



Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team

Monthly Newsletter

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Thank you to all Team members who came to the meeting last month for voting on new officers for the coming year. I know all the officers you chose to lead the Team are appreciative of your support. I know I am. We will certainly do our best to recruit and provide opportunities for the Team to excel.

Thanks to Ed Boland for helping move our Support Team equipment from the vehicle bay storage area to the police department's trailer and into the fingerprint closet at Headquarters.

Summer brings lots of Town events and also some nasty storm-related events that require Support Team help. When storms threaten, make sure your traffic direction equipment (traffic vest, flashlight and cone, uniform, etc.) are handy as the police department can trigger a call-up of the Team at a moment's notice.

Seatbelt Surveys at High Schools in Leesburg

While threatening severe thunderstorms rolled around the area on Friday, June 1, three Support Team members volunteered on short notice to count juvenile seatbelt users at the local Leesburg high schools. Ed Boland (ST-6) monitored users at Tuscarora High School, Maggie Longhurst (ST-3) watched Heritage High School, and Steve Hood (ST-4) tabulated users at Loudoun County High School. Assisting the Leesburg Police Department by counting those high school students using seatbelts and those not wearing seatbelts, the Support Team members were surprised by the number of students NOT wearing the life-saving devices (nearly 53% in the case of one of the schools, and 33% overall at all of the three schools combined). Statistics from the surveys were transmitted to the police department for possible later education efforts.



ST Members Have Fun at Custom Car Show

Rumble, rumble, vroom! Antique and custom cars and trucks growled down the streets of downtown Leesburg, Saturday night, June 2, to participate in the annual Leesburg Custom Car Show. Citizens Support Team members Maggie Longhurst (ST-3) and Steve Hood (ST-4) foot-patrolled the area where the vehicles eventually parked, covering four blocks of the downtown streets for several hours. Steve and Maggie each picked out their favorite cars - Maggie a Mustang (Mustang Maggie?) and Steve one of the several Cobras - but neither Team member had the pocket money needed to persuade the car owners to sell. J

ST-6 Returns to Catocin Circle to Survey Seatbelt Use

Having conducted a previous survey of seatbelt use on Catocin Circle in western Leesburg in early May, Ed Bolden (ST-6) returned to the same location to perform a "post education and enforcement" survey on June 6. Thank you Ed for your volunteer time!

Support Team Member Called Out for Storm Emergency

As a violent thunderstorm roared through Leesburg late in the evening of Friday, June 30, 2012, tree limbs fell on power, phone, and cable TV lines. A call came to Steve Hood (ST-4) for a Support Team member to help direct traffic at King and Market Streets where the traffic lights were out. Steve quickly suited up in his Support Team uniform and took up his post, where he directed traffic for an hour. After the Leesburg street department arrived with 4-way stop signs, Steve was moved to two other intersections to help direct traffic away from tree and debris clearing operations.

Run for Independence

The morning of Saturday, June 30, 2012, Deb Walczak (ST-7), Maggie Longhurst (ST-3), and Ed Boland (ST-6) were up bright and early in the aftermath of a storm that left the southwest west part of Leesburg without power for almost 9 hours, thanks to Mother Nature. The Team members had their briefing at HQ for the run and deployed to their posts. There were several runners in the "RUN FOR INDEPENDENCE" at the Paxton House in NE Leesburg and the event went very smoothly and all were home before the heat got too bad. Thanks to the Team members who volunteered for this event!