

Costa Mesa Police Department

Memorandum



DATE: May 7, 2026

TO: Bryan Wadkins, Field Operations Captain

FROM: Matt Pallo, Park Ranger

SUBJECT: Park Ranger Monthly Report - April 2026

Park Ranger Overview

Month	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Staffing	6	6	6	6									--
Patrols	807	986	1146	965									3904
Calls	121	115	176	175									587
Citations	11	10	15	9									45
Reports	31	26	19	28									104
Arrests	66	26	48	15									155

Park Activities/Highlights:

- Ongoing collaboration with OC Parks and their maintenance crews for cleanups has minimized transient activities and encampments within Talbert Park. The constant presence and enforcement of quality of life issues has caused a major shift in loitering/living in the park. Trends have shown that most of the problematic violators have departed Costa Mesa's jurisdiction to include the Santa Ana River Trail on the Costa Mesa side. Proactive efforts for sweeps and park remediation are ongoing.
- An arson suspect was taken into custody in late April. 7 fires were reported along the Santa Ana River bed in Costa Mesa (11 in total to include Huntington Beach). The suspect taken into custody admitted to lighting the fires for unknown reasons.
- All Park Rangers have completed necessary Homeless Liaison Officer training (HLO) and bike training.
- Rangers are putting together an operational plan for e-bike and e-motorcycle education and enforcement in our problematic parks such as Fairview Park.

Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Talbert Regional Park	4	103	3	3	7	119
Joann Street Bike Trail	2	22	0	0	0	24
Senior Center	6	72	0	0	1	79
District 1						
Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Balearic Park	6	7	0	0	1	14
Estancia Park	2	13	0	0	0	15
Mesa Verde Park	2	7	0	0	0	9
Moon Park	6	27	0	1	1	35
Smallwood Park	0	7	0	1	1	9
Suburbia Park	0	15	0	0	0	15
Tanager Park	3	5	0	0	0	8
Wakeham Park	3	18	0	0	0	21
Wimbledon Park	2	10	0	0	0	12
Total	24	109	0	2	3	138
District 2						
Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Del Mesa Park	2	8	0	0	0	10
Gisler Park	2	26	0	1	1	30
Shiffer Park	7	38	0	0	0	45
Paularino Park	2	8	0	0	0	10
Total	13	80	0	1	1	95
District 3						
Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Neth Park	1	17	0	0	0	18
TeWinkle Park	23	87	1	1	2	114
Wilson Park	6	53	1	1	1	62
Jack Hammet Sports Complex	4	2	0	0	0	6
Total	34	159	2	2	3	200
District 4						
Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Ketchum-Libolt Park	0	13	0	0	0	13
Shalimar Park	0	5	0	0	0	5
Total	0	18	0	0	0	18
District 5						
Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Canyon Park	5	52	0	0	0	57
Fairview Park	29	45	0	0	4	78
Lions Park	22	135	2	4	5	168
Marina View Park	3	23	0	0	1	27
Vista Park	8	29	0	2	2	41
Total	67	284	2	6	12	371
District 6						
Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Brentwood Park	10	28	0	0	0	38
Harper Park	0	20	0	0	0	20
Heller Park	4	21	0	0	0	25
Jordan Park	4	11	0	0	0	15
Lindbergh Park	3	18	0	0	0	21
Pinkley Park (Ogle)	4	20	2	1	1	28
Total	25	118	2	1	1	147