



Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team

Monthly Newsletter

September, 2012

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Another busy month but not as hot as last month. Several patriotic events entered the calendar this past month, with President Obama visiting Leesburg on August 2nd and the 12th America's 9/11 Ride. We expect more events in September and October and severe storms are still a possibility, so be ready to volunteer!

September is National Preparedness Month! Are you personally prepared in your home? Check out www.READY.gov for ideas on how to prepare for emergencies.

Please try to attend the upcoming Support Team meeting, 7pm, September 6, at the Leesburg Police Department. We may have a new applicant to vote on at this meeting if background checks are completed in time.

President Obama Visits Leesburg, August 2

Thursday, August 2, was a very hot and humid day in Leesburg when Support Team (ST) members arrived at HQ for the pre-visit briefing.

Our ST members, Maggie Longhurst (ST-3), Ed Boland (ST-6), Raymond Kirkpatrick (ST-9), and Lora Tacey (ST-11) arrived at HQ for a 12 noon briefing. The briefing lasted over 1 ½ hours and at that time Team members found out that all three of our ST vehicles were needed for the event. Ed Boland scrambled to find keys and get the vehicles to their required spots. The ST members had another briefing at 1700 hours (about 30 minutes) at the Sheriff's office on Catoctin Circle in relation to their duties and then deployed to their assignments.

Raymond was on South King Street under the Bypass to keep that area clear of people trying to stop and park. Maggie and Lora were on the Children's Center Road overpass to keep pedestrians from lining the overpass. Ed was on the Dry Mill Road overpass to keep walkers from gathering on the bridge looking for the motorcade.

The President arrived close to his scheduled time, spoke and was gone very quickly. There were a few complaints from people trying to get into town from the west as most said there was no warning at Clarks Gap about road closures.

Support Team Members we done between 2130hrs and 2200hrs, depending on their assigned locations. All in all, the Support Team did a fine job with their assignments to make the event safe.



12th America's 9/11 Ride, August 17



Approximately 1,000 motorcycles and emergency vehicles were headed for Leesburg and Ed Boland, Deb Walczak, and Steve Hood volunteered to help manage traffic on King Street, along with many Leesburg Police officers, as the cavalcade of vehicles came roaring through town. Short event, very patriotic, and no incidents occurred along the Leesburg route. Thanks to those ST members for their help!

(Picture courtesy of Mayor Kristen Umstattd)

YMCA 5K/20K Race, August 19

Deb Walczak and Steve Hood rose early and suited up in uniform for the 0630 briefing and worked traffic control with the Leesburg Police Department as hundreds of runners participated on the streets of Leesburg and the W&OD Bike Trail. Only a few minor injuries (cuts and scrapes from falls) were reported as the last of the weary runners made their way across the finish line, nearly 3.5 hours after the start of the race.

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