



Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team

Monthly Newsletter

November, 2012

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Lots of activity in October! We had Support Team members volunteering all over town! Good job, folks! More events coming in November, along with some much-needed training. Stay tuned for information.

And before October is over and this newsletter goes to print, here comes Hurricane Sandy! More info on our participation in Hurricane Sandy's actions to be detailed in December's newsletter.

I wish to thank Support Team officers Ed Boland, Deb Walczak, and Vicky Petty-Nawrath for taking on many of my duties in the first half of October when I was called away to the Midwest to take care of urgent family matters. It's comforting knowing that Support Team business was in good, capable hands. Thanks also to Ed Boland for doing maintenance work on and transportation of barrels for the barrel train during October and to Ed and Jan Hepburn for their generous volunteer work on police department files.

Support Team Assistance During Drug Take Back Day

On Saturday, September 29, the Drug Enforcement Agency's Drug Take Back Day program was held in the Leesburg Police Department's community meeting room at Headquarters. Vicky Petty-Nawrath (ST-13) and Sandy Kane (ST-14) were accompanied at this event by LPD detective Paul Holzerland and a Fairfax officer who is a member of the DEA task force. An excellent turnout by the public yielded ten and a half large bags of prescriptions and over-the-counter drugs for people and their pets. Unfortunately, the Drug Take Back group was unable to accept or refer the public to a facility where they could dispose of epi pens and needles. All attempts to discard these items seem to have been rejected by area hospitals, pharmacies, and firehouses. Later information received from a reliable source indicates that syringes and needles can be dropped into glass or plastic jars or bottles, sealed, and disposed of with the regular trash, NOT with recycling items.

Leesburg Fire Company 20 Open House

Leesburg Fire Company 20 had their open house on Saturday, October 6, 2012, and the Support Team set up a DNA table with all of the regular items. Jan Hepburn (ST-10), Deb Walczak (ST-7), and Ed Boland (ST-6) started set up at 0930 hours and were off and running at 1000 hours. The crowd was slow arriving but a few minutes into the event they came in droves. The STs thought



the smell of all the FREE food got to them and the rides on the fire engines woke the crowd up. All in all it was a great day although a little windy as the STs had to keep chasing items that went airborne from their table. They prayed to the wind gods and they shut two of the bay doors which helped calm the winds.

Traffic and Crowd Control for Governor Romney's Visit to Leesburg

Thursday, October 17, 2012, Governor Mitt Romney appeared at a rally at Ida Lee Park and the Support Team provided assistance for the event. A briefing in the conference room at Ida Lee began at 1300 hours with members of the Leesburg Police Department, Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, Virginia State Police, Secret Service, TSA Screeners, Loudoun County Fire and Rescue, Town of Leesburg, and many, many more agencies present.

The gates opened to the public at 1600 hours and the waiting line, which stretched out to N. King Street moved through 8 security lanes in a rapid pace and all were in the secure area by 1915 hours.

The Support Team members providing assistance were Ron Leetch, Lora Tacey, Maggie Longhurst, Deb Walczak and Ed Boland. The weather was sunny but cool with a light breeze. There were two medical emergencies for the Rescue/EMS people. The support team provided help for a young lady that was lost with her baby in a stroller, as somehow she got separated from her group and was not from the local area. The event was very peaceful. Thank you Team members for your assistance on such short notice. Chief Joseph Price has emailed his thanks to the Team.

Support Team Helps LPD Prepare for Halloween Safety

Our Support Team was asked the week of October 18 to prepare "HALLOWEEN SAFETY" bags for the Leesburg Police Department's SRO's (School Resource Officers) to be used for a safety presentation to the eight elementary schools in Leesburg. Many ST hands helped fold close to 900 sheets of safety brochures with information to be included in the bags. The Halloween safety bags each included a safety brochure, a blinking red light the student may wear when trick or treating, and, of course, a Junior LPD Officer badge (sticker) for them. The many helping hands belong to Phillip Garcia, Sandy Kane, Maggie Longhurst, Lora Tacey, Steve Hood and Ed Boland.

Emergency Callout of Support Team Members!

Leesburg had a major gas leak about 1900 hours on October 10, 2012, and both East Market Street and Loudoun Street were closed from Harrison Street to the East "Y" for several hours. It took a while for our team to get notification for help as the call went via IOWA (where Steve Hood was attending to a family matter) before it got back to Leesburg. Sgt. Mike Buracker contacted Steve by phone for assistance and Steve gave him Ed Boland's number to call to rally the troops. Ed contacted Raymond Kirkpatrick and Ed and Raymond provided traffic control help to Sgt. Buracker for street closures. The incident ended safely. Fast response, Team members! Great job!



Support Team Members Locate a Missing and Endangered Person

While performing neighborhood patrol on the evening of Saturday, October 20, Steve Hood (ST-4) and Raymond Kirkpatrick (ST-9) discovered a highly intoxicated individual to the rear of the Virginia Village Shopping Center on Catoctin Circle. Steve radioed their location in to Dispatch and two Leesburg Police units responded. Upon arrival, the police officers discovered the individual had been reported as “missing and endangered” in the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database. Undoubtedly, the individual’s family must have been relieved to have heard he had been located.

Shoctoberfest! Scares Up Support Team Help

Steve Hood and Ed Boland donned uniforms and traffic vests to help with traffic control for the Shocktober 5K Race in northeast Leesburg near the Paxton Home on Saturday, October 27. Over 500 runners and walkers and about two hours’ time invested. Later in the evening, Steve walked back over to the Paxton property to check on several Law Enforcement Explorers who were helping get cars parked in the field for the haunted house event there.

Hurricane Sandy Comes, Support Team Ready

While Hurricane Sandy built up strength in the Atlantic during the weekend prior to Halloween, Support Team members charged their radio and flashlight batteries, made personal preparations at home, and volunteered for duty should the call come. The Leesburg Police Department advised the Team to be prepared to provide neighborhood patrol, communications in the event the 911 system went down, storm damage assessments, and help with administrative duties at Headquarters. The storm came, but the call never came for the Team’s help. Storm damage in Leesburg was relatively light and the Team’s help was not needed. Thanks to all Team members who “leaned forward in the saddle”!urric