



# Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team

## Monthly Newsletter

## May, 2012

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Wow! What a busy month for the Team! Events aplenty! Many ST members stepped up to the plate and volunteered their time (and muscle) to get the jobs done and support the police department and the Town of Leesburg. We need more members as our current members are wearing thin with all these events! Wouldn't it be nice to have several shifts of ST members to work long events and let everyone have a break? Let's keep recruiting with vigor! Thank you to all who participated in events this month.

#### **Pedestrian Crosswalk Enforcement**

The Pedestrian Crosswalk Enforcement program was conducted the first week of April. Training for the event was held at the Leesburg Airport LPD office on Friday, March 30. Support Team members signed up to work on April 2, 4, and 6. Assignments for each day were given at the LPD airport office before reporting to the crosswalk at the Loudoun government building, Wirt Street and Loudoun, and Route 15 (King Street North) and Oakcrest Manor. Thanks to all of the ST members who participated: Ed Boland (ST-6), Sandy Kane (ST-14), Maggie Longhurst (ST-3), and Lora Tacey (ST-11). Ed Boland was the hero of the program, working all three days. It was reported that all went well with only a few tickets being issued.

### **Support Team Aids Leesburg Police in Hostage Exercise**

Between 8pm and 1am on April 11-12, Deb Walczak (ST-7) and Sandy Kane (ST-14), along with two Law Enforcement Explorers, participated as role players in the Emergency Response Team's training exercise at the medical campus on Cornwall. Both negotiators & tactical team were on hand for the exercise. The tactical team was able to put some new visual equipment to the test while also performing hostage extractions. The negotiators were successful in their attempt to get the suspect to peacefully surrender.

### **Evergreen Meadows Spring Fling**

Support Team member Sandy Kane joined the Law Enforcement Explorers at the Evergreen Meadows Spring Fling on Sunday, April 1. Sandy introduced attendees to the DNA identify kits and handed out safety literature. We wish to express our thanks for the assistance of the Explorer members for setting up and taking down the equipment for this event. As usual, the barrel train was the popular event, which was handled by the Explorers.

### **Seat Belt Survey**

Support Team members Lora Tacey/ST-11 and Sandy Kane/ST-14 reported to duty on April 17 at 1500 hours to survey student drivers not wearing seat belts as they left the Loudoun County high school campus. Shortly after reporting to duty, a young driver plowed into Sandy's parked vehicle. The incident abruptly ended the survey. The survey will be conducted at a future date!



## Barrel Train a Hit at the Annual ARC Autism Walk Event

Raymond Kirkpatrick (ST-9) piloted the barrel train while Law Enforcement Explorers and Officer Chris Tidmore helped kids in and out of the train during the late afternoon of Tuesday, April 17 walk to promote understanding of autism at the old Paxton Home in northeast Leesburg. The kids had a ball with the train and music and hula hoop contests, face painting, and moon bounce. Steve Hood (ST-4) manned the DNA kit and safety information table for parents and handed out goodie bags to the kids. A short event but lots of happy kids and parents.

## Flower and Garden Festival

### Friday evening, April 20

Bert Robinson, Lora Tacey, and Steve Hood performed roving foot patrols in Downtown Leesburg on Friday night, April 20, while Leesburg Flower and Garden Festival vendors set up their displays. The evening was uneventful.

### Saturday, April 21

What a mob! Apparently everyone in Leesburg was expecting rain on Sunday so they came to the Flower and Garden Festival on Saturday! Thousands clogged the streets of downtown Leesburg and shopped like mad. Officer Chris Tidmore coordinated the set-up and manning of a Leesburg Police pop-up tent and display featuring the Law Enforcement Explorers, the Citizens Support Team, and computer security and internet safety wizards from Best Buy. Support Team members Steve Hood, Vicky Petty Nawrath, Deb Walczak, Maggie Longhurst, and Linda Drake handed out kids' goodie bags, DNA kits, and safety information.



### Sunday, April 22

Cold, wet, and rainy. Maggie Longhurst and Lora Tacey worked the duty this date. Steve Hood helped with set-up and tear-down.



## Run Me Home Marathon

A 6:30 a.m. event pre-briefing on a nice Saturday morning, April 28...ugh! But Steve Hood and 6 Law Enforcement Explorers made it and got instructions for assisting the Leesburg Police Department with traffic control for this 7:30 a.m. marathon. It was a smaller than usual turnout for the race and it was all over in less than two hours. No problems and traffic and runners were successfully kept apart.

## Drug Take Back Day



Maggie Longhurst (ST-3) and Bert Robinson (ST-12) assisted Detective Paul Holzerland and a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) agent with this worthwhile event. Maggie and Bert greeted Leesburg area citizens as they came to police headquarters to drop off expired prescription and over-the-counter drugs for disposal by the DEA. The day was very successful as 7 large bags of prescription drugs, totaling 251 pounds, were collected for DEA disposal. Thank you Maggie and Bert (shown in the photo with the first hour and a half's collection) for helping get all those drugs safely off the streets!

## BOLO (Be On the Lookout)

**4/16/2012**

LPD officers received a call at approximately 11:00 AM for a reported indecent exposure. Officers responded to the area of the W.O. and D. Bike Trail. After further investigation, it was determined that the incident occurred just outside town boundaries. LPD officers checked the area. The suspect described by the victim could not be found. The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to take a report from the victim. The following information is from the LCSO Daily Crime Report:

**04/16/12, 1100 hrs. to 1105 hrs.**

*Area of W&OD Trail Bridge/Route 7 Leesburg*

*Exposure: Two adult females were walking in the area of the W & OD trail when they observed an unknown White male standing next to the trail. The male exposed himself and the two females left the area. The suspect was described as a White male, 40-45-years-old, approximately 200 pounds with a muscular build. The subject was further described as having blonde hair and a light beard.*

**4/16/2012**

On 4-16-2012, LPD officers took reports for three separate incidents of property being stolen from unlocked cars in the Northeast area of Leesburg. All three thefts occurred between 4-15-2012 at 4:00 PM and 4-16-2012 at 1:45 PM. All three cars that had property stolen from them were unlocked.

1100 block of Huntmaster Terrace NE - GPS stolen from an unlocked car.

600 block of Edwards Ferry Road., NE - GPS stolen from an unlocked car.

100 block of Queen Street, NE - GPS stolen from an unlocked car.

Citizens are reminded of the LOCK TAKE HIDE or LOSE program. If you see suspicious persons in your neighborhood who appear to be looking for unlocked cars, call the police. Please view the LPD's crime prevention videos -- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vA3-xxNCj0w> and <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=obBRBo0OV0U>.