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Bi-Monthly Report    **DISPATCHES**    August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008

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**HIGHLIGHTS:**

The museum had 204 visitors in June and 174 visitors in July. We were closed 3 days in June and 2 days in July due to cancellations or no volunteers. We had over 100 people on Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> due to the festivals in Cheapside Park and near the new courthouses. We also stayed open late one night for a wedding and reception held at the old courthouse.

**ROLL CALL:**

The next meeting for board members and interested parties will be Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The September meeting will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

Our Condolences to the family of Retired Lexington Police Officer Shirley Comley, who died in July. We will soon have a photo of Shirley on our "Gone but Not Forgotten" wall.

There is an excellent chance the city is going to acquire 16 million in TIF money for renovation of the old courthouse. This has long been needed. We will most likely have to move out during the renovation period with the hope we will be invited back in after renovation is complete. We are looking at places to store our display cases, photos and museum collections for a period of two years. Please let us know if you have any ideas. We are looking for a climate controlled storage area.

**OTHER NOTES:**

We have framed and have on display the 131 individual Lexington Police Officer photographs from 1960. This project cost us around \$1000 from start to finish and took a couple of years to complete. Malicks Photography was able to clean up the majority of damaged photos at a cost of around \$400. The 5 foot long mat with 131 cut-outs was approximately \$200 and the large frame and conservation Plexiglas was \$400.

We have a new exhibit titled "Gone but Not Forgotten". We will frame photos of Public Safety Officers who have recently passed away and rotate a new one through each time someone passes away as long as we have access to a nice 8 X 10 photo. We currently have photos of Luther Traynor, Gene Gregory, Al Merideth and Tommy Lorrison. We have expanded this exhibit by re-arranging some wall space which will hold up to 12 photos.

Approval has been granted for a Lexington Police pocket knife and a Neon Lexington Police Badge light. We are now taking orders for knives at \$24.95 each. The badge and the wording of Lexington Police are on the front with your name and badge number personalized on the back. It is not too early to think about Christmas gifts so order yours now. We also have a knife for the Fire Dept. and plan on one for Community Corrections.



Note the Volunteer Calendar on the new and improved website. You can see who is volunteering on a particular day and see what spots need to be filled. The calendar is constantly being updated, so check it often. A schedule is being worked on for August and September 2008. 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) or [dhume15@insightbb.com](mailto:dhume15@insightbb.com) or [dhume15@hotmail.com](mailto:dhume15@hotmail.com)

### **MERCHANDISE:**

We have the ability to make personalized coffee mugs/steins for the Urban County Government, Police Department, 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 or city seal. 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. The badge pins are \$5 each. We have a Public Safety set for \$15 and it comes in a free display case. It features the current Police, Fire and Corrections badge pins.

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 rotating 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 \$20 each.

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

We ordered 300 more of the Lexington Police challenge coins made by Symbol Arts and they arrived in April. The coin shows the Lexington Badge on one side and a Lexington Police Cruiser with the city skyline on the other. They are selling for \$8.00 each. This will be our last order of these coins so get them while you can.



### **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 and the Isaac Hathaway African American Museum are 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, books, 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 through 2008 and 2009. Our members' names are always on display at the entrance to the museum.

David Hume  
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