

**CLEAR TEXT:
WASO Ranger Activities '
Electronic Newsletter**

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CLEAR TEXT is the bi-weekly electronic newsletter of the Ranger Activities Division in WASO. It is distributed via cc:Mail to all ranger training and operations centers (FLETC, HOAL, STMA, NIFC), regional office ranger divisions, park chief rangers, and other interested parties. Short submissions for the last three sections of the report are welcome and encouraged.

Next issue: December 10, 1993
Submission deadline: December 8, 1993

BICYCLE QUESTIONNAIRE

Several parks have received a questionnaire from a student at the University of Arizona's School of Renewable Natural Resources regarding the use of bicycles in park areas. This is not part of a National Park Service research program; parks choosing to answer the questionnaire may wish to coordinate their responses through their regional offices. We will be sending a letter to the questionnaire's author stating the general policies of the NPS regarding bicycle use.

Tony Sisto
RAD/WASO

WEAPONS PROCUREMENT

All areas preparing training plans and requests for issuance of weapons and holsters in conjunction with the semi-automatic weapons transition are reminded, as previously noted, that these items should be routed through their regional offices. The regional chiefs and/or LEOs will then forward them to WASO.

Paul Berkowitz
RAD/WASO

INCIDENT REPORTING

We recently had an instance in which an incident report containing information which was not to be released to the field was inadvertently included in the morning report. There was no indication whatsoever that the information was considered confidential, so it was treated as a routine incident. If you are submitting a report for internal review only and do not want any broader dissemination, please so indicate at the top of the report. We will not transmit any information which you want withheld.

Bill Halainen
RAD/WASO

SEASONAL LE TRAINING PROGRAM

Under a cooperative agreement with the NPS, the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES), a historically black land grant university, is offering a seasonal law enforcement training program.

UMES' goal is to prepare students, particularly minority students, to work as seasonal law enforcement park rangers. The program will also enable some students to pursue careers as permanent park rangers through the UMES cooperative education program.

Tom Graham, a park ranger assigned to UMES to serve as program coordinator, course instructor and minority recruiter, reports that ten students from this year's fall class are available for summer employment. Nine are minority students. Two minority students from last year's class are also looking for seasonal employment as law enforcement rangers, and there are several seniors who may be available for permanent employment.

If you'd like more information on either the program or the students, call Tom at 410-651-6586 or write him at University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Department of Social Sciences, Princess Anne, MD 21853-1299.

R. Flip Hagood
EDD/WASO

FIREPRO STEERING COMMITTEE

The FIREPRO steering committee has decided to rotate committee membership in order to obtain broader and more diverse oversight of the FIREPRO planning process. Seven non-permanent members will serve terms of three and a half years each on a staggered schedule in which one member will be replaced at each meeting. The fire program/budget manager and the fire program analyst from the Branch of Fire and Aviation Management will be permanent members, as will the committee secretary.

The committee is now soliciting nominations for a new member who will begin serving at the upcoming May meeting. The committee meets twice each year - once in the fall and once in the spring. Because of the infrequent meetings, it's important that all members attend each session and be willing to take the time to become thoroughly familiar with the logic and rules that form the basis for the FIREPRO analyses. Committee membership may also entail additional time on subcommittees and task groups.

All personnel interested in serving should notify me via cc:Mail by November 30th.

Steve Botti
RAD/Boise

FIELD NOTES

Hawaii Volcanoes

The park is currently investigating two credit card fraud cases that may be of interest to other park areas:

The MO in the first case is as follows: The suspect checked into a hotel, and the hotel made an impression of his credit card. He then charged all goods and services to his room while in the hotel and left the hotel without

formally checking out. The hotel subsequently ran his credit card and found he had insufficient funds to cover the bill. The hotel attempted to collect from the suspect by letter, but the suspect refused and disputed the services and goods billed to his card. Investigation into this case indicates that this is a routine procedure for the suspect and that it's very likely that he and his family have used the method in other western national parks. The suspect is Hal Lyons, 7417 E. Kalil Drive, Scottsdale, AZ; he uses VISA card number 4121-3725-01100688 from First Deposit Bank. Any park with information on him should contact Jim Martin at Hawaii Volcanoes.

In the second case, the suspect entered a business which had a credit card draft capture machine on its counter. While a friend distracted the clerk, the subject placed a personal credit card in the machine and credited his/her account at the expense of the business. In this case, the attempt was not successful because the suspect failed to enter his/her credit card number accurately. Such attempts can be defeated by moving the machine out of customers' reach or by installing a PIN for access to the system.

Jim Martin
CR/HAVO

Chattahoochee

On November 15th, Chattahoochee held its second Rangers Against Drugs (RAD) graduation at Riverside Elementary School in Mableton, Georgia. Superintendent Marvin Madry was the guest speaker. The graduation was attended by parents, grandparents and faculty and staff from the school. The park presented RAD certificates and junior ranger badges to 86 fifth grade students who participated in the seven lesson RAD course.

Ken Garvin
CR/CHAT

PARK EXCHANGE

Curecanti

In an effort to reduce the vulnerability of campground fee containers, park personnel have found a source for "shielded" padlocks with an overall breaking strength of 16,000 pounds (8,000 pounds for the shackle). These locks fit common fee containers used in NPS sites around the country. The vendor is Abloy Security Company, 6015 Commerce Drive, Suite 450, Irving, TX 75063 (1-800-367-4598). The contact there is Sam Hagart. Ask about Shielded Padlock #3087. The price is \$42.88 each.

Peter Armington
CR/CURE

PARK VACANCIES AND OPM REGISTER OPENINGS

CNPCA

Although not normally within our bailiwick, we've been asked to pass on information regarding the executive director position opening for the Conference of National Park Cooperating Associations (CNPCA). CNPCA is a non-profit membership organization comprising a national network of 62 non-profit organizations working to support the education mission of national parks. The executive director is responsible for developing and implementing a program of education, training and representation for its member

organizations. The target salary range is between \$40,000 and \$55,000, with adjustment considered for high cost of living areas. Benefits include health plan and retirement. The expected starting date is spring, 1994. The deadline for applications is December 17th. For a copy of the full announcement, write CNPCA, 135 Commerce Street, Sevierville, TN 37862. No phone calls please.

If you would like to get CLEAR TEXT but don't currently receive it, please advise Ranger Activities via a short cc:Mail message. Any office may receive it, including districts and subdistricts within a park. PLEASE pass it along to others in your division and park.

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