



# Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team

## Monthly Newsletter    December 2017 — March, 2018

### Traffic Direction Training for New ST Members, Nov 11

Team members Charles Perry and Chris Miller took to the street with Leesburg Police Officer Stephan Winkler to get training in the skills of traffic direction.



### Holiday with the Cops, Dec 16

A dozen and a half cops, 3 Support Team members, several volunteers, a generous restaurateur, and the Leesburg Target store made for a fantastic evening for twelve needy Leesburg area children. Starting with a free dinner provided by the owner of the Leesburg Diner, the kids then were each paired with a cop and given a \$200 gift card to roam the aisles at Target, looking for presents for themselves and their family members. After moving through the checkout counter where Steve Hood (ST-4) and Master Police Officer Chris Tidmore handled register receipt approvals, the carts of presents were rolled into the Target break room, where Maggie Longhurst (ST-3) and Jan Hepburn (ST-10), volunteer Sue Boland and several others hustled to wrap all the presents. Police officers then drove the kids and their presents home. LPD Chief Gregory Brown and his family presided over the event and helped shop for one more child who was too young to participate in the evening's fun.

### Kinda Windy!, March 2-3

March came in like a lion with a nor'easter with 70-80 mph gusting winds which took down trees, power lines, and traffic signs and resulted in power outages and street closures in many locations around Leesburg. On the afternoon of March 2, Steve Hood (ST-4) helped direct traffic on Loudoun Street while a telephone/cable crew repaired lines that hung only 8 feet above the street. Later that night, Steve again got a call to guard a high voltage power line in the west section of town for nearly 5 hours to free up a police officer for more urgent duties. Ray Delpesche (ST-8) was called into duty on Saturday, March 3, to block a street in the NW quadrant while Town of Leesburg street crews removed a tree across North Street. Steve and Michael McDaniel (ST-12) got called Saturday to guard a power line on Pershing Avenue which had been pulled down by a large tree. Thank you Support Team members for your help with this emergency!





### Michael McDaniel Reports First Traffic Accident, March 6

Michael McDaniel (ST-12) witnessed a multi-car accident this date and got to make his first vehicle accident call and report since becoming a Support Team member and neighborhood patroller. Good job, Michael!

### Frederick Douglass Elementary School Winterfest, March 10

After several years of bad weather for this event, we finally got a day with mildly cool temps and lots of sunshine. Ray Delpesche (ST-8), Vicky Petty-Nawrath (ST-13), and Steve Hood (ST-4) popped the barrel train out of its trailer (thank you Officers Winkler and Lotz) and set up a child DNA and safety info table at the school. While Ray and Steve piloted and loaded the train outside, Vicky talked with parents and kids inside. Great fun!



### Support Team Presence at Easter Egg Hunt in Potomac Station Neighborhood, March 31

The Potomac Station Homeowners Association requested a police department presence with safety information and child DNA kits at their Easter egg event this day. Steve Hood (ST-4) brought out DNA kits and a variety of brochures on drugs, gangs, con artists, internet safety, vehicle safety, and more and set up a table at the event. Steve talked with many parents and passed out "goodie bags" to the children of the 100+ families who attended the event.

