



Dallas Park & Recreation

Safe Parks/Security Briefing



**Park and Recreation Board
August 5, 2021**

Purpose

- To provide a quarterly update to the Park and Recreation Board on security operations and management practices that promote safety in Dallas Parks

Overview

- Park Rangers
- Visits & Infractions
- Operations Protocol
- Marshal & DPD Update

Park Ranger Mission

- Provide efficient and effective services to park visitors that embody safety and security, while fostering environmental stewardship

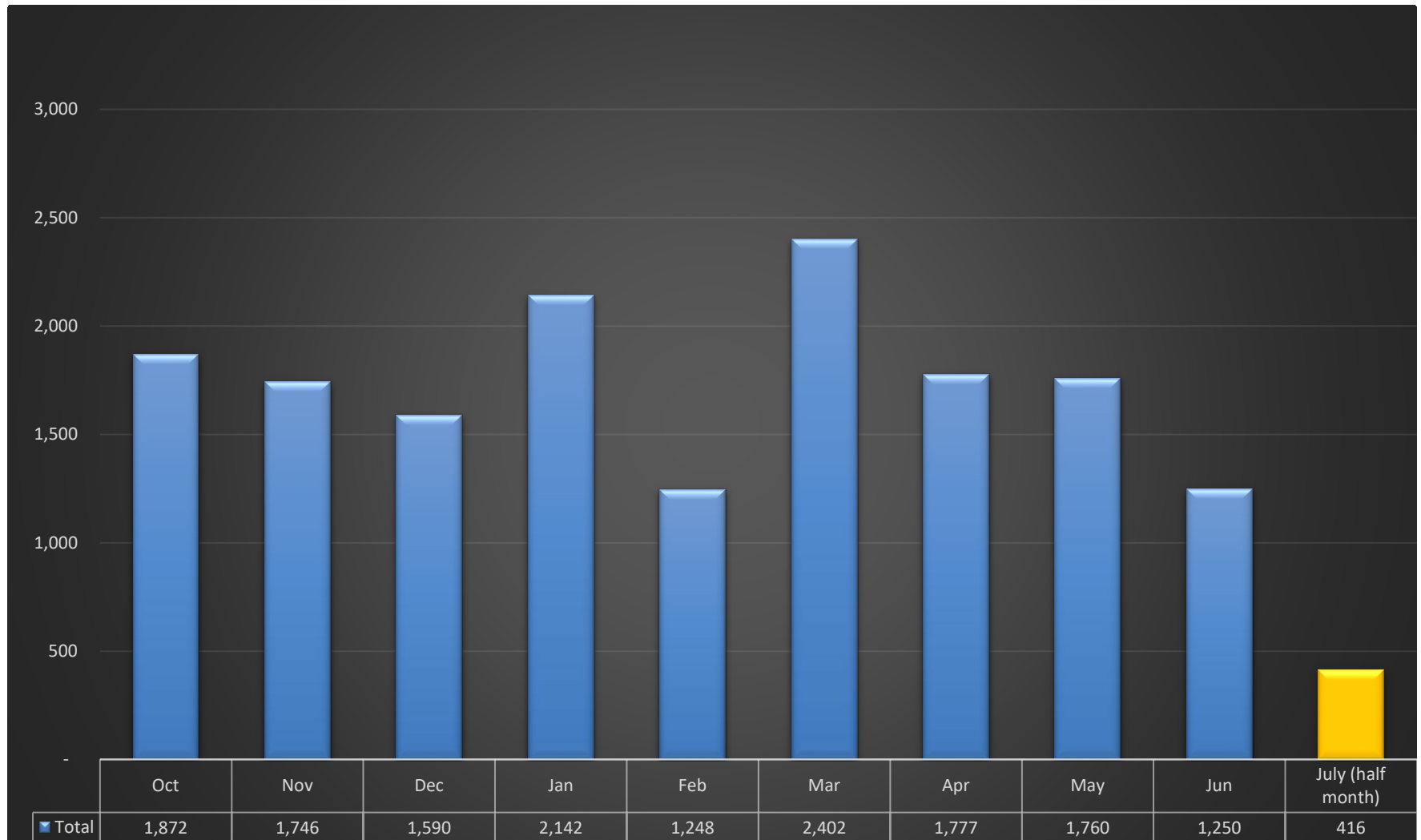
Areas of Service Delivery

- Public Safety
- Compliance
- Education
- Customer Service

Park Rangers Hot Spot Protocol

- A “Hot Spot Park” list was created to prioritize and establish park areas to focus on and visit more frequently while on duty
- “Hot Spot Parks” are often established based upon numerous issues/complaints
- Leverage Ranger visibility and outreach to serve as an effective measure to curb unwanted behaviors/issues
- (6) Hot Spot Parks and one (1) trail per Park Maintenance District, creating thirty-six (36) total areas of priority.
 - Park Rangers maintain routine visits to other parks to ensure various parks are being monitored

Total # of Park Ranger visits



Infractions, Citations and Compliance Thru Education

	*Infractions	Citations Issued	Compliance Received	Compliance Rate
Feb	221	11	140	63%
Mar	398	12	240	60%
Apr	297	14	243	82%
May	248	7	241	97%
Jun	202	4	198	98%
Jul	126	4	122	97%

