

Costa Mesa Police Department

Memorandum



DATE: April 10, 2024

TO: Bryan Wadkins, Field Operations Captain
David Casarez, Area Commander

FROM: J. Vaughn, Park Ranger

RE: **PARK RANGER MONTHLY REPORT**
March 2024

Park Ranger Overview													
Month	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Staffing	5	4	4										----
Patrols	548	508	399										1455
Calls	144	117	155										416
Citations	58	54	26										138
Reports	19	46	22										87
Arrests	9	8	4										21

Fairview Park Activities/Highlights:

- Harbor Soaring Society Flying Field occurred on Saturday March 2nd and 16th. No issues were reported.
- An increased number of complaints have been received about the use of e-bikes and electric motorcycles in the "Dinosaur Hill" area of the park. Park Rangers noted that users have altered the makeshift jumps which are now larger. Park Rangers are taking enforcement action when observed.
- Park Rangers and City maintenance crews continue to address homelessness issues and unlawful camp sites. There were no encampments this month.
- Copper wire thefts occurred on March 27th & 28th. CMPD Detectives investigated and arrested the suspects and recovered the copper.

Park Activities/Highlights:

- Park Rangers continued increased efforts to educate the public about the leash laws; there continues to be a significant reduction in violations observed. Three leash law violations resulted in citations.
- Park Rangers located two small fires in Talbert Park, likely caused by unhoused persons.
- CMPD Park Rangers continue to collaborate with Orange County Park Rangers to address new encampments at Talbert Park North, Talbert Park South, and along the Santa Ana River Bike Trail. Due to inclement weather and unsafe dirt road conditions, patrols for unlawful encampments were hindered.
- A copper wire theft occurred March 21st at Moon Park; there was no suspect information.

Harper Park Update:

- Park Rangers began all-day patrols at Harper Park/ Harper School on November 10th. There were no citizens contacted for leash law violations while Park Rangers were on site this month. Park Rangers continue to actively engage the public and educate them about the school's shared use agreement and its rules and restrictions.

MONTHLY PARKS ACTIVITY / ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Talbert Regional Park	16	24	9	0	1	50
Joann Street Bike Trail	3	7	1	1	0	12

District 1

Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Balearic Park	4	2	0	0	0	6
Estancia Park	2	2	0	0	0	4
Mesa Verde Park	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moon Park	3	21	0	0	1	25
Smallwood Park	2	0	0	0	0	2
Suburbia Park	0	9	0	0	0	9
Tanager Park	0	2	0	0	0	2
Wakeham Park	2	1	0	0	0	3
Wimbledon Park	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	13	37	0	0	1	51

District 2

Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Del Mesa Park	1	0	0	0	0	1
Gisler Park	2	21	0	0	0	23
Shiffer Park	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paularino Park	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	21	0	0	0	24

District 3

Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Neth Park	1	12	0	0	1	14
TeWinkle Park	13	21	2	0	1	37
Bark Park	3	8	0	0	1	12
Skate Park	4	8	0	0	1	13
Wilson Park	11	28	1	0	4	44
Jack Hammet Sports Complex	32	77	3	0	8	120
Total	64	154	6	0	16	240

District 4

Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Ketchum-Libolt Park	3	9	0	0	0	12
Shalimar Park	1	1	0	0	0	2
Total	4	10	0	0	0	14

District 5

Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Canyon Park	4	21	1	0	0	26
Fairview Park	20	14	4	1	3	42
Lions Park	8	45	5	2	0	60
Marina View Park	2	9	0	0	1	12
Vista Park	9	5	0	0	0	14
Total	43	94	10	3	4	154

District 6

Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Brentwood Park	3	3	0	0	0	6
Harper Park	0	37	0	0	0	37
Heller Park	1	3	0	0	0	4
Jordan Park	0	3	0	0	0	3
Lindbergh Park	0	3	0	0	0	3
Pinkley Park (Ogle)	0	3	0	0	0	3
Perez Park	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4	52	0	0	0	56