



Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team

Monthly Newsletter

April, 2011

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In the month of June, an election will be held for new officers for the Board of Directors of the Support Team. At the May 5 meeting, an election committee will be selected to develop a slate for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Training, and Logistics. Now is the time to step up and serve the Team as an officer of the Board.

In addition, Team members are needed to sign up for the variety of activities on the calendar of events for the Town of Leesburg. You are requested to bring your schedules to the May 5 meeting, so that you can clear your calendar to participate in as many activities as possible.

Support Team Helps with Traffic Direction

From 8 AM to 10 AM on Saturday, April 2, 2011, Steve Hood (ST-4) worked with Officer Travis Lotz of the Leesburg Police Department to keep traffic flowing steadily into and out of J.R.'s Festival Lakes facility on Fort Evans Road for the opening day of the Central Loudoun Little League Softball season. Plenty of participants (estimated at 500 or more) meant plenty of traffic to direct into and out of the park. By 10:30 AM, the traffic had slowed sufficiently for Hood to head home. This was excellent practice for the upcoming busy event season for the Support Team!

Support Team Display Featured in Loudoun County Government Center



National Volunteer Week was held April 11-16. Steve Hood (ST-4) and Sandy (ST-14) and Bill Kane spent an hour on a Sunday afternoon, April 9, setting up the Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team exhibition boards and table display in the lobby of the Loudoun County Government Center in Leesburg. The display (one of seven volunteer organization displays in the lobby) featured photographs of various Support Team volunteer activities, Team members, safety information, and Team recruiting flyers and pamphlets, which were viewed and taken by numerous visitors to the Center. The display stayed in the Government Center until Friday afternoon on April 15.



Leesburg Annual Flower & Garden Festival

On Friday, April 15, Support Team members Lora Tacey (ST-11), Bert Robinson (Reservist), and Steve Hood (ST-4) assisted during the setup of the Flower and Garden Festival in the historic district of Leesburg, doing foot patrols and traffic direction. It was truly amazing to see all of the varied materials, heavy equipment, and choreography of the exhibitors as the downtown area is transformed into a beautiful walking mall in just a few hours.

On Saturday, April 16, rain, rain, rain!!! Team members Sandy Kane (ST-14) and Steve Hood (ST-4) performed foot patrol in the rain during half of the first day of this event. An unusual number of hardy gardeners came out in the rain to get first-pick of the items provided by exhibitors. The Festival closed early this day because of threatening severe weather.

Drawing the luck of beautiful sunny weather on Sunday, April 17, Lora Tacey (ST-11) and Deb Walczak (ST-7) assisted with foot patrol during the Festival.

Run Me Home Marathon

Support Team members Sandy Kane (ST-14) and Steve Hood (ST-4) had an early wake-up call in order to get to a 6:30 AM pre-event briefing at the Leesburg Police Department headquarters for the Run Me Home Marathon on Saturday, April 30. Since this was the first annual race for this group, the number of runners was lighter than usual. Steve and Sandy were assigned their intersections to control. Both Team members managed the traffic well, keeping motorists and marathon runners separated during this 5K/10K run in southwest Leesburg. Only one runner experienced difficulty with extreme dizziness at the end of her 5K race. Fortunately, she recovered without the need of an EMT to tend to her needs.

LPD Prescription Drug “Take Back” Event A Success!

On Saturday April 30, the Leesburg Police Department sponsored a prescription drug take back initiative in partnership with the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration. The goal of this initiative was to give the public a safe way to dispose of old, unwanted prescription drugs in a safe manner. Within the four-hour time frame of the event, 132 pounds of prescription drugs were collected. Sgt. Pat Daly and Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team Members Vicky Petty Nawrath (ST13) and Deb Walczak (ST-7) stand behind the 132 pounds of prescription drugs collected, which filled seven large garbage bags. The event was a success with the collaboration of the Leesburg Police Department Criminal Investigation Section, the Drug Enforcement Administration, volunteers from the Leesburg Police Citizen Support Team, and members of the community.





Standard Operating Procedures Manual Approved

The Support Team’s Standard Operating Manual was revised by the Support Team and distributed to the Leesburg Police Department for approval. The SOP was approved with no changes is a ready for distribution to Team members.

Special Feature: Team Member of the Month



Raymond Fitzpatrick was born and raised as a farm boy in Leesburg. He is an US Army veteran, serving as a Early Warning Radar operator in Panama. After retirement from the military, Fitzpatrick worked for C&P Telephone and Bell Atlantic for 39 years. After a full retirement from the telephone company, he joined the Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team in 1998. Because of his extraordinary volunteer hours, he received an award from the Town of Leesburg. Fitzpatrick was honored as Loudoun County Adult Volunteer of the Year in 2000.

Warmest Regards: Special birthday wishes are extended to the following Support Team members —

<u>APRIL</u>	
Sean Greany	5/9
Deb Walczak	5/17
Sandy Kane	5/24

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