*Does not include items that Rangers cannot impact thru education or discussion

911 Call

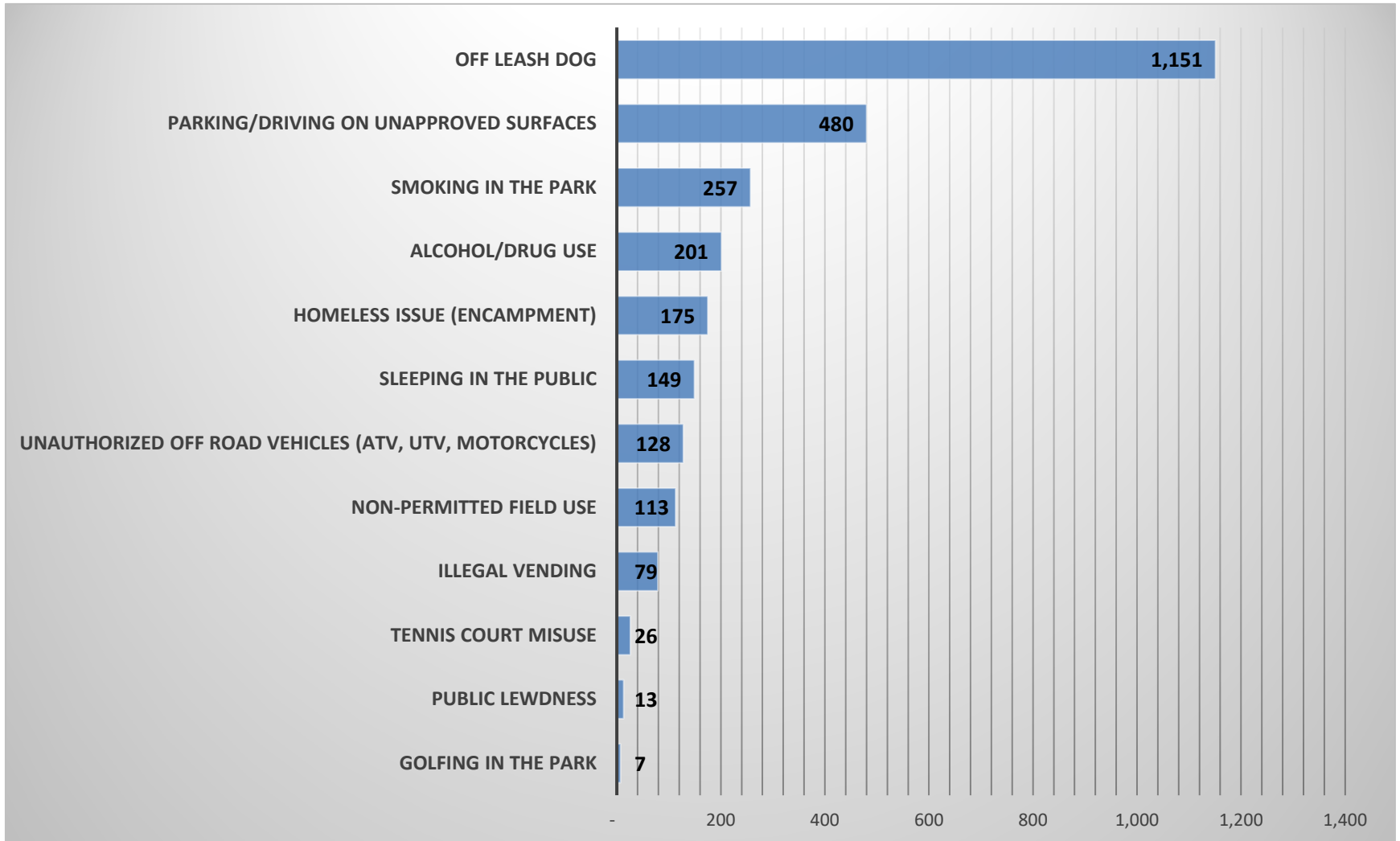
