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

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**HIGHLIGHTS:**

The museum had 136 visitors in April and 183 visitors in May. We were closed 2 days in April and 4 days in May due to cancellations, holidays or no volunteers. The daughter of Officer John T. Dickey visited the museum on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Dickey was a Lexington Police Officer in the 1930's and 1940's. We now have on loan the badge, patch and pocket notebook of Officer Dickey. He was known as the "Mayor of Irishtown" because of the many years he worked in that beat and because of the affection he gave to people in the area and his work with underprivileged children.

**ROLL CALL:**

The next meeting for board members and interested parties will be Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The July meeting will be on the 21<sup>st</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. Any party interested in the museum is welcome to join us for dinner and/or the meeting.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

Attendance has increased on Saturdays due to the Farmers Market moving to Cheapside Park. We lost our parking space on Saturdays due to the closing of Short Street for Farmers Market but Volunteers may park in the parking garage across Main Street or look for a metered spot.

**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 from the principle will be used to pay the day to day expenses of the museum. Our first Lifetime Supporter is Mindy Rockwell.

The museum will have a table at the FOP Fish Fry on June 20<sup>th</sup> near the UK Good Barn by Commonwealth Stadium. We will be selling merchandise and taking orders for personalized coffee mugs, travel mugs and beer steins with the badge from the old County Police, City Police and current LFUCG Police, Fire and Corrections. We will also have a silent auction for a 2003 Lexington Police Gearbox Diecast cruiser in the current striping. It is the last one we have and is numbered 0923 out of 1000. The starting bid will be \$10.00, which was our cost.



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 June and July. 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](mailto:dhume15@insightbb.com) , [dhume15@hotmail.com](mailto:dhume15@hotmail.com) or [lexpublicsafety@yahoo.com](mailto: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 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. 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.

Both the Diecast Gearbox 2003 Police cruisers and the 1997 Road Champs are sold out. We hope to do another die cast police car in the future when the body style is changed. We are also expecting a shipment of the 1997 Road Champs in the future.

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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