



Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team

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As the old joke starts, "It was SO hot that...". Well it WAS SO HOT! The end of June and the beginning of July broke heat (and storm) records all around Leesburg and the Washington, DC metro area. And then once again in mid-July, the temperatures rose into the upper 90s and lower 100s. What a month! All Support Team members are reminded to prepare for very hot days and severe storms that often follow and put together their emergency kit and plan and be ready to implement it. We can be called at a moment's notice to do traffic direction or man barricades or deliver water and radio batteries to officers working during emergencies. Be ready to go!

I encourage Team members to come to the August 9 Team meeting if you can. We have an applicant to vote on at this meeting and we need a quorum. Ed and I interviewed the new applicant last week.

Fourth of July Parade Gets Support Team Participation

Rip roaring hot early morning temperatures greeted four Support Team members as they reported to police headquarters at 8:30 a.m. for a parade pre-briefing. Maggie Longhurst (ST-3), Ed Boland (ST-6) and Steve Hood (ST-4) volunteered for street traffic and crowd control duties with Leesburg Police officers along the parade route, while Raymond Kirkpatrick (ST-9) volunteered to pilot the famous LPD barrel train in the parade. Streets closed at 9:30 and traffic cleared while the parade units filed out of Ida Lee Park for a 10:00 a.m. parade start. Lots of parade units, thousands of parade viewers, and no accidents or injuries during this two-hour event. Another successful event and four tired and sweaty Support Team members. Thanks to those who volunteered!

Village at Leesburg Summerfest

Raymond Kirkpatrick, Maggie Longhurst, Lora Tacey, and Steve Hood set up Support Team shop at this fun event on the east edge of Leesburg on Saturday, July 14, and passed out child DNA identification kits and safety information to the many event-goers.

[photo from LeesburgPatch.com]





Fort Evans Road Event a Huge Success with Support Team Help

It didn't take long, once the DJ started the music, for people to begin showing up at this event, Saturday, July 28, 2012, on Fort Evans Road. Team members Ed Boland, Maggie Longhust, and Lora Tacey manned the DNA kit and safety information table, while Raymond Kirkpatrick piloted the barrel train. HUGE numbers of people showed up for this event, and the parking lot full of food vendors and information booths was jammed with happy residents from the surrounding community from the 9 a.m. start to the 1 p.m. finish. Thanks to those Team members who volunteered!

