



Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team

Monthly Newsletter

July, 2013

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June and early July provided lots of opportunities for Support Team assistance to the Leesburg Police Department and the Town of Leesburg. Some of those opportunities were planned and some were caused on the spur of the moment by storms and other emergencies. While we sometimes are not able to provide all of the help requested, we try hard to get at least some response off and running to support the requirement. Thanks to all who responded to the calls this last month.

I am asking for as full a turnout for the upcoming July 11 Support Team meeting as possible. We need to do a re-vote on a slate of Team officers as we have had a vacancy occur in one of the posts. I ask that any Team member who is interested in running for the job of Logistics Officer to contact me by phone or email as soon as possible.

Keep those flashlight batteries charged and a uniform ready to go as we are still in severe storm season and calls for assistance for emergencies of all types can come at a moment's notice, as evidenced by the events of last month, described below.

Custom Car Show Gets Support Team Help

The Annual Custom Car Show was held Saturday, June 2, 2013 in downtown Leesburg. The pre-event briefing began at 3:30 p.m. at the Loudoun County courthouse for Police Department & Support Team members. Road closures were at 4 p.m. at Church and Market, King and Loudoun, Wirt and Market, and Cornwall and King with car staging at Tuscarora High School. Cars proceeded 15 at a time from the high school to downtown Leesburg to prevent problems for regular traffic and possible overheating of the classic cars. The BATMOBILE was parked by the courthouse -- security if we needed extra? Many, many classic cars, army vehicles, police vehicle, and homemade varieties of cars. ST's and Police manned the barricades until all cars were in place downtown. The ST's then patrolled the streets and alleys to make sure all went smoothly. At 9:30 p.m. the event was over and the cars started exiting downtown. All was completed by 10 p.m. and the streets were reopened. ST members participating were Maggie Longhurst (ST-3), Lora Tacey (ST-11), and Ed Boland (ST-6).

Support Team Member Assists at Funeral

Ed Boland (ST-6) of the Citizens Support Team volunteered to assist at a large funeral event in Leesburg on Wednesday, June 12. Ed took his post in the parking lot at the St. James Catholic Church on Oakcrest Manor to help direct funeral goers to a shuttle bus that would take them to the Methodist Church for the funeral.



Storm Damage Brings Call for Team Support, June 25

A fast-moving storm took down trees and power lines in western Leesburg this date and a call for Support Team help to block roads came from the Leesburg Police Department. A large tree came down near Raymond Kirkpatrick's (ST-9) home on Morven Park Road, taking a power pole and lines down with it and blocking the road. A knock on Raymond's door by a Leesburg Police officer brought a request for him to come out and help block the road with his marked Support Team vehicle. Ed Boland also answered the call for assistance and blocked traffic on the other side of the incident. Five hours later, the tree had been removed and the power pole replaced, Raymond was back in his house and Ed was headed home. Thank you gentlemen!

Run for Independence, June 29

The Run for Independence Race was held Saturday, June 29, 2013. The race was from the Paxton home via Smarts Mill Middle School to Tuscarora High and back to Paxton. Briefing was 0600 at HQ with the race start of 0700. The first runner crossed the finish line at 0723 and the last runner was about 0830. Organizers were expecting 400 runners BUT they had 549 show up. Deb Walczak ST#7 and Ed Boland ST#6 worked the run for the Support Team.

An Explosive Situation, June 29

A call went out to the Support Team on this afternoon, when two military anti-tank explosive rounds were discovered in a shed behind a house on Rockbridge Drive in Leesburg. Once again, Raymond Kirkpatrick answered the call with his Support Team vehicle to help block traffic from entering the exclusion zone established by police and hazmat officials. Thank you for your service, Raymond!

And It's Raymond Once Again!!

A busy month for Raymond! Traveling down East Market Street on recent afternoon, Raymond came upon a rear end collision accident, which he quickly reported to police dispatchers on his radio. Leesburg Police officer Bill Wolff responded to work the accident and asked Raymond to position his Support Team vehicle so as to make traffic approaching the scene aware of the accident. Once the vehicles were cleared, Raymond was on his way again.

July 4th Celebrations in Leesburg

Maggie Longhurst (ST-3), Ed Boland (ST-6), and Steve Hood (ST-4) worked traffic barricade posts for the annual Leesburg 4th of July parade. Later that afternoon and evening, Steve Hood provided foot patrols and traffic direction at the concert and fireworks at Ida Lee Park.