



Monthly Report

DISPATCHES

September 30, 2007

HIGHLIGHTS:

Thanks to Jim Caton and the G. F. Vaughn Tobacco family for the new exhibit in the 1800's room. It is an antique piece of firefighting equipment that dates to the early 1900's.

As the summer is closing, it has still a busy time for the museum. We had 93 visitors for the month of August and 131 for the month of September. We will be closed October 5-7.

ROLL CALL:

The next meeting for board members and interested parties will be Tuesday, October 16th at 7:00 pm. This is a change from the regular 2nd Tuesday of the month meetings.

SPECIAL NOTES:

Our condolences to the family of former Lexington Police Officer Fred Ross. Fred was a Lexington Police Officer from 1989-1993 and then again from 1994-1996. Thanks to Randy Myers for printing four 8X10 color photos of Fred in uniform. Three of those photos were given to his family, with two of them in frames paid for by the museum. His wife and children seemed to really appreciate the framed photos, which were given to them at Fred's visitation. Fred was a very young 45 years old and died of a heart attack.

We now have the "Heart of the Bluegrass" exhibit sponsored by Malick's Photography on one side of the wall in the 1800's room. The exhibit features old public safety related photos from the collection of John Malick and Lafayette Studio. We will soon offer photos from Malick's Art Studio and Lafayette Studio for sale.

OTHER NOTES:

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 antique display case purchased at the Angliana Antique Show is now being used in the 1800's room. Max Hellmueller renovated the case to match the one we bought last year. They are now displayed side by side.

The Retired Police Reunion was held on September 22nd at the Tates Creek Country Club. The museum set up a display and sold approximately \$300 worth of merchandise. The display was very well received by the over 200 people in attendance.

The actual badges worn by J. J. Estes, who was killed in the line of duty in 1923, have been donated to the museum. They are now displayed in the "Fallen Heroes Room."



Thanks to all our volunteers who have staffed the museum. A schedule is being worked on for October 2007. 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 dhume@lfucg.com.

MERCHANDISE:

Personalized Coffee Mug/Glass Stein orders have slowed down. We still have the ability to make personalized coffee mugs/steins for the 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. Name, rank and badge number can be placed on the mugs/steins. Mugs with colors such as red, green, yellow, maroon, pink, and others are also available.

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 unless you buy it in a case with the other six pins. The badge pins are \$5 each. The set of all seven in a free display case is \$35.

We are taking orders on crystal blocks with the 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 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 also \$20 each.

The Diecast Gearbox 2003 Police cruisers are sold out. We still have plenty of the 1997 Road Champs at \$12 each.

We had another very limited supply of the 1/25 scale custom-built Lexington Police cruisers in a clear plastic display cases. The cost was \$30 and they sold out in a matter of days. Keith Stevens of the Sheriff's Dept made them and we hope to have more in the future.

A Lexington Police pewter badge money clip is also in the design stage and we hope to be selling them for \$10 each. We are also looking at funding a generic Lexington Police challenge coin made by Symbol Arts, who made the other special unit challenge coins. Pike Spraggins has designed the challenge coin and we are waiting for the prototype.



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 is 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, 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 and gold shield. Forty-seven members have dues paid up until the end of 2007 and several members have renewed through 2008. A special deal is being made to any member who expired in 2006 and did not renew for 2007. If you renew now, your dues will be paid up until December 2008. Our members' names are always on display at the entrance to the museum.

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