



Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team

Monthly Newsletter

June, 2010

Prez Says

Remember, June 3 is the date of the Support Team's annual meeting. Members are encouraged to attend so that they may vote for the Team's officers for the 2010/2011 season. You are also encouraged to add your name to the slate for a position on the Board. The positions to be filled include President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Logistics, and Training. See you then!

As you can see, the number of events has increased dramatically. Everyone's participation is needed to avoid having to turn down a request for the Team's help. You can easily sign up at our monthly meetings or respond to email requests as events are added. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Barrel Train Helps Make Autism Walk a Success



On Thursday evening, April 29, Leesburg Police Officer Chris Tidmore and Citizens Support Team members Raymond Kirkpatrick/ST-9 and Steve Hood/ST-4 transported the barrel train, safety information, and child DNA kits to the Paxton home in north Leesburg for an autism awareness walk sponsored by ARC of Loudoun. While Raymond piloted the barrel train, Steve offered goodie bags of safety information to the kids and DNA kits to the parents at the event. The Leesburg Police Law Enforcement Explorer post also participated in the event by helping kids in and out of the train and providing safety information. Lots of fun was had by all at this event, thanks in part to the Police Department, the Support Team, and the Explorers.

Support Team Mans DNA and Safety Info Table at First Friday Event

Support Team members Pat Edwards/ST/16, Maggie Longhurst/ST/3, Vinnie Carinelli/ST/8, and Steve Hood/ST/4 set up and manned a child DNA and safety information table in front of Town Hall for the May 7 First Friday event. While foot traffic was light, the ST members did manage to get the word out to a number of passersby on the goals of the Support Team in helping prevent crime and increase safety in Leesburg.



Smartsmill 5K Foot Race Gets Support Team Help

Team members Pat Edwards/ST/16, Deb Walczak/ST/7, and Steve Hood/ST/4 got up bright and early on this May 8 Saturday morning to assist the Leesburg Police Department with traffic direction for a 5K foot race in northeast Leesburg. While the weather was cool and threatening rain, only a sprinkle came down. The ST members stopped traffic for the runners crossing streets and were finished with their work by 9:30 a.m. (Pictures attached)

ST Member is First on the Scene of a Vehicle Accident

Late in the evening of May 7, after working the First Friday event, Steve Hood/ST/4 had just filled up the Support Team van with gas at the Town Shop and was waiting for a break in eastbound traffic to allow him to get onto East Market Street. While waiting, he heard the sound of squealing tires and saw a vehicle spin out of control on the highway and careen backwards into the median strip just east of the Town Shop. Steve immediately reported the accident to Police dispatchers and then activated the emergency and 4-way flashers on the van and positioned the van to protect the other vehicle and its occupants from further harm. Steve reported there were no injuries to the occupants and he then began laying out road flares to alert drivers bearing down on the accident scene. Leesburg police officers immediately responded and took charge of the scene, allowing Steve to continue on his way.

Leesburg Elementary School Fun Fair Gets Support Team Support

A beautiful day on Saturday, May 15, as Leesburg Police Officer John Pearson, Law Enforcement Explorers Ryan and Zeke, and Support Team members Raymond Kirkpatrick/ST/9 and Steve Hood/ST/4 brought the famous barrel train, child DNA/identity kits, and safety information to Leesburg Elementary School. Lots of kids rode in the barrel train with Raymond piloting and the Explorers checking seatbelts, while Steve talked with parents about the DNA kits and handed out goodie bags with safety information and little prizes to the kids. A great time was had by all!

Support Team Members are First on the Scene of an Accident

Shortly after performing traffic direction duty for the May 16 Cystic Fibrosis Walk, Support Team members Deb Walczak/ST7 and Steve Hood/ST4 responded from Loudoun County High School to an accident scene at Valley View Avenue and the W&OD Bike trail, where a bicyclist had struck a car. Steve and Deb were first on the scene and radioed information about the status of the badly injured victim and the vehicle involved to Dispatch and then began diverting traffic away from the scene as Fire, Rescue, and Police vehicles began arriving. The two ST members were able to clear after the victim was transported to a local hospital. Great work STs!

Community Policing Meeting for District One Residents

The May 20 open meeting was aimed at providing information to town residents and business owners who reside or work in Police District One. District One generally covers the areas of town that are north of Edwards Ferry Road and north of Catoctin Circle. Lieutenant Brian Rourke is the District One Commander. This meeting gave citizens an opportunity to meet their community policing officer, get information



about the services provided by the LPD, learn about media information sharing outlets, and learn about general Town services. Lt. Rourke invited Sandy Kane/ST14 and Steve Hood/ST4 to represent the Support Team and to give a presentation to the attendees to describe what the Team does for the residents of Leesburg.

Rescue Squad Open House

On May 23, Rescue Squad No. 13 on Catoctin Circle held its annual Open House. The Support Team was invited to set up a display for public awareness of DNA/Identity kits. Deb Walczak/ST7, Raymond Kirkpatrick/ST9, and Sandy Kane/ST14 worked the event. Unfortunately, the attendance was lower than usual this year due to the heavy rainfall. The Team received the following note from Squad 13:

Dear Business Partners - Thank you one and all for supporting the Loudoun County Volunteer Rescue Squad Open House. Despite the rain, our Silent Auction and Food Sponsors made this event hugely successful. Your contributions allow us to continue our vital mission of providing emergency medical services to the community.

Go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G4YKq61H6cw> and enjoy the fun.

Thank you, Dave

David Galen, VP

Business Development

Loudoun County Volunteer

Rescue Squad, Station 13

Cystic Fibrosis Walk

The local Cystic Fibrosis chapter scheduled an awareness walk in Leesburg on May 16. The Support Team was requested to direct traffic at the W&OD Trail and Catoctin Circle, which was handled by Steve Hood/ST4 and the team's newest member, Maria Flores/ST6. In addition traffic direction was needed at the W&OD Trail and South King Street, which was handled by Deb Walczak/ST7 and Sandy Kane/ST. It was a challenge to remind participants and cyclists to make the effort to stay in their lane.

Take 25

The *Take 25* program of the National Center for Missing and Exploited children aims to heighten awareness of children's personal safety issues. With a focus on prevention, the campaign encourages parents, guardians, and other role models to spend time talking to kids to teach them ways to be safer. To support this agenda, the Leesburg Police Department and Support Team have been active participants in this annual program. This year, the event was held on May 25. Raymond Kirkpatrick/ST9 drove the barrel train to entertain the children while Maria Flores/ST6 and Sandy Kane/ST14 manned the table at the Ida Lee Recreation Park, providing safety brochures and DNA/identity kits to the attendees.

Training

Immediately after the June 3 meeting, Steve Hood/ST4 will show a brief video about

Special Events

The Support Team wants to extend its warmest birthday wishes to: June David Lucien: 6/1