

Carlsbad Police Department Ranger Pilot Program

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Historical Background

- 2005-City Council accepted the Open Space Management Plan
- 2008-Multi-departmental team studied safety issues within city preserves
- Identified Issues: Trespassing, off-road vehicles, vandalism, dogs off-leash, damage to natural habitat, and lack of police presence

Recent Quality of Life Enforcement Issues

- 2014-2015 Habitat Management Plan annual report documented the following:
 - Transient encampments
 - Damage to natural habitat
 - Dogs off leash and failure to clean up
 - Vandalism
 - Trespassing

Ranger Proposal

- One year pilot program
- Hire two full-time unarmed rangers
- Provide seven days a week coverage
- Rangers will have authority to issue citations for minor offenses
- Patrol preserves, parks, trails, lagoons, and beaches

SANDAG Cooperative Effort

- SANDAG provides up to \$98,280 to offset cost of pilot program
- Rangers complete daily statistic reports
- PD provides quarterly reports to SANDAG

Cost of Pilot Program

- Salaries and benefits for two rangers is \$236,703 (minus SANDAG funding up to \$98,280)
- Purchase 4x4 patrol vehicle and mobile data computer (approx. \$50,000 from PD asset forfeiture)
- Total approximate cost of equipment for both rangers is \$13,000 (to be absorbed in PD budget)

First 3-Quarters' Results

July 2017- March 2018	Hours Worked	Educational contacts	Verbal Warning	Written Warning	Cite	Other	Total
Preserves Total	1,445	4,207	691	84	6	194	5,182
Parks and Beaches	N/A	477	619	25	4	125	1,250
Total Productivity	N/A	4,684	1,310	109	10	319	6,432

Future of the Ranger Program

- May 15, return to City Council with results of first nine months
- Provide statistics regarding patrols and contacts
- Provide community feedback results

Questions?