



Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team

Monthly Newsletter October, 2008

Prez Sez

Welcome aboard to new Support Team members Pat Edwards and Erich Mayr! Don't be shy, jump right in and get your feet wet with our many October events. It is going to be a busy month.

New news: We are moving much of our current logistics holdings which have been in the Support Team office at Headquarters to a closet area back in the motor bay. Two newly-hired officers will be taking Officer Tidmore's space in Community Services and he will be moving into the former Support Team room. We will still have a presence at Headquarters, but not a whole office. Details are still being worked out on where our mailboxes and telephone will be, but hopefully the dust will settle soon and we can get comfortable with our new location. More on this topic at our next meeting, October 9 (the second Thursday in October...we moved our meeting date for this month only).

I have included a few pictures from National Night Out which were sent to me by Officer Tidmore. If any ST member would like to volunteer to be the Team photographer at future events to record our activities, please contact me.

STs Help Nab Vandalism Suspects

On the evening of Friday, August 30, Support Team members Raymond Kirkpatrick (ST-9) and Steve Hood (ST-4) were patrolling the streets of Leesburg when a call went out from Headquarters to be on the lookout for a dark-colored Jeep Cherokee which was seen in the area of South Harrison Street where several car windows had just been broken out. As police units headed for the area to canvas, the Support Team members spotted a vehicle fitting the description coming from that area and turning onto East Market Street from Catoctin Circle. Steve quickly alerted Headquarters and attempted to turn the Support Team vehicle around to follow. Officer Greg Parsons, working a traffic stop on Plaza Street near East Market and hearing Steve's call, saw the suspect vehicle turn onto Plaza from East Market. He stepped into Plaza Street and ordered the vehicle to stop. The vehicle stopped but did not immediately obey Officer Parsons' several commands to pull into the Plaza 7-11 parking lot. Steve and Raymond had pulled up behind the suspect vehicle at this point. The vehicle and its 3 occupants finally turned into the lot and additional officers arrived to identify and, eventually, arrest several of the occupants for suspicion of vandalism and drunken driving.

Hurricane Hanna Arrives . . .

On the afternoon of September 5, the LPD asked if Support Team members would be on standby because of the anticipated damage by Hurricane Hanna. Within 20 minutes of receipt of this request, the members rallied and 12 signed up to help on Saturday, September 6. Thanks to all who made the commitment to serve! Even though no call for Team assistance was received on Saturday, Jim Tomfohrde, Steve Hood, and Sandy Kane opted voluntarily to go out on storm damage patrol as the rain began to fall. For-



Unfortunately, the wind did not cause any particular problems; however, the heavy, continuous rainfall caused the local streams and creeks to overflow and flood numerous streets and roads throughout the Town . . . a number of which had to have barricades set up to keep drivers out of harm's way. The meteorologists certainly got it wrong in Leesburg, predicting only two to three inches of rain!

Costco Health Fair

Once again, Costco invited the Support Team to participate in the store's health fair. MPO Chris Tidmore and the team set up tables on September 16 and 18 near the exit to provide outreach to the community by discussing various aspects of property and personal safety. This year's community educational efforts were well received. Raymond Kirkpatrick (ST-9), Sandy Kane (ST-14), Vicky Petty (ST-13), and Lora Tacey (ST-11) handed out goodie bags to the delight of many children and collected donations for 155 identity kits. A total of \$494 was collected through the combination of kit sales and donations. Great work team!

National Night Out Pictures





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Meeting Minutes for September 4, 2008

Remember October meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 9th

Attendees: Steve Hood, Jim Tomfohrde, Cathy Tomfohrde, Lora Tacey, Sandy Kane, Victoria Petty-Nawrath, Bert Robinson, Jon Mattia, Pat Edwards, Erich Mayr and MPO Chris Tidmore

July minutes were read and accepted by Cathy Tomfohrde and seconded by Lora Tacey

Treasurer Report:

	Beginning balance - \$3,077.71
Check(s): #335: VA inspection on 2000 Taurus – KND4824	\$17.00
Donation from W. C. Seibert, Jr.	\$25.00
	Ending Balance - \$3,085.71
Barrel Train Trailer account - \$1,000.00	

Logistics Report:

- ✦ Steve Hood noted that equipment from the old cruiser needs to be fitted to 2000 Taurus cruiser #2002
 - ✦ Two amber light set with LED lights needs to be purchased for both Taurus'
- Jim Tomfohrde will contact new members Pat Edwards and Erich Mayr to outfit them in Support Team attire

Training:

- ✦ Traffic direction training will be scheduled. Both an in-class lab session and an in-the-street session will be held at times agreeable to the new members and anyone wanting refresher training
 - ✦ Radio training will be scheduled for the new members as well as anyone wanting refresher instruction
 - ✦ American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons CPR and 1st aid training session to be scheduled
- Visit the Community Watch training calendar on the town web site (www.leesburgva.gov)

Old Business:

- ✦ The '93 Chevy Caprice is still available for sale
 - ✦ The number of Child identity kits handed out for National Night Out is needed to submit for reimbursement from the department
 - ✦ Radio and pager inventory is ongoing
- Sandy Kane reminded team to carry their ID badge, traffic vest, whistle and 800 radio with them or in their vehicle at all times in the event of an emergency callout or a member witnessing an accident

New Business:

- ✦ Alexandra Gressitt, Director of the Thomas Balch Library gave a brief presentation and CD with some of the historical presentations recently held by the library
 - ✦ New members; Erich Mayr and Pat Edwards were introduced as potential members. MPO Tidmore had completed the background checks and both individuals are excellent candidates. The current membership voted and both Erich and Pat were accepted onto the team on a six-month trial basis
 - ✦ Cathy and Jim Tomfohrde were thanked for their continuing contribution of materials for the Child Identification events
 - ✦ Special badges will be worn by many of the LPD officers to commemorate Leesburg's 250 Anniversary
- Four town cruiser stickers have not arrived, MPO Tidmore will follow up

Reminders:

Check crime happenings before leaving on patrol, at:

<http://www.leesburgva.gov/services/police/activity/default.aspx>

Motion to adjourn, passed.