



Monthly Report

DISPATCHES

July 31, 2007

HIGHLIGHTS:

The museum was opened Wednesday July 4th from 12 pm until 4 pm for the Independence Day Celebration Downtown. We had approximately 50 visitors and served refreshments to the guest.

Robert Terry brought the old 1972 city police cruiser to the Dads & Grads Car Show on June 16th at Commonwealth Stadium. He set up a museum display in conjunction with a recruitment display. He sold approximately \$80 in merchandise for the museum.

ROLL CALL:

The next meeting for Board members and interested parties will be Tuesday August 14th, at 7:00 pm.

SPECIAL NOTES:

Attorney Ted Walter donated items belonging to the late Carlo Leigh, who was a longtime employee of the Detention Center and then Sheriff's Department. Mr. Leigh passed away in March 2007. We have a display of Carlos Leigh's badges, patch, collar pin, name tag, handcuffs and billy club in the Corrections area of the museum.

Thanks to Eric McCrickard for the nice wooden plaques he custom made at no charge to the museum. Cortez Day engraved brass plates that attached to the plaques and hang above the 1911 photos of the Lexington Police & Fire Departments.

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's.

OTHER NOTES:

The annual election for the Board of Directors was held at the July meeting. The board members remained the same except that Officer Robert Terry replaced Chief Robert Hendricks as Vice-President. Chief Hendricks will remain on the Executive Board and Officer Chip Nowlin was added to the Executive Board.

Thanks to Jim Caton, Caton & Drummer and Caton-Waller for renewing membership and donating towards the antique display case for the 1800's room.



Thanks to all our volunteers who have staffed the museum. A schedule is being worked on for August 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. We will be forwarding these proposals to the Chief's office for approval soon. Pike Spraggins is assisting us in the design of the challenge coin.



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.

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