



Bi-Monthly Report **DISPATCHES** December 1, 2009

HIGHLIGHTS:

The museum had 112 visitors October and 87 visitors in November. We were closed 4 days in October and 2 days in November due to cancellations, holidays or no volunteers.

ROLL CALL:

The next meeting for board members and interested parties will be Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 pm. The January 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:

The museum is working on securing a donation from The Catherine Golden Cropper Foundation to become a Lifetime Supporter. This non-profit foundation only donates to other non-profits for the "good of the community" and they feel that the museum certainly meets that status. Updated paperwork is being filed and hopefully we will hear something by the end of the year.

OTHER NOTES:

The museum had a facelift thanks to Chris Steuart who painted eight display cases to match the walls and spearheaded the carpet cleaning in three rooms.

The family of Officer Oscar Roberts, who was killed in the line of duty in 1948, has donated the gun Officer Roberts carried while on duty. Tragically, it is the same gun he was shot with when he was disarmed at Keeneland Race Track in 1948. The gun is engraved with his name and on display in the "Fallen Heroes" room.

We have started a new program called "Lifetime Supporter" 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 and they are never solicited again. The interest made from the principle will be used to pay the day to day expenses of the museum. We have set a goal of 400 Lifetime Supporters. Now, we may not reach that goal in my lifetime but we have to start somewhere and we are currently at 2.5% of our goal.

The Museum was open the evening of Monday October 5th for the Fire Prevention Parade. 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 December and January. 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. We are now offering a stainless travel mug engraved with a badge on one side and your name on the back for \$18.

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. We now have all pins in stock. 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. You can see photos and order the pin sets on our website under "Products".

We are able to obtain the crystal blocks again and are now 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 \$22.50 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 \$22.50 each.

The Diecast Gearbox 2003 Police cruisers are sold out; however, we have a box of the 1997 Road Champs in. 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. We plan on doing another challenge coin in 2010 with the Fayette County Peace Officer's Memorial on the reverse and the Lexington Police badge on the front.



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-one members have dues paid up through 2009 or 2010. We have nine Lifetime Supporters. Our supporters and members' names are always on display at the entrance to the museum. Members have the option to switch to a Lifetime Supporter and not be solicited again.

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