

PARK RANGER PROGRAM

The Parks and Recreation Department has one full-time, POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training) certified Park Ranger and a seasonal part-time ranger. The Park Ranger duties include providing assistance to park visitors, educating the public in and enforcing park rules and regulations, accident prevention and safety, environmental protection and fire management, and emergency response.



Ranger Rosanna Arens at Volunteer Appreciation Picnic



Part-time Ranger Zach Ispa-Landa at Tons of Trucks

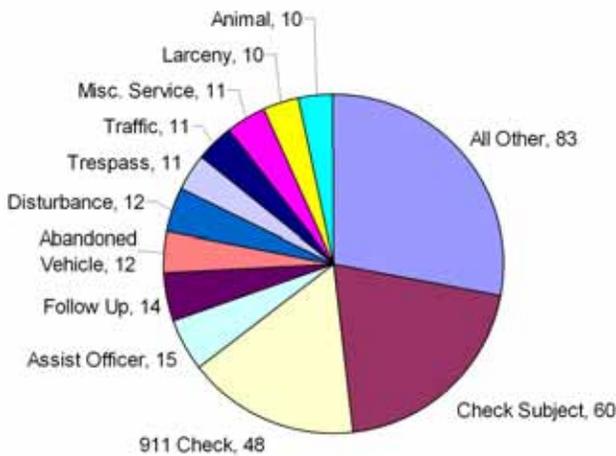
FY 2007 Hours	
<i>Activity</i>	<i>Total Hours</i>
Regular Patrol	1286.0
Foot Patrol	630.0
Bike Patrol	15.5
Criminal Investigation	53.0
Accident Investigation	4.5
Incident Investigation	142.0
Office Duty	157.0
Leave	302.5
Special Assignments	53.5
Meetings	73.0
Training	173.0
TOTAL	2,980.0
Total Miles Driven: 14,868	

FY 2007 Services	
<i>Service</i>	<i>Total</i>
Assist Other Agencies	16
Assist Park Users	87
Brochures/Map	38
Building Checks	3,705
Directing Traffic	4
First Aid	6
Locate Missing Persons	12
Maintenance	47
Assist Motorist	21
Park Info/Directions	1,994
Recover Property	10
Visitor Complaints	0
TOTAL	5,940

FY 2007 Park Ranger Stats		
<i>Violations</i>	<i>Warnings</i>	<i>Arrests/Citations</i>
Animal Complaints	188	0
Beach/Pools	133	0
Drug Laws	0	0
Fireworks	12	0
Juveniles	267	4
Liquor Laws	1	2
Littering	10	0
Park Violations	302	5
Parking Violations	333	62
Traffic	91	4
Trespass	47	6
Vandalism	1	1
Warrant	0	0
Weapons	0	1
Wildlife	8	0
TOTALS	1,393	85

The charts below are taken from JCIC police report data for park facility locations. The report was filtered to show police responses (leaving out non-response data, such as, watching while passing, special assignments, foot patrol, office duty, etc.). The police (including the Park Ranger) were dispatched 1,304 times to park locations during Fiscal Year 2007. This was a 17% increase over 2006. Despite working the days and shifts that are busiest with park users, the full-time ranger was only able to respond to 23% of the calls to park locations during this past year. (Part-time rangers are not authorized to respond.) As more locations are added to Columbia's park system, there will be an ever increasing need to expand the Park Ranger Program.

**Park Ranger
Top Ten Response Types
FY 2007 (October - September 2007)**



**Police Responses (Includes Ranger)
Top Ten Park Facilities
FY 2007 (October - September 2007)**

