



Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team

Monthly Newsletter

October, 2009

Prez Says

With the holiday season upon us, the Team members are being asked to make commitments to support community seasonal activities as well as being called upon to do additional patrolling because of the expected increase in shoplifting . . . especially because of these extremely difficult economic times. Ongoing training will be provided to the Support Team members to provide them with the needed skills to assist the LPD in these matters. Members are encouraged to take an active role during this busy season.

New Applicant

Once again, another application has been submitted for the Team's consideration. Your attendance at the November 5 meeting is crucial to ensure a quorum to vote on our new recruit.

Fire Company 20 Open House

Three members of the Support Team, Raymond Kirkpatrick/ST9, Deb Walczak/ST7 and Steve Hood/ST4 set up the Team table at the Fire Company 20 Open House on Saturday, October 10 to provide DNA kits to parents and goodie bags with safety information, coloring books, and crayons to the kids. A total of 44 DNA kits were handed out and \$221 in donations for the Team were received.

Fallen Hero

On October 11, 2009, the Support Team was asked to provide traffic direction at Leesburg Executive Airport for the arrival of the body of Spc. Stephan Mace. Sean Greany/ST2, Maggie Longhurst/ST3, Deb Walczak/ST7, and Bert Robinson/ST12 represented the team. It was a privilege for us to be able to be a part of the event and to be able to honor Corporal Mace for the sacrifice he made for his country.

Loudoun Country Day School Fall Festival

Loudoun Country Day School held their first fall festival on October 17, 2009, at their new school site on Evergreen Mill Road. Sean Greany (ST-2), Deb Walczak (ST-7), and Raymond Kirkpatrick (ST-9) were there along with MPO Tidmore and three members of the Explorers. The barrel train was ready to be ridden; but, unfortunately, the rain prevented the Team from being able to run it during the event. However, the STs did set up a table with DNA kits and various other child safety literature. Seventeen kits were handed out to parents and the Team members collected with \$72 dollars in donations in addition to a contribution made by LCDS.



Emergency Call-Out

At approximately 1900 hours on Wednesday, October 21, the Leesburg Police Department notified the Support Team of a need for traffic direction assistance at the scene of a broken water main on West Market Street. Steve Hood (ST/4) initiated a Team call-up and found Sean Greany (ST/2) and Deb Walczak (ST/7) ready and eager to respond. Several other ST members offered to assist but only two STs were required for the job. Both Deb and Sean provided needed assistance to free up police officers, who had initially responded to the scene, for several other more urgent incidents that occurred. Later, Steve relieved Deb and he and Sean continued to divert traffic for another hour until approximately 2300 hours when the water main and street repair were completed. The Town's maintenance crew was extremely appreciative to the Team for its assistance!

Halloween Safety Classes

On Saturday, October 24, Support Team Members; Steve Hood/ST4, Deb Walczak/ST7, and Victoria Petty-Nawrath/ST13 folded 515 LPD Halloween Safety pamphlets and stuffed a corresponding number of bags with LPD sticker badges, safety lights, and additional safety information to be handed out to kindergarten classes in local elementary schools during the Leesburg Police Halloween safety presentation by the LPD School Resource officers the week of October 26.

Halloween Parade

Two Support Team members directed traffic for the Halloween parade: Deb Walczak/ST7 and Steve Hood/ST4. While the parade created the normal amount of east-west traffic diversions, most motorists were understanding and went out of their way to detour around Catoctin Circle route. Parking for the parade in the downtown area was helped significantly by having the new parking lot at East Market and Church Street, where the old Loudoun Adult Detention Center used to stand. Many people approaching the parade route from the east on East Market Street were thankful to be directed to either that new lot or the County parking garage and have only one short block to walk to see the parade. No incidents or accidents to report.

In addition to traffic direction, STs were parade participants. As the engineer, Raymond Kirkpatrick/ST9 drove the barrel train, which was filled with happy youngsters donning unique costume attire. Sandy Kane/ST14 followed the barrel train, driving one of the Team's cruisers. Many attendees along the parade route cheered and clapped when the cruiser went past, shouting thank you for what you do. The light rain did not keep away the attendees, which numbered in the thousands!

Training Class

Shoplifting — At the November 5 meeting, MPO Chris Tidmore will give a training session and provide hand out materials to prepare Team members for the holiday "shoplifting" season. Please plan to stay an additional 30 to 45 minutes for this presentation.



New members who have had radio and neighborhood patrol training with Steve Hood should contact him as soon as possible to arrange to have additional neighborhood patrol training. A minimum of 20 hours of training is required before patrolling without another team member.

Advanced Notice / Being Prepared

To enable the Support Team members to be prepared to sign up to help at future events, the monthly newsletter will provide you with an advance listing of upcoming activities. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

EVENT: **Veterans Day Parade @ Dodona Manor: Briefing @ 0900 @ LPD HQ**
 DAY: **Saturday** DATE: **11/21/09** START TIME: **1000** FINISH: **1200**
 PARTICIPANTS: **Ron Leetch**

EVENT: **Freeze your Gizzard @ Ida Lee Recreational Park: Traffic parking in field**
 DAY: **Saturday** DATE: **11/21/09** START TIME: **0700** FINISH: **1200**
 PARTICIPANTS: _____

EVENT: **Black Friday**
 DAY: **Friday** DATE: **11/26/09** START TIME: **2200** FINISH: **0300**
 PARTICIPANTS: _____

EVENT: **Holiday Tree Lighting**
 DAY: **Friday** DATE: **12/4/09** START TIME: **TBA** FINISH: _____
 PARTICIPANTS: **Sandy Kane/ST14**
 Pat Edwards/ST16

EVENT: **Holidays In Leesburg Parade: Briefing @ 0900 @ LPD HQ**
 DAY: **Saturday** DATE: **12/12/09** START TIME: **10:00** FINISH: **1100**
 PARTICIPANTS: _____

EVENT: **1st Night Leesburg**
 DAY: **Thursday** DATE: **12/31/09** START TIME: **TBA** FINISH: _____
 PARTICIPANTS: _____


MPO Tidmore will provide additional information at the October meeting to fill in the blanks as well as possibly adding other events to the list. As you can see, it is a busy time of the year and the team has many commitments. Your help is needed!

DID YOU KNOW?

Solicitors in the Town of Leesburg — If you are approached by a solicitor in the Town of Leesburg, remember that the solicitor must have a Town permit. An example of such a permit, along with the rules they must follow to keep the license can be found on the Town website. The solicitor must also abide by the town code governing solicitors. Section 20-391 through Section 20-396 of the Town Code governs solicitors. The code can be viewed by going to the Town web page at <http://www.leesburgva.gov/index.aspx?page=70>.



SUPPORT TEAM ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY



Support Team members and members of the LPD, along with your significant other, are cordially invited to attend the annual Support Team Holiday Party on Saturday, December 5 at 6:30 PM. Details of the event will be provided in a flyer at the LPD headquarters.

Please RSVP no later than November 28 to indicate if you plan to attend. We look forward to welcoming you into our home to share the holiday spirit with you.

Warmest regards

Sandy and Bill Kane

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