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

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**HIGHLIGHTS:**

The museum had 112 visitors in August and 78 visitors in September. We were closed 3 days in August and 4 days in September due to Labor Day, cancellations or no volunteers. We had over 10 Corrections Employees from all over the United States for an evening tour on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

**ROLL CALL:**

The next meeting for board members and interested parties will be Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm. The November meeting will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. We always meet at Columbia's on North Lime at 5:30 for dinner prior to the meeting. The meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

Our Condolences to the family of Museum Member Robert Stack whose father passed away in September.

We now have photos of Shirley Comley and Al Jenkins on our "Gone but Not Forgotten" wall.

The museum will be staying open late on Monday October 6<sup>th</sup> due to the Fire Prevention Parade and the celebration of the 5-year anniversary of the Lexington History Museum. We will also be celebrating our 4-year anniversary, which is technically November 20<sup>th</sup> but thought we would celebrate in conjunction with the other events. We will serve refreshments in the museum. We are also expecting a tour on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

We will have a new display with information on the famous female golf pro, Marion Miley, who was brutally murdered in the 1940's. The display will feature magazine articles, books and a scrapbook compiled by one the Detective's who investigated the case.

**OTHER NOTES:**

The museum bought a table for 10 at the Police Awards Banquet held in September. Our board members and active volunteers were invited to attend. We also set up a three table exhibit in the static display area which featured the framed 131 individual Lexington Police Officer photographs from 1960 and we displayed approximately 100 historical Lexington and Fayette County Police badges and patches.

The Lexington Police pocket knives are selling very well. We were able to buy extra from the supplier due to the overwhelming demand so we opened it up to all police employees and family members.

We are raffling off a complete set of seven Lexington Police challenge coins displayed with a Lexington Police pocket knife in a solid oak display case. The tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The raffle will be held before Christmas or sooner if we sell all 2000 tickets. You can send me money/check through inter-office mail and I will fill out the tickets on your behalf.



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 October and November 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 out. 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. Fifty-four members have dues paid up through 2008 and 2009. Our members' names are always on display at the entrance to the museum. We will be sending out renewal notices to members in November.

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