Maintenance Issue

311 Service Request

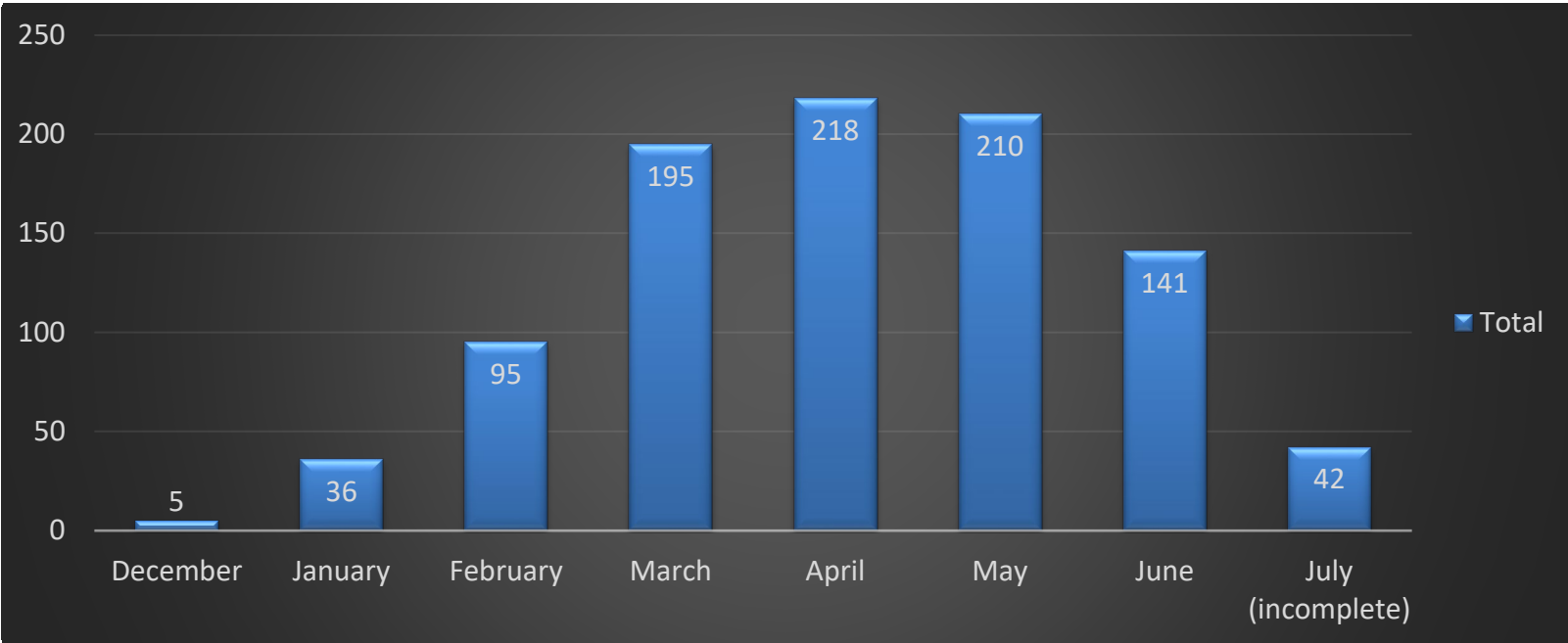
Homeless Issue (Encampment)

