



# Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team

## Newsletter Jun – Sep 2025

### Leesburg Fourth of July Celebration, July 4, 2025

First the 10am parade, always a well-attended event through downtown Leesburg, and this was no exception. Lots of parade units and lots and lots of families! Support Team members Jan Hepburn and Steve Hood joined Leesburg Police officers to help ensure crowd safety. Then the evening concert and fireworks display at Ida Lee Park saw Support Team member Raymond Delpesche suit up and assist the police officers with foot patrol and traffic management at this popular holiday event.

### Holidays with the Cops Fundraising, July 12, 2025

Established in 2010, the Holidays with the Cops program has raised over \$75,000 to give a happier December holiday to 225 families in financial need. Every year we pair 12 to 18 children each with a Leesburg Police Department officer, take them to dinner at the Leesburg Diner and then to shop for holiday gifts for themselves and their families at Target with a \$250 gift card for each child. Our Support Team volunteers and Leesburg Police officers and staff wrap and deliver these presents to the children's homes that evening. This program creates positive shared experiences for both kids and officers.

This year, the fundraising for the December holiday event took place at two locations, Bear Chase Brewery and Douglass Community Center. While Leesburg Police officers covered Bear Chase's collection of donations, the Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team (an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit organization) manned the donation table at Douglass. There were lots of children's activities, a silent auction and 50-50 raffle, a glitter tattoo artist, and a visit by Santa. Heat and humidity dampened attendance at Douglass, but not the holiday spirit of the Team members. Both locations considered their events successful.



## National Night Out, August 5, 2025

Support Team President Raymond Delpesche jumped right into this annual event to help spread the fun and community comradship at the Douglass Community Center.



## America's 911 Ride, August 15, 2025

Steve Hood, Jan Hepburn, and Ray Delpesche worked traffic and crowd control for this annual patriotic event, featuring hundreds of motorcyclists roaring through the Town.



## Semiannual Streetlight Survey, September 2025

Six months seemed to go by very quickly this year and the Support Team hit the streets of Leesburg in September to survey the streetlights again and find defective lights. 27 manhours and 188 miles later, Team members Ray Delpesche, Vicky Petty-Nawrath, Sylvia Feliciano, and Steve Hood had located 98 lights in need of repair and forwarded lists of those lights' pole numbers and locations to the Leesburg Police Department for the Town Street Department.