



Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team

Monthly Newsletter

June, 2009

Prez Sez

Lots of activity this month, particularly with the 13th Annual LPD Motorcycle Poker Run. We did it again! Very successful event and lots of money raised for the Virginia Special Olympics organization. Thanks to all who put in a very long day (and at least one member who also worked a half day before the event!) Thanks also to all the ST members who stepped up to the plate on short notice to do seatbelt surveys. You are making our Town safer!

This will be my last Prez Sez column as I will be turning the President's gavel over to Sandy Kane and working on being a good Training Officer for the coming year. I also intend to work more on public outreach, soliciting appearances before homeowners' associations, fraternal groups, and civic organizations to talk about the Team and stomp for new membership. I want to ask that everyone give Sandy the same great cooperation and help that you always gave to me over the past years. I will be continuing with the Team and offering her counsel if she requests.

As always, keep your batteries charged and your radios on...we are in storm season and that usually means emergency callouts. We are here to serve and assist the police department, the Town, and the citizens of Leesburg.

Steve

KUDOS to 2008/2009 Officers

Many thanks for the time and effort our officers gave to the Support Team under the exemplary leadership of Steve Hood. As members of the ST Board, Sandy Kane, Jim Tomfohrde, and Vicky Petty also served the team well.

Welcome Aboard

The June 2009/2010 election was held on June 4. The following members were elected to the Support Team Board:

President	Sandy Kane/ST14
Vice President	Pat Edwards/ST16
Sec'y/Treasurer	Vicky Petty/ST13
Training	Steve Hood/ST4
	Eric Mayr/ST8 (assistant)
Logistics:	Deb Walczak/ST7



Support Team Dress Code

Sergeant McVay provided the following guidelines for uniform dress code for the Support Team: **Class 'A' uniform** should be required for any event where ST personnel will be supplementing police services (i.e., traffic control/direction, event/site security patrols, etc.). The **Class 'B' uniform** should be utilized for “behind the scenes” assignments such as traffic surveys, meetings, and PR events as appropriate.

Michael Jones

Unfortunately, due to work demands and family needs, Michael is no longer available to work events for the Support Team. However, he has been placed on the reservist list. We look forward to having Michael back return as an active team member in the near future. The Team thanks to Michael for a job well done.

Support Team Provides Critical Support to LPD Poker Run

June 6 brought hundreds of motorcycles and riders (both human and animal) to the Leesburg National Guard Armory for the 13th Annual Leesburg Police Department Motorcycle Poker Run to raise funds for Virginia Special Olympics. The weather cooperated beautifully as the riders were presented with a gorgeous day and mild temperatures...not the scorcher we had last year! The day before the event, Maggie Longhurst assisted Officers Bill Wolff and Mark McCartney in the set-up of the tables and chairs and cleaning of same at the Armory. On the day of the event, our Secretary-Treasurer for Life, John Mallery, came over the mountain from his home in Berryville to help out all of the ST members who dedicated the day to the event. Ron Leetch, Maggie Longhurst, Deb Walczak, Steve Hood, Raymond Kirkpatrick, Lora Tacey, Bert Robinson, Sandy Kane, and Pat Edwards all chipped in and provided the manpower to make this event a success as the riders rode from Leesburg to Frederick, MD, Boonesboro, MD, Brunswick, MD, and back to Leesburg. Scores of other volunteers including Officer Wolff's and Officer McCartney's wives, friends, and children toiled mightily to get food and drinks ready and clean tables during the event. LPD Chief Joseph Price and Leesburg Mayor Kristen Umstattd welcomed the riders back to the Armory at the end of the ride and a Special Olympian and a Washington Redskins player were on hand to help hand out prizes. The hundreds of riders were very complimentary of the ride and the day's event and opened their wallets to provide approximately \$14,000 in donations for Special Olympics. Thank you Team members for once again donating your time (and muscles) to this wonderful event!

To access photos of the Poker Run, log onto <http://www.jba2.com/>.

Click-It/Ticket Post Survey

The Click-It/Ticket post survey was conducted on June 11 at 0830. Thanks to Raymond Kirkpatrick, Lora Tacey, Pat Edwards, and Sandy Kane for their time to complete this project.

Ida Lee Community Fun Fest

The Ida Lee community Fun Fest was held on June 14 from 1100 to 1700. The event was lightly attended, but those present seemed to enjoy the non-crowd. Pat Edwards/ST16 was sent to help with traffic at the intersection of Ida Lee Drive and traffic going to and from the new A.V. Symington pool. It was realized fairly quickly that even though there was a special event going on, the traffic was doing well at self-governing. SO! With permission, Pat did surveillance by walking and driving the entire park four times.



Bluemont Concert 2009 Season

This year the concert season begins June 28 at the Dodona Manor property. No road closures will be needed this season. STs will place barricades at the entrances of Dodona Manor on East Market Street and Edwards Ferry Road. STs posted at these locations will be required to ensure that no vehicles stop in traffic to let people off. The STs will be stationed at each entrance to provide parking information to attendees: the Loudoun County parking garage, Colonial Funeral Home, and the Shops at Dodona Manor. Special parking arrangements will be made for handicapped attendees. Some attendees may park at the Tollhouse shopping center. Remember that STs can take no enforcement action. If they observe people parking on private lots, that becomes their issue. STs can advise citizens that cars can be towed from private lots by the owners for any reason. Note that STs are not assigned to this event to stop traffic for pedestrians attending the concerts.

LPD Ride-Alongs

Leesburg Police Citizen Support, Inc. personnel may participate in ride-alongs. Only one member may ride per shift, except during training, provided that the member:

- a. is in good standing;
- b. has satisfied all requirements as an LPCSTI member prior to requesting the ride-along;
- c. has signed a blanket waiver ride-along form which has been approved by the Chief of Police or designee;
- d. obeys all orders and stipulations from the ride-along officer. Failure to obey lawful orders shall result in immediate termination of the ride-along and discipline in accordance with the bylaws of the Corporation. The Department reserves the right to suspend or cancel a ride-along at its discretion.

An application for a ride-along request will be provided at the July 2, 2009. You will be requested to complete this form and give it to MPO Chris Tidmore to keep on file. If you would like to sign up for subsequent ride-alongs, simply send an email request to MPO Tidmore.