



Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team

Monthly Newsletter August - September, 2013

Prez Sez

I would like to start off my first "Prez Sez" with a heartfelt thank you to the Board of Directors from the last fiscal year: Steve Hood (President), Ed Boland (Vice-President), Vicky Petty Nawrath (Secretary/Treasurer), and Ron Leech (Training). Many hours were given by each to meet the needs of the team, the department, and the community. Our team would not have had the successful year that we did without the assistance of this team of leaders.

I would also like to thank MPO Chris Tidmore for the many years he served as our LPD liaison. As the Logistics Officer for the past four years, I relied on Chris to assist with the procurement of team equipment. He was quick to offer suggestions and resources to meet particular needs. It goes without saying that it was always done with a smile.

Your New Support Team Officers for 2013-2014!

President: Deb Walczak (ST-7)

Vice President: Steve Hood (ST-4)

Secretary-Treasurer: Vicky Petty-Nawrath (ST-13)

Logistics Officer: Greg Clark (ST-2)

Training Officer: Jan Hepburn (ST-10)

Rain, Rain, Go Away!

The Village at Leesburg Summer Block Party was all planned and set for Saturday, July 27, and Officer John Pearson and a number of Law Enforcement Explorers had the two Support Team tents up and ready when Support Team members Steve Hood, Maggie Longhurst, and Lora Tacey arrived to set up and man the Team's DNA kit and safety information table. However, no sooner than the table was ready, the heavens opened up and the wind began to blow. Tents, tablecloths, DNA kits and informational brochures, Team members, and Explorers got drenched. Discretion ruled when the lightning popped around the area, and all present quickly packed back up and headed home before the event even got going.

A Non-Event

Support Team members and Explorers got up early August 17 to set up the barrel train and DNA kit/safety information table at the Healthworks of Northern Virginia facility on Fort Evans Road in Leesburg for their Free School Physical Day. Several hours passed without much interest by parents in the barrel train, the information table, or car seat inspections (offered by several Leesburg Police officers), so a decision was made to pull up stakes and leave the event early. Thanks to Ed Boland, Maggie Longhurst, Jan Hepburn, and Steve Hood for their efforts.



All Aboard!

Support Team member Ed Boland notified the Team that the Aurora School for special children had requested Ed's NVNTrak model train club to set up at Aurora's location at the Paxton Home property in northeast Leesburg on Wednesday, July 31. Ed spoke with an Aurora representative and managed to schedule the LPD barrel train to also appear that day to give rides to the students who had just viewed the model trains. Team members Raymond Kirkpatrick, Ed Boland, Greg Clark, and Steve Hood loaded and unloaded and piloted the barrel train for several hours, giving big smiles and laughter to the children. Thanks to Officer John Pearson and Explorer Bredow



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National Night Out 2013

Lots of preparation and activity for this annual event, held this year on Tuesday, August 6, with four Support Team members and several Explorers helping the police department. This event, designed to encourage neighbors to come out and talk and have fun with other neighbors, was held at Catoctin Elementary School and featured Leesburg Parks and Recreation, the Leesburg Police Department, and Target. Of course the barrel train, piloted by Team member Raymond Kirkpatrick (ST-9) was a hit and a DNA kit/safety information table, manned by Maggie Longhurst (ST-11) and Team President Deb Walczak (ST-7) was visited by parents. Steve Hood (ST-4) helped load and unload kids from the barrel train.





America's 911 Motorcycle Ride Gets Support Team Help

ST members Maggie Longhurst, Deb Walczak, Greg Clark, Ed Boland, and Steve Hood aided the Leesburg Police Department in closing off southbound traffic the length of King Street in Leesburg for the roaring herd of bikers and emergency vehicles that came from the site of the September 11, 2001 air crash in Pennsylvania to the Pentagon in Washington, DC on August 16. A short, but a patriotic event, to be sure, as hundreds of bikers rode through with horns and police sirens blaring and American flags waving. Thank you, Team members, for your participation.

A Few Sprinkles, a Couple of STs, Five Hours, and 1,400+ Runners

Dawn came early for Support Team members Deb Walczak (ST-7) and Steve Hood (ST-4) on Sunday, August 18. The two STs donned uniforms and arrived at Headquarters (Leesburg Police Department) at 6 a.m., only to find the pre-event briefing was scheduled for 6:30 a.m. After receiving their assignments, Deb and Steve headed out to the vicinity of Market Station on South Harrison Street, where the START and FINISH line for the 5K and 20K foot races was located. Between the two races, which started at 7:30 and 8:00 a.m., over 1,400 runners participated. All runners and organizers agreed that the overcast sky, cool temperature, and occasional rain sprinkles made for perfect running weather. Deb and Steve assisted in traffic control to keep vehicles away from the runners course. The final runners crossed the finish line around 11 a.m., and tear-down and clean-up of the Harrison Street area next to Market Station ended around 11:45 a.m.

CAP Pediatrics Health Fair

Raymond Kirkpatrick, Maggie Longhurst, and Steve Hood set up and manned the DNA kit/safety information table for this event. The crowd turnout was small, and the Team members distributed only a few DNA kits and a small amount of safety information.

THANK YOU OFFICER CHRIS TIDMORE!

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