

PARK RANGER

This past year the Parks and Recreation Department had one full-time, POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training) certified Park Ranger and two seasonal part-time rangers. 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.

FY 2008 Park Ranger Stats		
<i>Violations</i>	<i>Warnings</i>	<i>Arrests/Citations</i>
Animal Complaints	297	1
Beach/Pools	119	0
Drug Laws	0	0
Fireworks	3	0
Juveniles	298	20
Liquor Laws	1	1
Littering	5	0
Park Violations	260	1
Parking Violations	565	139
Traffic	55	7
Trespass	30	8
Vandalism	2	1
Warrant	0	3
Weapons	3	1
Wildlife	4	0
TOTALS	1,642	182



Polar Plunge Event at Stephens Lake Park



Show Me State Games at Cosmo Park

FY 2008 Hours	
<i>Activity</i>	<i>Total Hours</i>
Regular Patrol	1,457.0
Foot Patrol	644.5
Bike Patrol	20.5
Criminal Investigation	90.5
Accident Investigation	3.0
Incident Investigation	152.0
Office Duty	137.0
Leave	245.5
Special Assignments	44.0
Meetings	72.5
Training	247.5
TOTAL	3,114
Total Miles Driven: 14,966	

FY 2008 Services	
<i>Service</i>	<i>Total</i>
Assist Other Agencies	11
Assist Park Users	83
Brochures/Map	20
Building Checks	3,841
Directing Traffic	7
First Aid	7
Locate Missing Persons	2
Maintenance	339
Assist Motorist	16
Park Info/Directions	1,432
Recover Property	18
Visitor Complaints	0
TOTAL	5,776

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 1,524 times to park locations during Fiscal Year 2008. This was a 9% increase over 2007. Despite working the days and shifts that are busiest with park users, the full-time ranger was only able to respond to 25% of the calls to park locations during this past year (part-time rangers are not authorized to respond), demonstrating the need to expand the Park Ranger Program.

