
VOLUNTEERS IN PATROL PARKS & TRAILS PARTNERSHIP



Park and Recreation Board
March 21, 2019

Purpose

- Provide the Park and Recreation Board an overview of the proposed Volunteers In Patrol parks and trails partnership



Overview

City of Dallas Parks and Trails

- 397 Parks
- 158 Miles of trails
- 4 Dog Parks
- 2 Lakes
- 20,109 Acres of Parkland



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- 9 Park Rangers



Background

- Volunteers In Patrol (VIP) began in 1993
- VIP is a City of Dallas approved extension of the Crime Watch Program
- The main purpose is to provide a visible presence in the neighborhoods as a deterrent to criminal activity
- VIP report suspicious or illegal activities to the DPD
- VIP brings together neighborhoods and the DPD
- VIP members are non-confrontational

Background

- The VIP Program is designed to help citizens achieve a safer neighborhood through heightened emphasis on citizens' involvement in crime prevention
- VIP members are trained to observe and report unlawful and suspicious activity
- Criminal activity can only be reduced if individuals and communities resume their roles as partners with law enforcement

VIP Member Requirements

- Have not had any felony convictions
- Have not had any misdemeanor A or B convictions in the last five (5) years
- Have not had any DWI convictions in the last ten (10) years
- Agree to, and pass, a criminal history check
- Complete all required training successfully
- Be at least 21 years of age
- Have a valid driver's license

VIP Rules

- VIP members are non-confrontational
- VIP patrols are not empowered by the DPD to any degree above that of any other private citizen
- VIP members are not police officers
- VIP members do not make citizen's arrests
- VIP members do not carry weapons of any kind

Proposed Partnerships

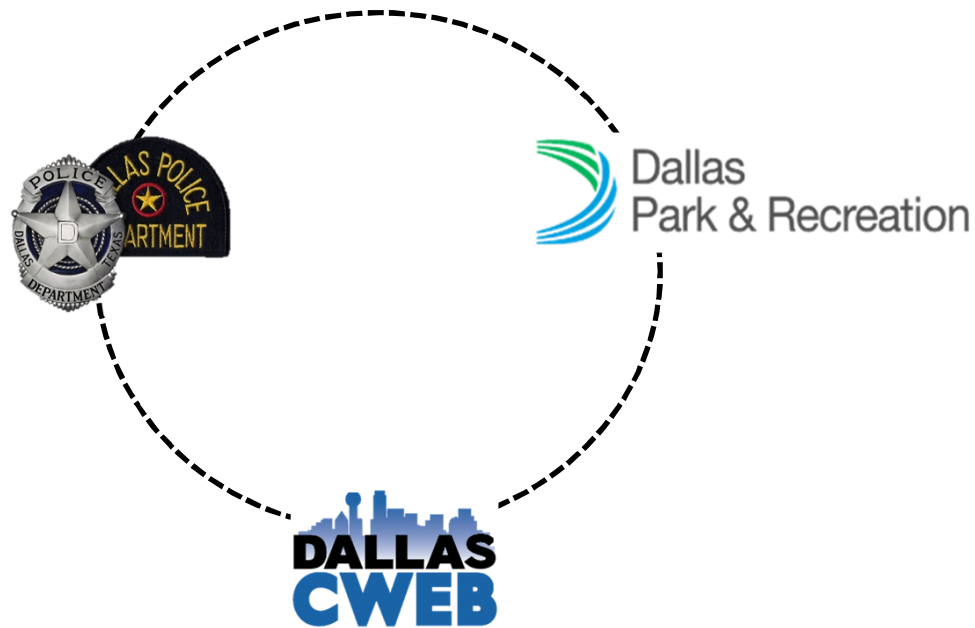


Next Steps

- Park Board consideration of the proposed Volunteers in Patrol parks and trails partnership



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