



Monthly Report

DISPATCHES

August 31, 2007

HIGHLIGHTS:

Keep Ed Houlihan and his family in your thoughts and prayers as Ed battles a brain tumor. Ed is the Director of the Lexington History Museum and if not for his support, the Lexington Public Safety Museum would not exist today. You may donate blood in Ed's name to help.

This summer has been a busy time for the museum. We had 159 visitors for the month of June and 229 for the month of July. We will close September 3rd for Labor Day.

ROLL CALL:

The next meeting for board members and interested parties will be Thursday, September 13th at 7:00 pm. This is a change from the regular 2nd Tuesday of the month meetings.

SPECIAL NOTES:

Our condolences to the family of Charles Lilly. Mr. Lilly died this month at 75 years of age. He was a Fayette County Police Auxiliary Lieutenant and donated his badges, hats, uniform and other memorabilia to the museum last year.

Our condolences to the family of Jim Resinger, who died in June. Jim was a longtime dispatcher for the Police Dept. and was the last remaining employee of the old Fayette County Police. The museum is working on a photo display to honor Jim.

We now have the "Heart of the Bluegrass" exhibit sponsored by Malick's Photography on one side of the wall in the 1800's room. The exhibit features old public safety related photos from the collection of John Malick and Lafayette Gallery.

OTHER NOTES:

We welcome Pat Spencer as our new Webmaster. Pat has already cleaned up and updated the site. Our previous Webmaster, Scott Ballinger had moved to Florida so the Board thought it would be better to have local control. We thank Scott for his creation of the site and for helping in the transfer.

Thanks to Jim Caton, Caton & Drummer and Caton-Waller for renewing their membership and donating \$450 towards another antique display case for the 1800's room. The display case was purchased at the Angliana Avenue Antique Show in August for \$550, which included delivery.

Thanks to Max Hellmueller for selling \$90 worth of fire pins at the Fire Department Retirement Dinner.



Thanks to all our volunteers who have staffed the museum. A schedule is being worked on for September 2007. 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.

MERCHANDISE:

Personalized Coffee Mug/Glass Stein orders have slowed down. We still have the ability to make personalized coffee mugs/steins for the Fire Department, Community Corrections and E.R.U. 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 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 UK pin is sold out unless you buy it in a case with the other six pins. The badge pins are \$5 each. The set of all seven in a free display case is \$35.

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.

The Diecast Gearbox 2003 Police cruisers are sold out. We still have plenty of the 1997 Road Champs at \$12 each.

We had another very limited supply of the 1/25 scale custom-built Lexington Police cruisers in a clear plastic display cases. The cost was \$30 and they sold out in a matter of days. Keith Stevens of the Sheriff's Dept made them and we hope to have more in the future.

A Lexington Police pewter badge money clip is also in the design stage and we hope to be selling them for \$10 each. We are also looking at funding a generic Lexington Police challenge coin made by Symbol Arts, who made the other special unit challenge coins. Pike Spraggins has designed the challenge coin and we are waiting for the prototype.



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. The hours are 12 noon until 4 pm. There is no charge for admission. We are closed Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, but will open by appointment or during special events by request.

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. Forty-seven members have dues paid up until the end of 2007 and several members have renewed through 2008. A special deal is being made to any member who expired in 2006 and did not renew for 2007. If you renew now, your dues will be paid up until December 2008. Our members' names are always on display at the entrance to the museum.

David Hume
President, LPSM

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