



Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team

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Annual Leesburg Halloween Parade, October 30, 2025

A fan-favorite of every child in Loudoun County and beyond! At least that's what it seemed like on this cool evening in downtown Leesburg when the famous nighttime Annual Halloween Parade kicked off from Ida Lee Park to traverse King Street. While Support Team President Raymond Delpesche and avid VFW Riders motorcyclist and his buddies helped lead off the parade, Support Team members Jan Hepburn and Stephen Hood worked traffic control and pedestrian safety in the heart of downtown. Ray dismounted at the end of the parade (Safeway) and immediately began helping with traffic control in the chaos there. Jan and Stephen worked hard to keep little children (and a few errant adults) from being run over by parade units. Success, but it was hard work for nearly 2 hours.

Holidays with the Cops Event, December 5, 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 and community volunteers wrap the purchases and officers deliver these kids and their presents to the children's homes that evening. This program creates positive shared experiences for both kids and officers. Support Team members participating in this fun event included Sylvia Feliciano, Jan Hepburn, Vicky Petty-Nawrath, Chris Miller, Ray Delpesche, and Steve Hood. Also jumping in on the event this year were law enforcement officers from the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and Loudoun County Animal Services. What a fun night!

[This year, the fundraising for this December holiday event took place in July at two locations, Bear Chase Brewery and Douglass Community Center and provided sufficient funds to cover this heartwarming event.]

Annual Leesburg Christmas Parade, December 13, 2025

The weather was cold, but fortunately there was no wind, so folks came out for this annual event. Lots of kids, lots of floats and vehicles and music and even Leesburg Police arresting the Grinch during the parade. Support Team members Steve Hood, Chris Miller, and Jan Hepburn suited up in traffic and crowd control uniforms and assisted along the parade route to keep kids and floats separated. Team President Ray Delpesche walked with the VFW unit in the parade and then aided Leesburg police officers with traffic control at the end of the parade route. Fun times!