



Bi-Monthly Report **DISPATCHES** February 1st, 2008

HIGHLIGHTS:

The museum had 56 visitors in January. We were closed on three Fridays in January. We also closed early on Sunday January 27th due to alarm issues.

ROLL CALL:

The next meeting for board members and interested parties will be Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00 pm. The March meeting will be on the 18th at 7:00 pm. We will be meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in 2008.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The museum escaped some major damage on two occasions when there were pipe breaks on the third floor. In the first incident, water soaked down to one of our ceiling tiles in the 1800's room. The wet tile fell on a display case with a large amount of water right behind it. Luckily we were able to clean up the mess without too much damage. A number of photos and frames had to be wiped down and dried out along with the antique wooden display case. The 1914 book probably suffered the most damage when its pages became wet. The second leak occurred in the 1950's room with water soaking the ceiling tiles, carpet and some photo frames. Luckily the second incident occurred on Martin Luther Kings Birthday while we were open. Thanks to Building Maintenance for responding so quickly on a holiday.

OTHER NOTES:

Our condolences to the family of Retired Fire Captain Tommy Lorrison who died January 26th. Tommy had donated his dress uniform, badge and other items to the museum right after we first opened. Some of this memorabilia was displayed at the funeral home in his honor.

Retired Lexington Police Officer Luther Traynor died on January 30th. He was hired on December 1, 1954 and retired on June 11, 1983 having served 28 ½ years. He worked in both the Patrol and later the Traffic Division. He was best remembered for his work as an Accident Investigator. He was 83 years old. Luther last visited the museum November 18th and was able to identify an officer in a photo dated 1956 that we did not have a name for. It was him!

We have an exhibit honoring African American Public Safety Officer's during Black History Month in February. This includes photos and information on the first black Lexington Police Officer and first black female Lexington Police Officer and others who made a difference or paved the way for others including Lexington Firefighter Brenda Cowan who was killed in the line of duty in 2004.



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 February and March 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 or dhume15@insightbb.com or dhume15@hotmail.com

MERCHANDISE:

Personalized Coffee Mug/Glass Stein orders picked up during the holiday season. 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.

The Lexington Police challenge coins made by Symbol Arts arrived in January. The coin shows the Lexington Badge on one side and a Lexington Police Cruiser with the city skyline on the other. We are selling them for \$8.00 each. They are selling fast and we have less than 100 left.



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. We have sent letters out to members for renewal in 2008. So far, thirty-nine members have dues paid up through 2008. Our members' names are always on display at the entrance to the museum.

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