



Monthly Report

DISPATCHES

March 31, 2007

HIGHLIGHTS:

The museum had an open house on Tuesday evening March 7th for attendees of the COPS sponsored seminar held at the Crown Plaza Hotel, formerly the Campbell House. We had 15-20 visitors and received very positive comments. The visit also included a short walk to the Fayette County Peace Officers Memorial in Phoenix Park.

ROLL CALL:

The next meeting for Board members and interested parties will be Tuesday April 10th, at 7:00 pm.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The Museum was featured in the Winter 2006 issue of The Alabama Firefighters Association's Command Post Magazine. Writer Katherine Walcott visited the museum last year and wrote about her experience.

The Hunt Morgan House has donated four nice display cases to the museum. We were able to move two of the display cases to the museum but decided not to move the other two cases.

We will be setting up a display at the FBI-LEEDA Conference to be held at the Marriott from March 31st to April 5th. There will also be an open house on Tuesday for any attendees wishing to visit.

March was a busy month at the museum with the St. Patrick's Day Parade, NCAA Regional Tournament and the Sweet 16 being held at Rupp Arena, there was an increase in visitors to the downtown area. We had over 150 people visit the museum in March.

The 1920's riot at the old courthouse exhibit is complete and is attached to the new display wall that Max Hellmueller built. This wall gives us enough space for three exhibits to be displayed simultaneously. On one end, we have photos and the jail bars from the old workhouse that was built in the 1830's. We hope to have a fire exhibit on the other side.

OTHER NOTES:

Check out www.policejewelrypins.com for solid gold or sterling silver Lexington badge pendants, charms, rings, etc. Retired St. Louis Police Officer Don Pipes makes them and they are of very high quality. They are struck from brass dies instead of rubber moldings. Gold from a refinery is used to make the jewelry, not scrap gold. You can scroll down the page to Lexington Kentucky and order online.



Two cameras have been installed in two of our rooms and the volunteer can now view the monitor from the volunteer booth. The cameras are wireless and reception was fuzzy at first, so thanks to volunteer Paul Mitchell for running cable from the monitor closer to the cameras. The reception is now ideal.

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

We soon will have reframed the 1910-1911 photos of the Fire Dept. personnel and have put nametags underneath their names.

MERCHANDISE:

Personalized Coffee Mug/Glass Stein orders for the Police Department were in high demand for the Christmas season. We now 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 about sold out. 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.

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

We also had a very limited number of 1/25 scale custom built Lexington Police cruisers in a clear plastic display case. The cost was \$30 and you could only buy them at the museum. The brand is Welly and Keith Stevens of the Sheriff's Dept made them. They are now sold out but Keith may make some more for us to sell in the future.



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, 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-four members have dues paid up until the end of 2007. Our members' names are always on display at the entrance to the museum.

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