



# Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team

## Monthly Newsletter

## June, 2012

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June is election month for the Support Team! Please toss your hat in the ring for one of the five Support Team leadership positions: President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Logistics Officer, and Training Officer. Lora Tacey, Maggie Longhurst, and Raymond Kirkpatrick volunteered to form a Nominating Committee at our May meeting. Please let one of these folks know if you are interested in running for one of the offices.

**Also, we need a quorum for voting at the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, so please try to attend and vote for your favorite Support Team officer candidates for the coming year!**

### Emergency Callout for Fatal Crash on the Bypass, May 2, 2012

A “ping” from Officer Chris Tidmore on Steve Hood’s Nextel phone brought a request for a couple of Support Team members to “lean forward in the saddle” and be ready to ferry logistics (water, radio batteries, etc.) to Leesburg Police officers working a fatal two-car crash reconstruction and clean-up on the Route 7 bypass south of Leesburg. Steve quickly called Raymond Kirkpatrick and Deb Walczak (drivers of marked Support Team vehicles) to be on “standby” in case they were needed. A second call to Steve came about 30 minutes later for a quick transport of water to thirsty officers and VDOT workers at the scene. Steve fired up the Team van, loaded up an ice chest with bottled water and ice, and made the trip to the crash scene with amber emergency lights flashing. Water delivered, Steve returned to Headquarters and the accident scene was cleared shortly afterward.

### Get Smart 5K Run

Deb Walczak, Ed Boland, and Steve Hood hopped out of bed bright and early on Saturday, May 5, to attend the 0630 pre-Run briefing at Police Headquarters and participate in traffic direction for this event. Gorgeous day, mild temperature, and lots of fresh air brought out the runners. Deb, Ed, and Steve manned barricades in Northeast Leesburg to keep vehicles and runners separated during this 1-hour event.



## **Dominion Power Provides Safety Training for Two Support Team Members**

Dominion Power gave a safety training class on Thursday, May 10, 2012, at its facility on Sycolin Road and two Support Team members attended: Maggie Longhurst and Ed Boland. Ed's account of the training follows.

“The safety event had three segments: a pole rescue of an injured worker, a bucket rescue of an injured worker, and an awesome demonstration of how to cook a hot dog with high voltage! The live pole rescue was demonstrated with a dummy, at the top of a pole that had been injured/electrocuted, and how they packaged the victim and lowered him to the ground for rescue. The live bucket rescue demonstrated how the ground personnel would operate the bucket controls from the ground to lower the bucket for rescue at the ground level. The live high voltage demonstration (actual high voltage was used) was extremely educational. They did a direct short and blew a 5 amp fuse and it sounded like a gun shot. Then they blew a 25 or 30 amp fuse and it sounded like a small bomb. Maggie jumped on that one. They explained about many things not to do with downed wires. A few main ones for us [to keep in mind] are: keep people away from any wires; don't try to rescue or help someone in a car with wires on or around it; don't use water or any type of fire extinguisher on an electrical fire, as most liquids conduct electricity; and leave tree branches and small limbs on wires as they often times conduct electricity. There were many more but the bottom line was LEAVE IT TO THE EXPERTS, as they have the proper safety equipment to deal with the situation. Respect the power lines in the air and on the ground or you could become a crispy critter. The demonstrations were very well prepared and presented by Dominion.”

## **Barrel Train a Hit at Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Event**

Raymond Kirkpatrick (ST-9) piloted the Leesburg Police Department's famous barrel train for many hours at the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Eastern Substation Open House, held on Saturday, May 19. What a man! Lots of happy kids!

## **Take 25 Event Features an Info Table by the Citizens Support Team**

Steve Hood (ST-4) set up a DNA kit and safety information table at the Take 25 event, sponsored by the Leesburg Police Department at the Ida Lee Rec Center, Saturday, May 20. While the attendance was low, the interest in DNA kits was shown by those parents that did attend.

## **Support Team DNA Table at LCVRS Open House**

The May 20 Open House at the Loudoun County Volunteer Rescue Squad facility on Catoctin Street in Leesburg was mobbed by parents and kids eager to learn about the Rescue Squad and its equipment. The Support Team set up a DNA kit and safety information table and handed out lots of DNA identification kits and good information to parents. Working the table were Deb Walczak (ST-7), Raymond Kirkpatrick (ST-9) and Maggie Longhurst (ST-3). Thanks for volunteering, folks!

