



Monthly Report

DISPATCHES

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HIGHLIGHTS:

The museum has undergone reorganization in the 1960's-1970's room. It was decided to arrange items by agency and to change out some of the displays. We now have Fayette County Police, Lexington City Police, Lexington Fire and Detention Center items all displayed in separate areas or walls. The room is much more organized now.

ROLL CALL:

The next meeting for Board members and interested parties will be Tuesday March 13th, at 7:00 pm.

SPECIAL NOTES:

Three Museum banners are now hanging on telephone poles on the Short Street and N. Upper Street side of the old courthouse.

Thanks to Max Hellmueller for building a display wall in the 1800's-1930's room to hang more pictures on. This wall will have a display of the Will Locket Trial and riots at the old courthouse in the 1920's.

The museum is looking for a pair of black low cut standard military type shoes which would be similar to shoes worn in the 1950's-1960's era. We are also looking for a black inner belt with a buckle that would be similar to those worn with a city police uniform in the 1960's. Most photos in that era show the buckle on the inner belt and the buckle on the outer duty belt. We have the outer duty belt but need an inner belt. We need both these items as soon as possible to complete two mannequins.

We expect March to be a busy month at the museum, with the NCAA Regional Tournament and the Sweet 16 being held at Rupp Arena, there should be an increase in visitors to the downtown area.

OTHER NOTES:

The museum is always looking for fundraising ideas as most of our Gearbox die cast cars are sold out. We are looking into making some challenge coins for the Sectors or Bureau of Investigation. We would have to sell them for \$10 each and would need commitments to purchase at least 150 of them in order to break even. The minimum order is 300 but the museum may be willing to finance the project if there is enough interest. Let me know if you have any ideas, designs, etc.



Two cameras have been temporarily installed in one of our rooms and the monitor can now be viewed by the volunteer. They are wireless and reception is not ideal so we are working with volunteer Paul Mitchell to have them hard-wired. 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 March 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.

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. The new mat is being cut at the framers and the photos have been restored.

MERCHANDISE:

Personalized Coffee Mug/Glass Stein orders for the Police Department were in high demand for the Christmas season. We now 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 about sold out. 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 sold out. Our understanding is the FOP may have some left.

We also had a very limited number of 1/25 scale custom built Lexington Police cruisers in a clear plastic display case. The cost was \$30 and you could only buy them at the museum. The brand is Welly and they were made by Keith Stevens of the Sheriff's Dept. They are now sold out but Keith may make some more for us to sell in the future.



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. Forty-two 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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