Nothing to Report

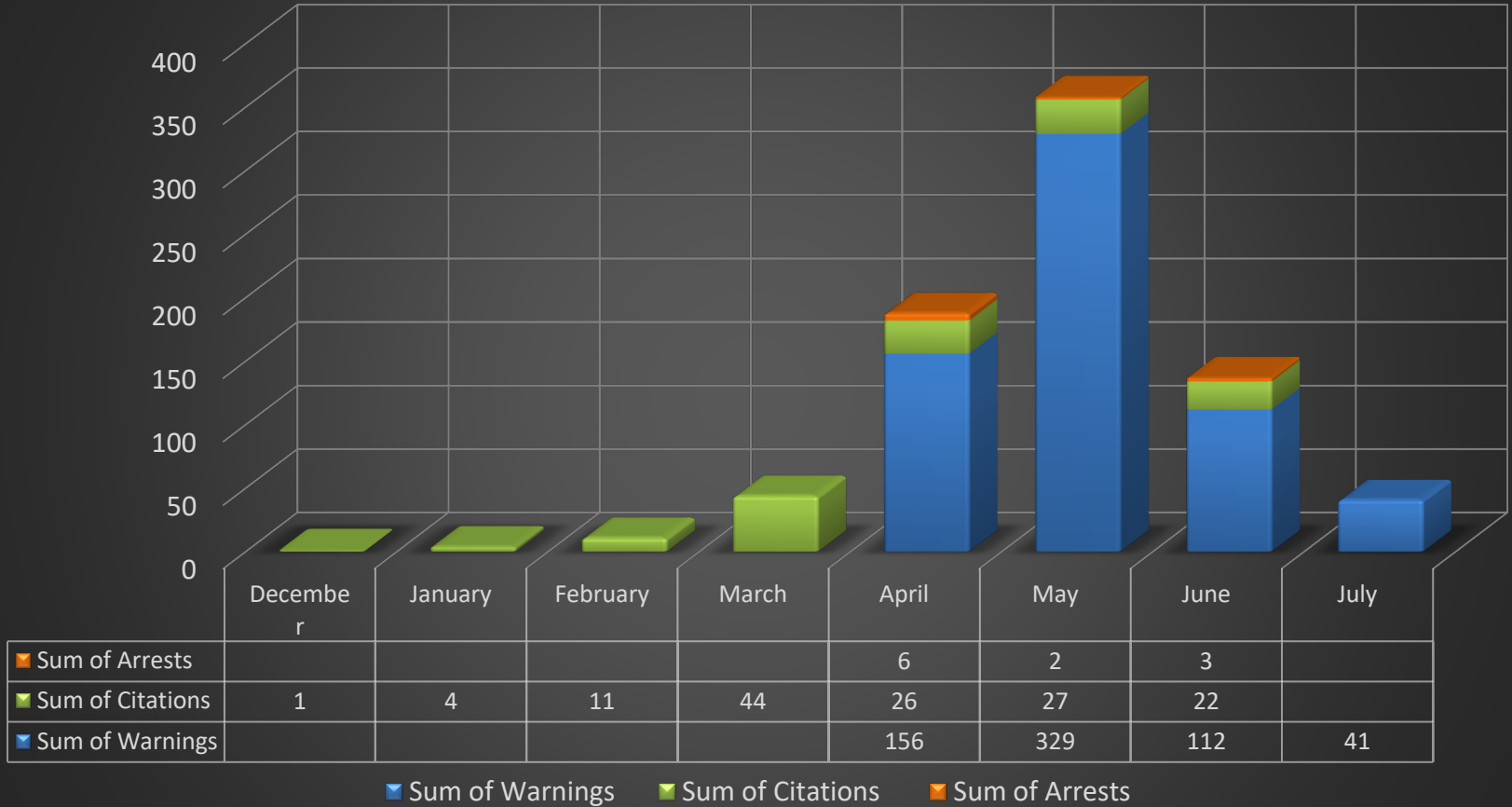
FY20-21 Ranger Top Infractions



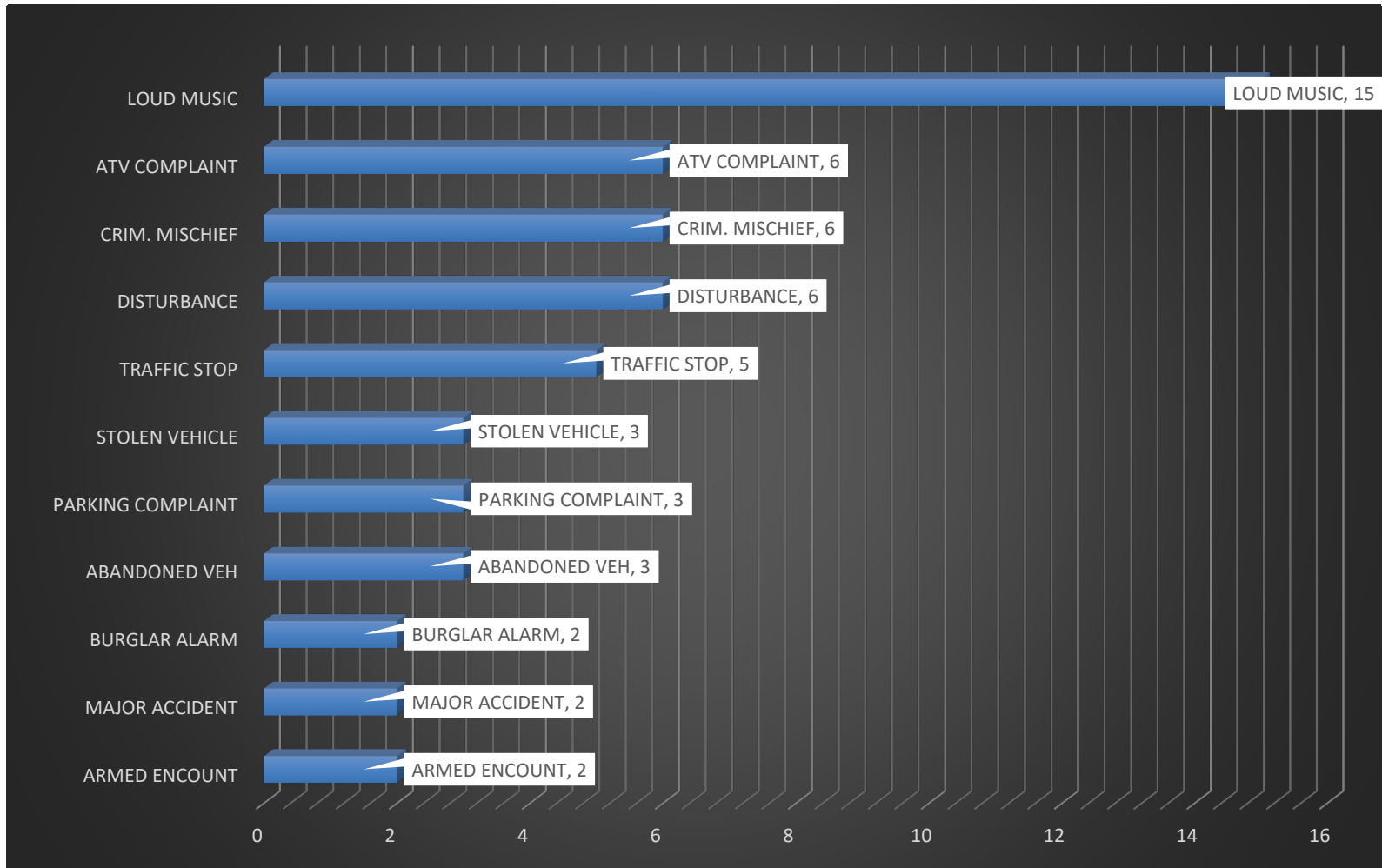
Total Number of Marshal Visits



Marshals Criminal Activity Response



Marshal Top Infractions



*Mar thru July

Top 5 Infractions Found During Site Visits by Month

Feb	March	April	May	June	July
Off Leash Dog 125	Off Leash Dog 196	Off Leash Dog 124	Off Leash Dog 93	Off Leash Dog 56	Off Leash Dog 59
Parking/Driving on unapproved surface 26	Parking/Driving on unapproved surface 56	Parking/Driving on unapproved surface 64	Parking/Driving on unapproved surface 47	Parking/Driving on unapproved surface 42	Parking/Driving on unapproved surface 50
Smoking in the Park 20	Smoking in the Park 33	Smoking in the Park 31	Smoking in the Park 28	Smoking in the Park 24	Smoking in the Park 24
Homeless Issues 20	Alcohol/Drug Use 32	Alcohol/Drug Use 24	Unauthorized Off Road Vehicles (ATV, UTV, Motorcycles) 22	Alcohol/Drug Use 24	Illegal Vending 24
Alcohol/Drug Use 15	Homeless Issues 23	Homeless Issues - 18	Alcohol/Drug Use 19	Illegal Vending 22	Homeless Issues 20

