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Bi-Monthly Report    **DISPATCHES**    Summer 2010

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**HIGHLIGHTS:**

The museum had 127 visitors in April, 177 visitors in May, 197 in June and 190 in July. We were closed 4 days in April, 5 in May, 1 in June and a record 7 days in July due to no volunteers, cancellations or holidays. The museum is planning to hire someone on a temporary basis for the three weeks of the Equestrian Events. The hours will be Monday thru Friday from noon until 9 pm with an hour off for dinner. The pay will be \$10 an hour and we will issue a IRS Form 1099. This person will attend a short orientation, given a key and the alarm code. If you are interested, please email me at [dhume15@insightbb.com](mailto:dhume15@insightbb.com). I would love to have a retired police, fire or corrections person, family member or current volunteer apply for this temporary position.

**ROLL CALL:**

The next meeting for board members and interested parties will be Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. We will be meeting on a bi-monthly basis in 2010. 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 every other month. Any party interested in the museum is welcome to join us for dinner and/or the meeting. Our minutes are now on-line on our website at [lexingtonpublicsafetymuseum.org](http://lexingtonpublicsafetymuseum.org).

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

On a personal note, as we grow older our priorities in life change. In semi-retirement, I would like to focus my life in some different directions so if I am re-elected President, it will be my last year as President of the Museum. I am not sure at this time in what capacity I would remain or if I would remain active. The museum is in desperate need of people to become involved and keep the museum running in the future. There is so much more that can be done, which I do not want or have the desire to do. We have built a wonderful museum in 6 years and we are in the best financial shape that we have ever been in. But we need some new blood on our board and more volunteers to keep it going.

**OTHER NOTES:**

The World Equestrian Games Commemorative Badges for the Lexington Police Officers have arrived. The badge is only available to sworn personnel and each officer could order one. The badge can be worn during the three weeks of the games and used as a keepsake after the games. It is not too late for officers to order them. The WEG badge pins are expected in August. We will have a Mounted Police display in time for the World Equestrian Games.

A photo of Officer Bryan Durman has been added to the "Fallen Heroes" room.

Our condolences to Board Member Chip Nowlin who lost his father in April.



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 August and September. Volunteers are asked to give us one day (4 hrs) whenever they can. 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. We are now offering a stainless travel mug engraved with a badge on one side and your name on the back for \$18.

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, current University of KY Police and the current Community Corrections 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". Two WEG pins are in production, one will be silver and the other gold.

We also have crystal blocks with the 3D image of the police cruiser in it. We have these in stock and they are \$20.00 each.

The new challenge coins arrived in June with the WEG Commemorative badge on one side and the museum logo on the other. We ordered 500 of these coins and they are selling for \$8.00 each.

The Diecast Gearbox 2003 Police cruisers are sold out; however, we have a few of the 1997 Road Champs and hope to get another box soon. We plan to do another die cast police car in the future when the body style is changed.



### **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. Twenty-five members have dues paid up through 2010 or 2011. We have sixteen 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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President, LPSM

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