



# Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team

## Monthly Newsletter

## May, 2013

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I was glad to see so many Support Team members show up for our tour of the Loudoun County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Team meeting last month. I thought Billy Anderson of the EOC staff did an excellent "show and tell" of the facility. I would like to provide some future training for Team members in the Incident Command System, which is used when the EOC is activated and I'm looking for a short course to offer the Team following a meeting or on a night or weekend day when the most members could be available.

Spring is here and the majority of this year's events requiring Support Team help have started. Additionally the Spring and Summer bring the possibility of violent weather which can result in a call for Support Team help for traffic control, damage assessment, and street blockades. Make sure you keep your flashlight batteries charged up, your uniform items handy, and your pagers on and ready!

### Tour of the Loudoun County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

At the request of Team President Steve Hood (ST-4), Billy Anderson, staff member of the Loudoun County EOC gave Support Team and Law Enforcement Explorers a guided tour of the EOC on the evening of April 4. Anderson talked about the features and communications capabilities of the EOC, its use in exercises, training, and real disasters/events, and demonstrated the audio-visual equipment on the facility's main floor. Following the tour, the Support Team held its regular monthly meeting in a meeting room of the EOC.

### Leesburg Flower and Garden Festival

Leesburg's Annual Flower and Garden Show was April 20 & 21, 2013 with street closings starting at 1730 hours on Friday night. Friday night was cool, dark, dreary and had so much thunder and lightning along with drenching rain that all Festival set-up activities were stopped for 30 minutes while the severe weather passed by. Friday night Support Team members assisted Loudoun Rescue with an injury and again on Saturday with an injury.

Saturday and Sunday were both sunny and cool with a stiff breeze blowing. The streets were filled both days with many people pulling wagons full of purchases.

Team members Greg Clark (ST-2), Maggie Longhurst (ST-3), Deb Walczak (ST-7), Ed Boland (ST-6), and Vicky Petty-Nawrath (ST-13), helped man the Leesburg Police, Support Team, and Explorer display tent and perform foot and vehicle patrol during this annual two-day event.



## ARC Walk at the Paxton Home

On the afternoon of April 7, Support Team members Raymond Kirkpatrick (ST-9) and Steve Hood (ST-4) assisted Officer Chris Tidmore and several Law Enforcement Explorers brighten the day for autistic children and their families at the Autism Resource Center in Leesburg. Raymond piloted the barrel train, taking kids for rides, while Steve and the Explorers helped kids in and out of the train, repaired flat tires on the train, and escorted McGruff, the Crime-Fighting Dog around the grounds of the Paxton Home, where the event was held. The Loudoun Hounds mascot, Fetch, also attended the event. Very nice day, lots of fun!

