



Dallas Park & Recreation

Safe Parks/Security Briefing



**Park and Recreation Board
March 25, 2021**

Purpose

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

Overview

- Park Rangers
- Infractions
- Marshals
- Safe Park Committees
- Marshal & DPD Update

Park Rangers

- Park Ranger Staffing
 - 1 Chief Park Ranger
 - 1 Park Ranger Supervisor
 - 13 Park Rangers
- Park Ranger Hours of Operation
 - **SPRING/FALL** (March/April/September/October/November)
 - Monday – Sunday 11:30AM – 8PM
 - Saturday/Sunday 10AM – 6:30PM (ES) 11:30AM- 8PM (LS)
 - **SUMMER** (May – August)
 - Monday – Sunday 1:30PM – 10PM
 - Saturday/Sunday 10AM – 6:30PM (ES) 1:30PM – 10PM (LS)
 - **WINTER** (December- February)
 - Monday – Sunday 10:30AM – 7PM

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

Top 5 Infractions Found During Site Visits by Month

October	November	December	January
Off Leash Dog- 118	Off Leash Dog- 111	Off Leash Dog- 117	Off Leash Dog- 181
Parking/Driving on Unapproved Surfaces- 75	COVID-19 Violation- 63	COVID-19 Violation- 54	COVID-19 Violation- 76
COVID-19 Violation- 50	Parking/Driving on Unapproved Surfaces- 55	Parking/Driving on Unapproved Surfaces- 30	Parking/Driving on Unapproved Surfaces- 54
Sleeping in the Public- 32	Smoking in the Park- 31	Homeless Issue (Encampment)- 17	Smoking in the Park- 34
Smoking in the Park- 29	Alcohol/Drug Use- 20	Sleeping in the Public- 14	311 Service Request- 29

Visits, Infractions, Citations and Compliance Thru Education

	Visits	*Infractions	Citations Issued	Compliance Received	Compliance Rate
Oct	1,872	322	19	304	94%
Nov	1,746	284	29	238	84%
Dec	1,590	214	5	199	93%
Jan	2,142	358	15	327	91%

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

911 Call

Maintenance Issue

311 Service Request

Homeless Issue (Encampment)

Nothing to Report

Top 10 Parks with Infractions Found During Site Visits by Month

October	November	December	January
William Blair Jr. - 24	William Blair Jr. - 23	Griggs - 20	Cottonwood Trail - 23
Glencoe - 20	Glencoe - 18	William Blair Jr. - 18	William Blair Jr. - 23
Garrett - 18	Griggs - 18	Glencoe - 13	Glencoe - 21
Lake Cliff - 18	Craddock - 17	Lake Cliff - 12	Norbuck - 16
Mildred L. Dunn - 17	Garrett - 17	Norbuck - 11	Griggs - 15
Kiest - 17	Flag Pole Hill - 15	Cottonwood Trail - 10	Flag Pole Hill - 15
Mountain Creek Lake - 12	Mildred L. Dunn - 14	Mountain Creek Lake - 9	Timberglen - 12
Griggs - 11	Valley View - 12	Garrett - 8	Garrett - 12
Pacific Plaza - 11	Martin Weiss - 10	Trammel Crow Park - 7	Mildred L. Dunn - 11
Freedman's Memorial Cemetery - 11	Pacific Plaza - 10	Turtle Creek Parkway - 7	Harry S. Moss Soccer - 9

Top Parks with Off Leash Dog Infractions Found During Site Visits by Month

October	November	December	January
Glencoe - 14	Griggs - 17	Griggs - 20	Glencoe - 16
Griggs - 10	Glencoe - 9	Norbuck - 10	Norbuck - 15
Cole - 9	Cochran - 9	Glencoe - 7	Griggs - 15
Lake Cliff - 5	Pacific Plaza - 6	Turtle Creek Parkway - 4	Flag Pole Hill - 8
Pacific Plaza - 5	Craddock - 6	Crawford Memorial - 3	Turtle Creek Parkway - 6
Kiest - 3	Timberglen - 5	Fair Oaks - 3	Harry S. Moss Soccer - 6
Fretz - 3	Churchill - 3	Randall - 3	Tokalon - 4
Garrett - 3	Casa Linda - 3	Samuell Grand - 3	Crawford Memorial - 4
Samuell Grand - 3	Turtle Creek Parkway - 3	Tenison Picnic Area - 3	Churchill - 4
Lake Highlands - 2	Trammel Crow Park - 2	Harry S. Moss Soccer - 3	Weichsel - 4

Dallas Marshal Collaborative Efforts

- Chronic Loud Music
- Holiday/Special Events
- Illegal Activity
- Drugs/Alcohol
- Littered Park/Illegal Dumping
- Homeless Encampments

Homeless Encampments

- Joint collaboration with Office of Homeless Solutions, PMO, and DPD
- Suspended homeless encampment removals from December to March based on CDC Guidelines
- Developing Transition Strategy Plan
- Chronic Encampments: Cottonwood Trail, Hamilton Park

Safe Park Committees

- Department Partners: Marshals, DPD, NPO, Office of Homeless Solutions, Recreation Division, Rangers, Code Enforcement
- Action Plan: Develop security plans to respond to chronic issues and illegal activity in parks
- Committees: Southeast, Southwest, Northeast, Northwest

Active Action Plans

- Maria Luna
- Kiest
- Cottonwood Trail
- Garrett Park
- Nash Davis
- A T & T Trail

Park Rangers & Dallas Marshals

- Below is a list of Parks that the Marshals assisted with and associated occurrences, if any, during Q1:

Park	Location	Assignment hrs. / Oct 1, 2020 - December 31,2020	Units Assigned	Incidents / Offenses	Citation(s)
Kiest Park	3080 S. Hampton	360 hrs.	2 man unit	n/a	n/a
Mildred Dunn	3300 Carpenter	200 hrs.	2 man unit	n/a	n/a
Beckley Saner	114 W. Hobson	40 hrs.	1 man unit	Injured person DFR	n/a
Glendale Park	1515 E Ledbetter	120 hrs.	2 man unit	n/a	n/a
Sargeant Park	2825 Sargeant Rd	20 hrs.	1 man unit	n/a	n/a
Arcadia Park	5516 Arcadia	300 hrs.	1 man unit	n/a	n/a
Maria Luna	4500 Maple Ave.	160 hrs	2 man unit	1 Arrest	Public Intoxication
Sorcey Park	7569 Mountain Creek Pkwy	80 hrs.	1 man unit	Driving on unapproved surface	10 citations / 1 arrest
William Blair	3000 Rochester	100 hrs.	2 man unit	n/a	n/a
Cottonwood Trail	Forrest Lane	30 hrs.	2 man unit	1 Arrest	NO/ DL, Driving on Trail
Reverchon Park	3505 Maple	70 hrs	1 man unit	n/a	n/a
Nash / Davis	3710 N. Hampton	200 hrs.	2 man unit	Publication Intoxication	1 citation
Tennison Park	6200 East Grand	40 hrs.	2man unit	n/a	n/a
Griggs Park	3200 Colby St.	50 hrs.	1 man unit	Dog off leash in park	6 citations
Turtle Creek Park	3400 Turtle CreekBlvd.	40 hrs.	2 man unit	n/a	n/a
Trinity Skyline Trail	3700 Sylvan Ave.	960 hrs	1 man unit	Driving on unapproved surface	10 citations

Marshal & DPD Update

- Chief Gary Lindsey
- Chief Rick Watson



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