



# Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team

## Monthly Newsletter February, 2012

### Prez Sez

The Support Team lost a former member this month. John Butterfield, call sign ST-32, passed away from cancer on December 31, 2011. John served on the Support Team from July 1998 until 2001, when he resigned due to the onset of illness. A memorial service was held in his memory Saturday, January 14, 2012, in the Hamilton Safety Center, Hamilton, VA. Current Support Team members Steve Hood, Raymond Kirkpatrick, and Ron Leetch and his wife, Pat, attended the service, as well as former Team member John Mallery.

The new year has started and we have more potential new members in the application pipeline! At the time of this writing, we have two applicants awaiting background checks, another two who have indicated an interest in applying, and one to be presented to the Team for a membership vote at the next meeting, this Thursday, February 2nd! I would like to have as many current members attend the Feb 2 meeting as possible to vote on this applicant.

We have not had much bitter cold weather or heavy snow so far this winter, but don't let that fool you. Keep your winter emergency gear kit in your car in case you should get stranded in traffic or stuck in the snow...I have no doubt we will get a good dose of snow before May! See the list of suggested items for your vehicle emergency kit later in this newsletter.

### Martin Luther King Day March, January 16

New Support Team member Ed Boland (ST-6) suited up for his first public "street" event for this annual Leesburg march. As Ed had not yet had official traffic control training, he shadowed Team member Steve Hood (ST-4) and help block Harrison Street along the march route on East Market Street as the march passed. Ed has already started "on-the-job" neighborhood patrol training with Steve and Raymond Kirkpatrick as they recently performed nighttime patrol. Thanks, Ed, for volunteering!





## Emergency Supplies for Your Vehicle

The following is suggested by Red Cross to keep in the trunk of your car:

In addition to the basic vehicle safety items—properly inflated spare tire, wheel wrench, and jack—you should also keep a smaller version of your home disaster supplies kit (see [http://www.redcross.org/images/pdfs/code/disaster\\_supplies\\_kit.pdf](http://www.redcross.org/images/pdfs/code/disaster_supplies_kit.pdf)) and a first aid kit in your vehicle. Include local maps where you drive, basic tools (pliers, adjustable wrench, screwdriver, etc.), flashlight and extra batteries, duct tape, reflective triangle, signal flares, a roll of quarters for vending machines, and essential fluids (oil, coolant and transmission fluid). Rags are helpful to wipe up fluid or cleaning grime off your hands. You may also consider having a fire extinguisher, jumper cables, bottled water, non-perishable food, medications, toilet tissue and pre-moistened towelettes in case you breakdown or are stuck. Check your vehicle supplies regularly for expired or unusable items.



**When driving in winter or cold climates, add a windshield scraper, snow brush, salt, sand, shovel, tire chains and warm clothing. Blankets or sleeping bags will keep you warm and can also be used to cover the ground if you need to get near the ground to make repairs or change a tire. Extra socks and shoes are helpful if your feet get wet or you are wearing non-waterproof shoes.**

I suggest adding some granola bars or other energy snacks and bottled water in case you might need to stay in the car for a length of time and certainly take your cell phone with you when you drive in winter weather, even on short trips. I will have some additional extreme cold weather preparedness handout information available at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

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