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Monthly Report

## DISPATCHES

January 31, 2007

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### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

The museum recently had an old KY Highway Patrol badge from the 1930's and an old KY State Police badge from the 1940's donated that had been dug up with a metal detector. The Highway Patrol was formed in the 1930's and was the predecessor to the State Police, which was formed in 1948. These badges had been buried in the ground for over 50 years and were found about two years ago. They are now on display in the 1940's room.

### **ROLL CALL:**

The next meeting for Board members and interested parties will be Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm.

### **SPECIAL NOTES:**

Thanks to George McDaniel for the donation of the original fire alarm pedestal that was in front of the Courthouse for many years. It is now in the museum with an old fire alarm box attached to the top.

The Community Corrections badge pins have arrived. This is the seventh pin created by the museum to sell as a fundraiser.

Bobby Powell recently donated the old Fayette County Police sign which hung at the County Police Department when it was on N. Upper St. Bobby is the son of former Police Major Larkin Powell.

### **OTHER NOTES:**

Eleanor Voldrich of Lexington recently donated an old nightstick which belonged to her Uncle Paul Drendul. He was a Chicago policeman in the 1920's and worked the Maxwell Street Station which was also known as "Bloody Maxwell". The Maxwell Street Station was the Police station shown on Hill Street Blues. She states Officer Drendul was 6' 7" tall and that he passed away in the 1941-1942 era. She stated he was also instrumental in the capture of Baby Face Nelson. We normally do not take non-Fayette County items, but it is a good representation of nightsticks used in that era everywhere, including Lexington.

The alarm is operating again and we are also working with Volunteer Paul Mitchell in having two cameras' and a monitor installed in one of our rooms so they can be viewed by the volunteer. More cameras may be installed in the future.

Thanks to all our volunteers who have staffed the museum. A schedule is being worked on for February 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](mailto:dhume@lfucg.com).



We have framed up all 47 photos of individual Lexington Police officers from 1910-1911 and it is currently hanging in the museum. We will soon reframe the 1910-1911 photos of the Fire Dept. personnel as mold is starting to grow on the inside of the frame. Retired Fire Chief James Caton has the original 1910-1911 photos of both Police & Fire personnel. With the help of Chief Caton, Robert Terry and the U.K Library, the originals were scanned onto a disk. Robert Terry has restored the copies of the Police photos and has finished restoring the Fire Dept. photos so we can replace the damaged ones.

### **MERCHANDISE:**

Personalized Coffee Mug/Glass Stein orders for the Police Department were in high demand for the Christmas season. We had Supervisors who ordered them for their subordinates as a gift. We now have the ability to make personalized coffee mugs/steins for the Fire Department and Community Corrections. 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. We sold four coffee mugs at the Woodland Avenue Fire Station. Thanks to Scott Ballinger, we were able to sell coffee mugs to the Volusia County Florida Sheriff's Office and have already sold them over 30 personalized mugs showing their badge.

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 badge pins are \$5 each.

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 in short supply. We are down to less than ten. There were only 1000 made so you may want to purchase one while you can. Our understanding is the FOP may have some left also.

We also have a very limited number of 1/25 scale custom built Lexington Police cruisers in a clear plastic display case. The cost is \$30 and you can only buy them at the museum. The brand is Welly and they were made by Keith Stevens of the Sheriff's Dept. We only have six of these and do not expect them to last long.



### **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. Our hours are 12 noon until 4 pm on those days. There is no charge for admission. We are closed Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.

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. We have started our 2007 membership drive with letters sent to all members whose membership expires at the end of 2006 and those who expired in 2005 and never renewed. Thirty-seven members have dues paid up until the end of 2007. Our members' names are always on display at the entrance to the museum.

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