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**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Department of Recreation and Parks**

January 22, 2003

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

FROM: MANUEL A. MOLLINEDO, General Manager
Department of Recreation and Parks

SUBJECT: PARK SAFETY – PARK RANGER CRIME STATISTICS



BACKGROUND:

On Wednesday, January 8, 2003, speaking before the Board, Police Chief Bratton addressed the issue of park safety and the Los Angeles Police Department's commitment to working with Recreation and Parks to improve public safety in the City's numerous parks and recreation facilities. During the course of this discussion, President Roos inquired as to the types of crime data and statistics collected by the Park Ranger Division.

In response, the following informational summary has been prepared.

SUMMARY:

The Park Ranger Division compiles quality of life incident statistics at the City's Parks. The division reports these statistics on a monthly basis as part of its monthly status report to Department management.

Incidents at City Parks are tracked and stored in the Park Ranger Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. The system is operated by the Communications Section of the Park Rangers and electronically records all incidents handled by Park Ranger personnel. The Ranger Communications Center is staffed 24-hours and monitors burglar alarms at City Park facilities as well as receiving assistance calls from the public.

The current CAD system lacks a query tool feature which would allow operators and Rangers to develop pre-formatted queries and special report queries. Currently, communications personnel must hand sort incidents and devote considerable staff time to summarizing monthly incidents through a tedious hand tally process. Another shortfall of the system is its inability to produce real time incident reports for focused crime suppression efforts and special reports for tactical decision making by Park Ranger management. Administrative Resources is in the process of acquiring a software enhancement to the CAD system that will enable automated data management tools and query capabilities. This will greatly improve the use of incident data now collected by Park Rangers.

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Attached is December 2002's incident report summary page. The current report, through hand tally, captures all quality of life responses by Park Rangers.

The Los Angeles Police Department handles major crimes in the parks, i.e. murder, rape, robbery, and mayhem. LAPD also tracks and reports statistics involving these types of major crimes on park property.

This Informational Board Report was prepared by James Combs, Community Services Branch.

COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH INCIDENTS
December 1- 31, 2002

Communication operators located in the Communications Section of the Park Ranger Headquarters, input all information into the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System. This system records all the incidents handled by Park Rangers.

In 2002, there were 11,924 incidents logged by our Dispatch for Park Ranger services; average response time being 17 minutes.

There were 1021 incidents in the period surveyed from December 1- 31, 2002 the average response time being 10 minutes.

Type of Call	Amount of Calls	Average Response Time (min)
Disturbance (incl. Soccer)	79	18
Disabled Vehicles	28	9
Traffic Collisions	24	7
Trespass	64	4
Flooding	0	0
Transient	55	27
Water Leak	8	2
Injured Person	15	6
Shots Fired	1	0
Drinking in Public	32	14
Leash Law/ Dog Issues	33	21
Illegal Vendor(s)	11	37
Lewd Act./Indecent Expos.	20	3
Burglary Reports (459)	9	9
Stolen Vehicle-Code 37	3	4
Service Request	36	21
Alarm Activation-Code 30	63	11
Vandalism in Progress (594)	2	11

Type of Call	Amount of Calls	Average Response Time (min)
Vandalism Reports (594)	13	11
Illegally Parked Vehicle (586)	46	2
DUI (502)-Arrest by Rangers	0	Observation
Man with Gun	4	8
Mental Case-5150	5	16
Battery (242)	2	0
Assault (240)	1	25
Theft (484)	4	10

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Included in the total statistic of **1021** incidents were the following:

135 incidents were handled by the dispatch office only, such as alarms, were not dispatched and were information only.

107 incidents were handled by L.A.P.D. such as alarms, disturbances and other related incidents. **15** of the L.A.P.D. incidents were from 0001 to 0600 hours.


221 Miscellaneous incident calls: Patron assistance (automobile lockouts, jumpstarts), fire suppression, back up for other Rangers, clean up support for maintenance, etc.

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SUBJECT: ESTELLE VAN METER CENTER FUND RAISER GOLF TOURNAMENT

On January 8, 2003, the Board approved report 03-08 permitting the Estelle Van Meter Senior Citizen Center to conduct a fund raiser golf tournament on Saturday, June 14, 2003, at the Griffith Park Golf Complex. At that meeting, the Board directed staff to work with Councilwoman Perry's staff and the Estelle Van Meter Senior Citizen Center to explore further opportunities to assist this worthy endeavor.

Golf Division staff has been in contact with Councilwoman Jan Perry's office to offer assistance and guidance in organizing and conducting the tournament. Staff has also offered to coordinate introductions between the Van Meter Center and the golf concessionaires at the Griffith complex so that they may possibly solicit donations such as tee/raffle prizes or reduction of costs related to cart rentals or meals. Updates will be provided to both the Board and Council office as tournament preparations continue. Should Councilwoman Perry or the Van Meter Center require any specific action of the Board, staff will be available to provide direct assistance and prepare appropriate reports.

The Golf Advisory Committee will be informed at its January 27, 2003, meeting regarding this tournament.

This report prepared by Pete Frey, Golf Division.