



Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team

Monthly Newsletter

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'Tis the season! While Support Team activities usually diminish in November and December, there are still opportunities to participate in helping make your community safer. Christmas shopping brings out the crowds and unfortunately it also brings out the shoplifters and individuals intent on breaking into cars to steal gifts and other items of value. Support Team members can perform useful neighborhood patrols to help detect and deter criminals. Let's hit the streets, malls, shopping centers, and the downtown Leesburg business district day and night and watch for signs of criminal activity. Check out a radio at Headquarters and listen in as you patrol and you might be the first to spot a fleeing suspect. Also coming up in December are the annual Leesburg Christmas and Holiday Parade on the morning of December 10 and First Night Leesburg celebration on New Year's Eve. Both events can use Support Team traffic direction help! Please volunteer.

All Team members! Try to attend this month's meeting, Thursday, December 1st, at 7pm. We have a new Team applicant to vote on at this meeting and we need to discuss and plan our upcoming Team holiday dinner on Saturday, December 17!

NMED/Mothernet Families Benefit from Support Team Donation

At November's monthly meeting, the Support Team voted to donate \$100 towards a portion of a Thanksgiving dinner for needy families on the night of November 22 at the Douglass Community Center. The Leesburg Police Department collected donations for this event and the Support Team donation was a major contribution. A Thanksgiving turkey dinner with all the trimmings was prepared by Spanky's Shenanigans restaurant, and Chief Joseph Price, Lt. Wes Thompson, Officer Stephen Winkler, Sherry Bodine, Rhonda Randolph, and Steve Hood (ST-4) from the Support Team picked up the hot trays of roast turkey breast, mashed potatoes, stuffing and gravy, green beans, macaroni and cheese, rolls, and chicken nuggets and delivered them to Douglass Community Center where approximately 30 needy families with lots of children were waiting. Steve and Officer Winkler stayed and helped dish up plates full of food for the Mothernet participants. Lots of fun and wonderful food for all! We hope to have a few pictures from the event in the next newsletter. We CAN (and we did) help make a difference!

Halloween Parade Gets Support Team Help

Leesburg's annual Halloween parade was held on the evening of October 31 and Team members Raymond Kirkpatrick and Steve Hood provided assistance to the event. Raymond piloted the ever-popular barrel train, full of little ghosts and goblins and like characters while Steve helped keep the parade route clear of traffic and control the crowds trying to edge closer to the parade units. Thanks Raymond and Steve!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The joint Support Team - Law Enforcement Explorer Holiday Dinner will be held at Headquarters on the evening of Saturday, December 17! Help is needed to plan this event. Contact Steve Hood or Vicky Petty-Nawrath ASAP!