Top 10 Parks with Infractions Found During Site Visits by Month

February	March	April	May	June	July
Mildred L Dunn 48	Mildred L Dunn 70	Mildred L Dunn 66	Mildred L Dunn 74	Mildred L Dunn 59	Mildred L Dunn 21
Kiest 24	William Blair 59	William Blair 42	Maria Luna 36	Kiest 33	William Blair Jr 17
Griggs 23	Garrett 34	Cottonwood 35	Nash Davis 29	AT&T Trail 21	Bachman Lake 15
Lawnview 22	Randall 34	Reverchon 32	Lawnview 27	Bachman 20	Sorcey 13
Reverchon 22	Kiest 33	Holcomb 27	William Blair 27	Lawnview 20	William Mae Butler 13
William Blair 22	Cottonwood 32	Lawnview 25	Guard Park 26	William Blair 20	Kleberg 12
Cottonwood Trail 21	Tama 32	Peter Pan 24	Mountain Creek Lake 26	White Rock Lake 19	Simmonds Lake 12
Nash Davis 20	Griggs 30	Tama 24	White Rock Lake 19	Jaycee Zaragoza 18	Mountain Creek 11
Maria Luna 18	Holcomb 30	Griggs 223	AT & T Trail 25	Mountain Creek Lake 18	Pleasant Oak 11
Woodland Springs 17	Harry S Moss 29	Harry S Moss 23	Glendale 25	Cottonwood Trail 17	Glencoe 10

Security Concerns/Infractions

- ATV Use
- Illegal Parking Lot Activity
- Vandalism
- Homeless Encampments
- Alcohol and Drug Consumption
- Gambling

Operations Protocol

	Rangers	Marshalls	DPD
# of Employees	15	4	
Schedule Hours	Mon – Sun / Staggered Hours 9:00am – 10:00pm	Wed – Sunday 2:00pm – 10:00pm	24 hours depending on availability
Safe Park Action Plans	Yes	Yes	Yes
Can write Parking Citations	Yes	Yes- higher level	Yes
Can write criminal tickets for suspicious persons, firearms, gambling, drugs, vandalism, assault, lewdness	No	Yes	Yes
Can get compliance through education	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dog Sweeps	Yes	Yes	No
Large Crowd control at Parks	No	Yes	Yes
Trespassing Violations	No	Yes	Yes
Arrests	No	Yes - 4	Yes
Areas Monitored	Park land only	Park land only	Citywide
Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED)	No	No	Yes
Criminal Intel & Response	No	Yes	Yes

Marshal & DPD Update

- Chief Gary Lindsey
- Chief Rick Watson



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