



Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team

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Emergency Call- Out of Support Team Members, January 7



A gas main leak under the intersection of East Market and Plaza Streets resulted in major traffic headaches for travelers this Saturday morning, and Leesburg Police notified Steve Hood (ST-4) that Support Team assistance would be needed to help block the roadways and relieve police officers for more urgent duties. Steve notified Raymond Kirkpatrick (ST-9) and the two responded and placed their ST vehicles per police instructions to divert traffic through nearby shopping centers while Fire and Rescue and Washington Gas personnel assessed the situation and began digging up the street. The Support Team members spent several hours in place until Street Department personnel brought barricades to close the roadways.

STs Assist with Martin Luther King Day March, January 16

Stuart Brown and Steve Hood took up traffic posts at Harrison Street and East Market and Loudoun and East Market to ensure traffic did not interfere with the participants marching in this annual event. All went well for the event and Support Team members were thanked by many of the marchers as they went by.

Another Emergency Call-Out, March 5

Support Team President Ray Delpesche (ST-6) received a call from the Leesburg Police Department this Sunday afternoon and was asked to round up two Team members with Support Team vehicles to help block a portion of West Market Street and Wirt Street. The incident requiring traffic control was an oil spill into a storm sewer which had to be cleaned up by an environmental company accessing a manhole in the middle of the Market Street-Wirt Street intersection. Ray quickly called Steve Hood (ST-4) and the pair responded. About three hours later, the spill cleanup was complete and the Team members returned home.





One More Time! March 10

While running errands on his day off, Steve Hood (ST-4) heard the call go out for Leesburg officers to proceed to Russell Branch Parkway Southeast, where a dump truck had hit two overhead traffic lights arms which threatened to collapse in the wind. Steve notified one of the officers by text message and was told to come out and help with traffic control to free up an officer who was going off duty soon. Steve marked on duty, drove to the location, replaced a police cruiser with his ST vehicle, and assisted Officer Stephan Winkler with traffic direction for the next 4.5 hours.

