the board members did.



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. 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 October 2006. Volunteers are asked to give us one day a month = 4 hours. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering. We especially need volunteers on Mondays and Fridays. Email me at [dhume@lfucg.com](mailto:dhume@lfucg.com)

The museum had a display in the Main Street Public Library on the second floor for the month of August. Thanks to Retired Captain Richard Owen for making arrangements for the museum to use the display cases.

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 and it gave us more floor space. We will soon have cable for the television and internet service for the computer.

#### **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.

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 October. 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. It 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 49 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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