



Monthly Report

DISPATCHES

November 30, 2007

HIGHLIGHTS:

The museum had 48 visitors in November. Attendance was down a little because we closed during the Thanksgiving Holidays and had to close a couple of days due to not having any volunteers to staff the museum. We will be closed on Monday December 24th and Monday December 31st for Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. We will be having a tour for the Police Recruit Class on Friday December 21st from 1300-1500.

ROLL CALL:

The next meeting for board members and interested parties will be Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00 pm. We have gone back to the regular 2nd Tuesday of the month meetings but may change weekdays in 2008 depending on attendance.

SPECIAL NOTES:

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.

Thanks to Retired Fireman Max Hellmueller for installing the office door, even though a Policeman and Corrections Officer had to bail him out, no pun intended, on the correct way to secure it.

The collage of the last day of the existence of the Fayette County Police is now on display at the museum.

Thanks to Robert Terry for setting up a static display at the Police Awards Banquet on Friday November 2nd.

Thanks to all our volunteers who have staffed the museum. A schedule is being worked on for December 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 are starting to pick up for the holiday season. 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 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. 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 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.

We are funding a generic Lexington Police challenge coin made by Symbol Arts, who made the other special unit challenge coins. The coin shows the Lexington badge on one side and a Lexington Police Cruiser with the city skyline on the other. Pike Spraggins designed the challenge coin and 500 have been ordered. We will sell them for \$8.00 each. They should arrive mid January.



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 and gold shield. We have sent letters out to members for renewal in 2008. Our members' names are always on display at the entrance to the museum.

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