



Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team

Monthly Newsletter

October – December, 2017

Support for Leesburg Airshow, September 30

Jan Hepburn, Maggie Longhurst, Chris Miller, Ray Delpesche, and Steve Hood volunteered their time to assist the Leesburg Police Department at the Leesburg Airshow. Jan, Maggie, Chris, and Ray were assigned and present at the aircraft parking pad at this event and Steve worked traffic and pedestrian control on Sycolin Road near the airport. During the afternoon, Chris Miller was walking the grounds with Maggie and Jan when Jan saw an elderly man lying on the ground. She spoke to the person next to him, and they said that medical help would be coming. Maggie and Chris stayed with the man, while Jan went to look for the medical help that had been summoned. She located them and pointed them to Maggie and Chris in their yellow traffic vests. The medical help arrived and took over the scene. About 10 seconds later, a man and woman approached the Support Team members with a child on his shoulders, and informed them that the child lost his parents. The STs told them to go to the command center, which was about 100 yards away. Chris led the man with the boy to the command center, and let personnel there know the situation. An announcement was made over the loud speaker and in a couple of minutes the child's father arrived. It was a happy reunion. Support Team member Ray Delpesche, working in the VFW tent, assisted with getting event attendees into the event and provided guidance to attendees on safely getting to shuttle buses.

ST Members on Patrol Help at Accident Scene, October 13



During a neighborhood patrol training session on this evening, Team members Steve Hood (ST-4) and Chris Miller (ST-11) were first on the scene of a traffic accident, reported by LPD Dispatch, at the intersection of Edwards Ferry Road and Battlefield Parkway NE. One vehicle had been broadsided by the other and a passenger in the struck vehicle was suffering a head injury. The ST members positioned their vehicle to block traffic approaching the scene and Steve reported the situation to Dispatch. Within a minute or two, police, fire, and rescue vehicles arrived and the "jaws of life" hydraulic equipment was deployed by the fire department to extract the injured passenger, who was then transported to the hospital by ambulance. Per LPD officer instructions, Steve and Chris kept their Support Team vehicle in place to block oncoming traffic throughout the incident.

Support Team Charter Member Retires, November 2

Ron Leetch (ST-1), a charter member of the Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team in April of 1996, retired from the Team at the October 5 meeting. Ron served the Team faithfully over the past 21 years, doing traffic direction duty, participating in the police department's highly successful benefit Motorcycle Poker Runs, performing neighborhood patrol, and manning child safety information and fingerprint/DNA identification display tables at Town and school events. The Team and the Leesburg Police Department thanked Ron (and his wife, Pat) for his many years of service in a ceremony featuring the presentation of a plaque from the department by Chief Gregory Brown and a certificate of appreciation by Support Team President Ray Delpesche.





ST-4 Assists at Vehicle Wreck, November 11

As Steve Hood (ST-4) was returning home on the afternoon of November 11, he heard a Leesburg Police dispatcher call for an overturned vehicle on Union Street. Steve was only 2 blocks away, so he quickly drove to the scene and confirmed for the dispatcher the vehicle was, in fact, on its side. Steve then took up a position at the corner of Union and Wirt Streets and blocked traffic approaching the scene from Wirt Street. Within minutes, fire and rescue vehicles and Leesburg Police officers arrived to block Union and King Streets. Steve remained until relieved by a Leesburg Police officer.



INMED Organization Thanksgiving Dinner, November 21, 2017

The Leesburg Police Department and Spanky's Shenanigans Restaurant teamed up again this year to provide a free turkey dinner with all the trimmings to family members of the INMED organization of Loudoun County. Police officers and Support Team member Steve Hood (ST-4) picked up the dinner at Shenanigans and caravanned to the Douglass Community Center where they arranged the food in a serving line and began filling plates. Hearty food and a heart-warming event with many thanks from the recipients.



Barrel Train at Cool Spring Elementary Saturday with Santa Event, December 2

Three ST members had trainloads of fun this day, giving Cool Spring kids rides on the popular barrel train. Vicky Petty-Nawrath (ST-13) got her engineer's license during the event and enjoyed the experience as much as the kids did. Steve Hood (ST-4) and Ray Delpesche (ST-6) also piloted the train.





Halloween Parade, October 31

Beautiful evening, large crowds pressing into King Street. ST member Jan Hepburn (ST-10) took up position on South King and Wirt Street SW to control traffic and crowds, while Steve Hood (ST-4) engineered the LPD barrel train carrying a full load of kids in the parade. Great fun!

Leesburg Holiday Parade, December 9

First snow of the season and it wasn't even winter yet! Jan Hepburn (ST-10), Chris Miller (ST-11), and Steve Hood (ST-4) donned winter uniform apparel and worked with Leesburg Police officers to control traffic and crowds for this annual parade. Chilly, yes, but the snow stopped just as the parade began! Good fun and additional street traffic training for Chris.

