



# Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team

## Monthly Newsletter

## November, 2011

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October turned out to be a VERY busy month! We participated in a number of important and very visible events and got good news coverage on at least one of those events. We need lots of Team members to turn out for the November 3 Support Team meeting! We have a number of important topics to address: a holiday dinner party, several new applicants in the pipeline to membership, and lots of upcoming opportunities to volunteer. Please try your best to attend this meeting!

### Support Team Gets Internet Safety Grant from Best Buy!

Officer Chris Tidmore announced at our last meeting that the Support Team had been awarded a \$5000 grant from Best Buy to promote programs for child and adult Internet safety! Thanks to Officer Tidmore for writing up the grant application and we look forward to helping him with an existing Internet/computer safety program...with much more horsepower!

### Town Council Recognizes Support Team

On Tuesday evening, October 11, 2011, the Leesburg Town Council recognized the Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team for its assistance in making the Leesburg 2011 National Night Out a success. Present to receive the Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Team were Support Team members Maggie Longhurst, Lora Tacey, Raymond Kirkpatrick, and Steve Hood.

### Support Team/Explorer Open House

Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team members Maggie Longhurst, Raymond Kirkpatrick, and Steve Hood teamed up with the Leesburg Police Law Enforcement Explorers to host an open house night at police headquarters on Thursday, October 27. While the blustery, threatening weather held attendance down, both the Explorers and the Support Team received inquiries from potential applicants. A local media pool free-lance cameraman and a reporter from the Leesburg Patch covered the event and more interest in both organizations is expected from the media accounts.

### Drug Take Back Day a Success

Support Team members Vicky Petty-Nawrath and Steve Hood greeted Leesburg and Loudoun County residents eager to dispose of unused and expired prescription drugs in this semi-annual event, sponsored by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency and local law enforcement agencies. Two DEA agents and Leesburg Po-



lice Department Detective Paul Holzerland were on scene at this event to answer questions while Steve and Vicky greeted and guided the prescription-toting visitors to the disposal barrels in which to dump their items. Three large garbage bags full of drugs were collected in this 4-hour event.

## October Snow for Drug Take Back Day!

Rain, snow, sleet, and cold weather greeted Leesburg Police officers and Support Team members Deb Walczak and Steve Hood when they reached the Village at Leesburg location for the Saturday, October 29 Ghost 5K run. 100 or more runners, many in Halloween costume, braved the elements to participate in this foot race, while officers and Support Team members directed traffic to keep the runners safe.

## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Leesburg Police Motorcycle Poker Run



What a miserable day for a motorcycle ride in the country! Wind, rain, chilly temperatures! But 117 riders on 94 bikes took to the road to help raise money for Virginia Special Olympics on Saturday, October 1, 2011. This ride takes a monumental amount of planning and help to pull off and Leesburg Police Department and the Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team were up to the challenge again this year. Support Team members Raymond Kirkpatrick (ST-9), Ron Leetch (ST-1), Lora Tacey (ST-11), Maggie Longhurst (ST-3), Vicky Petty-Nawarth (ST-13), Deb Walczak (ST-7), Vinnie Carinelli (ST-8), and Steve Hood (ST-4) pitched in to make the day a success and help raise over \$5,400 for Virginia Special

Olympics. Maggie, Lora, and Steve worked on Friday, September 30, helping clean and set up the Leesburg National Guard Armory for the event and then all of the above members showed up bright (??) and early Saturday morning to help with this all-day event. A friend of Maggie's and Lora's, Elfriede Colie, volunteered to help and became the Mistress of Hats, Pins, and T-Shirt sales. While some of the STs hit the road right after the complimentary Poker Run breakfast to man outlying check-in points, others stayed at the Armory to clean up the site and get ready to check in cold, wet, and hungry riders as they returned from their ride. Thanks to all ST members who participated and worked hard to make this event successful!

