



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

HIGHLIGHTS:

The museum had 71 visitors in December and 59 visitors in January. We were closed 6 days in December and 5 days in January due to Christmas, cancellations, weather or no volunteers.

ROLL CALL:

The next meeting for board members and interested parties will be Tuesday, February 17th at 7:00 pm. The March meeting will be on the 17th 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.

SPECIAL NOTES:

We ordered 1000 new museum brochures through Vista Print on the Internet. The brochures were created online and are much more professional than the old brochures that were created off of a copy machine.

OTHER NOTES:

We recently bought a 1940's era Lexington Police badge and FOP National Conference ribbon that belonged to Lexington Police Officer Raymond Beal. These items were found at a local antique shop. They are now framed in a display case at the museum with a photo of Raymond Beal and the original program from the 1949 Conference. Thanks to Chief Hendricks who saw the items and called about them.

Andrew Moore of Computer Services with the Police Department won the raffle of the complete set of eight Lexington Police challenge coins displayed with a Lexington Police pocket knife in a solid oak display case. The tickets were \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and we sold over 500 tickets.

On a more personal note, there is a good chance I will be retiring in the next month or two after 30 years on the Police Department and taking a part-time job. If this does happen, it may give me a little more time to devote to the museum, especially on weekdays but my weekends will still be taken up with travels to watch my son perform in an indoor drumline this spring and a drum corps this summer. We will need more volunteers to assist with keeping the museum open in 2009.

The Museum is a sponsor for the Fire Department Awards Banquet that will be 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 February 2009 and March 2009. 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:

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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.

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 few 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, gold shield and platinum shield. Thirty-eight 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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