



Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team

Monthly Newsletter December, 2012

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I want to begin this newsletter by asking Team members and readers to keep Vicky Petty-Nawrath's husband, Frank, in your prayers for a speedy recovery from his recent health difficulties and hospital stays.

November slowed down a bit and gave Support Team members a bit of a breather before we crank back up for the December holiday activities. There is still time to get in on Holiday with the Cops (Dec 7) and the Holiday Dinner for Support Team members, Explorers, and police officers and family members. Drop Vicky or me or Officer Tidmore an email or phone call if you would like to participate in these events. Also, the Leesburg Holiday Parade is scheduled for the morning of December 8, and we could always use another crowd controller!

I managed to get Greg Clark out for his first neighborhood patrol training in late November and will be checking with Jan Hepburn and Philip Garcia for their availability soon. It's been a busy month for me both at work and with Support Team and other volunteer duties.

Thanks to Ed Boland for more diligent work on the barrel train this past month to get it ready for the Holiday Parade.

If I don't see some of you before the holidays, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! And thank you for volunteering with the Support Team!

Frozen Gizzards

Nice crisp morning, long underwear weather, but Deb Walczak and Steve Hood donned their Support Team uniforms and helped get cars parked and North King Street traffic under control as nearly 1,000 runners and spectators descended on Ida Lee Park for the annual Freeze Your Gizzard 5K Race on November 17, 2012. While the early morning temperatures were low, there was no wind and eventually the sun melted the frost from the grass at the park.

More Seatbelt Surveys!

Ed Boland, Maggie Longhurst, and Steve Hood rolled out and simulated "suspicious vehicles" in high school parking lots at school closing time again during November to capture data on the number of teens wearing their seatbelts.



Support Team Member Helps at Charity Thanksgiving Dinner

Steve Hood (ST-4) and his wife, Miyoko, assisted Officer Tidmore and several other Leesburg Police officers and staff members transport and serve a free Thanksgiving dinner of turkey, dressing, and numerous side dishes to 75-80 family members of INMED/MotherNet of Leesburg on the evening of November 20. This yearly event, held again at Douglass Community Center, was fun and well appreciated by the MotherNet sponsors and families. Private donations for this event were collected by the police department and food was provided by Spanky's Shenanigans restaurant.

“Black Friday” Holiday Patrol by Support Team Members

“Black Friday” shopping day started early on Thanksgiving Day evening (November 22) at many merchants' stores this year and several Support Team members took to the streets to assist the Leesburg Police Department in monitoring traffic and watching for shoplifters.

Fund-Raising for “Holiday with the Cops” Event

Steve Hood, Officer Chris Tidmore, and a number of Explorer parents beat the bushes around Leesburg to generate donations for the annual LPD Holiday with the Cops event, December 7. Steve drove event flyers and Support Team pamphlets to a number of businesses in Leesburg, seeking the much-needed donations to help some needy kids with their holiday shopping.

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