



Bi-Monthly Report **DISPATCHES** April 1st, 2009

HIGHLIGHTS:

The museum had 104 visitors in February and 79 visitors in March. We were closed 1 ½ days in February and 4 ½ days in March due to cancellations, weather or no volunteers. The great-grandson of John H. Crane visited the museum on February 13th. Mr. Crane was a Lexington Police Officer in the 1890's. The family visited his grave site at Hillcrest Cemetery and located his photo at the museum. He was born in 1857 and died in 1934.

ROLL CALL:

The next meeting for board members and interested parties will be Tuesday, April 21st at 7:00 pm. The May meeting will be on the 19th 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 3rd Tuesday of each month. Any party interested in the museum is welcome to join us for dinner and/or the meeting.

SPECIAL NOTES:

Since the last newsletter, I have retired after 30 years with the Lexington Police and have accepted a position as a Court Security Officer in the Federal Court System. This will eventually be a part-time position but I am currently working full-time. Unfortunately, I still do not have much spare time to devote to the museum and we are now looking for people interested in holding office and becoming more involved in the museum.

OTHER NOTES:

We have started a new program in which someone can make a one-time minimum \$250 tax deductible donation and know that 100% of their donation will be invested in a Certificate of Deposit or other safe fund in which the principle will not be touched. The interest made off the principle will be used to pay the day to day expenses of the museum. These expenses could range from a \$20 gas card for a volunteer or monthly telephone bills to annual insurance premiums. This Lifetime Supporter Program is needed to insure the future of the museum. There may be a time in the next couple of years when the museum may have to move out of the old courthouse while renovation is being done. We may need a storage facility for up to two years. If by chance, we are not invited back into the old courthouse, then the museum may need to find a new home. If the Lifetime Supporter Program becomes what we hope, then maybe one day, we can have a facility of our own or have a paid employee. The advantage of being a Lifetime Supporter of the Museum over being a Member is that you make a one-time donation and are not bothered anymore for money. You will not receive annual solicitations requesting that you renew your membership. Remember, your money is not spent; it is invested and will be put to work for the Museum. You will receive a letter acknowledging your donation and thanking you for becoming a lifetime supporter. The letter can be used for your tax documents. You will



receive a Lifetime Supporter Certificate and if you provide your email, you will receive the bi-monthly newsletter.

The Museum was a sponsor for the Fire Department Awards Banquet that was held on Friday March 6th. We also purchased a brick for the proposed Fire Department Memorial.

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 April and May. 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: dhume15@insightbb.com , dhume15@hotmail.com or lexpublicsafety@yahoo.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 green, yellow, maroon, pink, and others are also available. Thanks to Jennifer Taylor of Community Corrections who has pushed the mug sales throughout Community Corrections. We will soon be offering a stainless travel mug engraved with a badge on one side and your name on the back.

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 Lexington Police 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. However, due to problems with the manufacturer, we will not be receiving any orders until June.

The Diecast Gearbox 2003 Police cruisers are sold out. We still have a couple of the 1997 Road Champs at \$12 each. We hope to do another die cast police car in the future when the body style is changed.



We have plenty of the Lexington Police challenge coins made by Symbol Arts. 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 particular 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, gold shield and platinum shield. Forty members have dues paid up through 2009. Our members' names are always on display at the entrance to the museum.

David Hume
President, LPSM

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