



Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team

Monthly Newsletter

September, 2009

Prez Says

As we began the 2009/2010 new year for the Support Team, training sessions were scheduled to be held each month. You are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings to take advantage of the educational opportunities provided by these training activities. In addition, team members have been requested to actively market the Support Team to encourage local residents to apply for membership. We would like you to become a part of this effort. Attending the monthly meetings gives you the opportunity to meet the team's newest members. Attending the meetings on a regular basis also provides you with advance information about upcoming events. Your help is needed for the team to be able to have a sufficient number of members available for these events. See you on October 1.

New Applicant

At the September 3 Support Team meeting, Lorraine Terry's application was considered for membership. The team members voted unanimously to have Lorraine join the team. She will be attending her first meeting on October 1 and is looking forward to meeting all of us. Let's give her a warm welcome!

Costco Safety Week

During the week of September 14 through September 18, Costco held its annual Safety Week for its customers. Once again, the Support Team was invited to participate in this effort to provide DNA identity kits. In addition, MPO Tidmore attended to provide his expertise in the installation of child safety seats. The team greeted the public and handed out kits on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Thanks to Sean Greany/ST2, Raymond Kirkpatrick/ST9, Sandy Kane/ST14, and Lora Tacey/ST11 for their participation in this event.

MPO Tidmore handed out literature to the public on Monday and Wednesday regarding the need to adhere to good safety precautions in the installation of child safety seats. On Thursday, he inspected vehicles to determine if the safety seats had been correctly installed. Families were very appreciative of the service provided.

5th Annual Walk for Shelter

On September 19, The Good Shepherd Alliance, Inc., a local non-profit, held their 5th Annual Walk for Shelter. The purpose of the walk is to bring awareness to the community of The Good Shepherd's 26 years of providing emergency housing and support for the homeless in Northern Virginia,



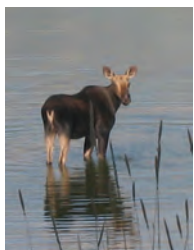
The weather was perfect as 242 walkers left the Douglas Community Center along with Officers Pearson and Parson, as well as ST-13 Victoria Petty Nawrath. Many individuals in the community cheered as the walkers passed through downtown Leesburg.

When the walkers returned to the Douglas Community Center, they were greeted with a barbecue, music, moon bounce, and other family activities sponsored by Rock Creek Properties, INOVA, and TD Bank with a special thanks to the Common Ground Church.

Catoctin Skate Park Competition

The Catoctin Skate Park Competition was held September 19 from 1130 to 1700. There were no incidents with pedestrians crossing Catoctin Circle thanks to the assistance of Pat Edwards/ST16. By use of her cell phone, ST16 also assisted a lady from Arlington so she could find her lost family after they were separated on the bike trail in Leesburg.

Moose Lodge Fall Picnic



On September 26, STs Sean Greany/ST-2, Deb Walczak/ST-7, Raymond Kirkpatrick/ST-9, Explorer Robert Garcia, and MPO Chris Tidmore headed to Moose Lodge 1041 on Catoctin Circle for the Lodge's Fall Picnic. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate for the Barrel Train to be used. However, 33 DNA kits were distributed to parents. The kids also received "goody bags" provided by the LPCSTI and stuffed "Tommy" the Moose donated by Lodge 1041. Tommy is the Moose Lodge's link with Local Public Safety Agencies. These stuffed animals are donated to these agencies to give to children during a trauma to help calm them. Tommy was a big hit!

Kudos to MPO Tidmore for his precision driving of the 15-passenger LPD van with the 24-foot barrel train trailer in tow. Not a single car was clipped during a turn nor did it send any pedestrians scrambling for safety.

Lest We Forget

During the Pedestrian Crosswalk event last month, Maggie Longhurst/ST3 also actively participated in the program. Many thanks for your contribution.

On numerous occasions, the Support Team has had a need to contact its members via telephone as a result of an urgent need for additional services from its members. Kudos to George Panos/ST17 for assisting event coordinator Pat Edwards/ST16 by calling our membership . . . many, many times! When you hear from George or if he has left you a voicemail message, please respond as soon as possible, as the LPD may have a pressing need for the Support Team's services.

Training Class

Learn about flu . . . At the October 1 meeting, Steve Hood will provide a presentation and hand out materials about the upcoming influenza season. He will offer advice on how you can prepare and protect



yourself and your family from the flu. Please plan to stay an additional half-hour for this presentation.

Advance 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: **Leesburg Fire Department Open House**

DAY: **Saturday** DATE: **10/10/09** START TIME: **TBA**

PARTICIPANTS: **Sandy Kane/ST14**

EVENT: **Loudoun Country Day School**

DAY: **Saturday** DATE: **10/17/09** START TIME: **1100** FINISH: **1730**

PARTICIPANTS: **Sean Greany/ST2, Steve Hood/ST4, Deb Walczak/ST7, Sandy Kane/ST14**

EVENT: **The Balch Library/The Civil War Roundtable**

DAY: **Saturday** DATE: **10/17/09** START TIME: **0830** FINISH: **1700**

PARTICIPANTS: _____

EVENT: **Dog Days**

DAY: **Sunday** DATE: **10/18/09** START TIME: **1030** FINISH: **1630**

PARTICIPANTS: **Steve Hood/ST4**

EVENT: **Cool Springs Elementary Fall Festival**

DAY: **Saturday** DATE: **10/24/09** START TIME: **1100** FINISH: **1700**

PARTICIPANTS: **Sean Greany/ST2, Steve Hood/ST4, Raymond Kirkpatrick/ST9 (train engineer), Sandy Kane/ST14, Pat Edwards/ST16**

EVENT: **Halloween Parade**

DAY: **Saturday** DATE: **10/31/09** START TIME: **TBA** FINISH: _____

PARTICIPANTS: **Sean Greany/ST2, Steve Hood/ST4, Deb Walczak/ST7, Sandy Kane/ST14**

EVENT: **Freeze your Gizzard** *TENTATIVE*

DAY: **Saturday** DATE: **11/21/09** START TIME: **TBA** FINISH: _____

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**

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?

Supporting our First Responders on October 4 for National Fallen Firefighters is a nationwide event. Our readers are asked to lower the American flag on October 4 in honor of fallen firefighters. President George W. Bush approved legislation on October 16, 2001, requiring that the American flag to be lowered to half-staff on all federal buildings to memorialize fallen firefighters. Public Law 107-51 requires this action to occur annually in conjunction with observance of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service. American flags all across the country will be lowered on Sunday, October 4, 2009. This includes the US Capitol and the White House, as well as government buildings in our local community.

We are also reminding all residents to lower their American flags at home, fire departments, and businesses. When you lower your flag this year, you will be recognizing the brave men and women who died protecting their communities from natural and manmade emergencies and disasters and those who carry on the proud tradition. This is the least we can do for those who protect us each day of our lives and voluntarily lay down their lives to save ours.

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