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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Memorandum

To: Field Directorate

From: Deputy Director

Subject: Law Enforcement Authority

My memorandum of October 12 on the above subject established two categories of law enforcement authority: Class I for arrest authority and required 360 hours of training to qualify and Class II for citation authority and required 40 hours of training.

The Law Enforcement (Ranger Image) Task Force has recommended a modification of the above classification based on their analysis of law enforcement activity in the National Park System. This memorandum refers to that element of the total task force report. I realize the impact this has on seasonal hiring and training and feel its implementation cannot wait until final approval and distribution of the total report.

Basically their comments and recommendations are:

1. Law enforcement continues to be one of the responsibilities of park rangers assigned to visitor protection duties.
2. A minimum level of training to meet Servicewide law enforcement responsibilities has been established.
3. This level of training would be recognized by a National Park Service Law Enforcement Commission that would carry with it authority to make arrests, carry firearms and conduct investigations as specified in the General Authorities Bill (P.L. 94-458). Forty hours' in-service training will be required annually after issuance of the Law Enforcement Commission.
4. This Law Enforcement Commission would apply to all employment categories of enforcement personnel, i.e., seasonal, less-than-full-time as well as permanent full-time.
5. For personnel who have had previous training and experience with the National Park Service it provides a means of allowing experience to count toward the training requirement (200 hours plus first aid training).



This should mean that seasonal personnel who have had the 100 hour course of training already, together with experience, should be able to qualify for the Law Enforcement Commission and thereby carry out their responsibilities through 1977 as they were able to during the past season. However, these employees should complete the balance of training listed as mandatory prior to the 1978 season.

6. The level of training for the Law Enforcement Commission is set at a level to meet the probability of law enforcement need in the major number of areas in the National Park System. For those areas where more serious problems exist -- of which there are less than 25 -- further training needs would be recognized in the same fashion that they are for law enforcement specialists in the major parks and in the regional offices. In addition to park staff specialists, appropriate positions in high incidence parks would be identified by the Superintendent in consultation with the Regional Law Enforcement Specialist for additional training as may be required. Such positions would normally be occupied by permanent employees or by seasonal personnel with substantial academic or on-the-job training. It should not be assumed that every commissioned employee in a high incidence park requires something more than 200 hours of training; only those in positions requiring more knowledge than that contained in the core subjects.

The overall objective is to develop professional personnel with a level of training commensurate with need. It further recognizes that if personnel are going to become involved in enforcement activity they must be prepared to go the whole way. Emergency law enforcement situations can escalate and will not recognize partly-prepared, quasi-enforcement authorities.

Associate Director Cook's memorandum of November 4 recognized all series "C" law enforcement officer identification cards through May 30, 1977. A phase-in authorization to execute law enforcement action will be accorded personnel who professionally and capably met this responsibility in 1976 but who do not meet the specific requirements of the Law Enforcement Commission. Therefore the expiration date for "C" cards is extended to December 31, 1977. However, the Superintendent must certify by individual memorandum the excepted employee (either permanent or seasonal) who satisfactorily discharged the full range of law enforcement responsibilities in 1976 and is considered capable of continuing to carry out these responsibilities in the phase-in period. This memorandum must be received, concurred and countersigned by the Region's Law Enforcement Specialist.

This element of the total report relating to classification has been approved and you should proceed with its implementation.

It is recognized that we are initiating changes in the Service's law enforcement program and that some future adjustments may be needed. Therefore, the provisions set forth in this memorandum will be reviewed in 1 year to assess the effectiveness of those changes and to recommend any further modifications that may be required.

Sgd. William J. Briggie

Enclosure

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NPS LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

The General Authorities Bill was signed into law on October 7, 1976 (P.L. 94-458). This legislation provides basic law enforcement authorities applicable to the National Park Service. Section 10 of this statute states that the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to "designate, pursuant to standards prescribed in regulations by the Secretary, certain officers or employees of the Department of the Interior who shall maintain law and order and protect persons and property within areas of the National Park System. In the performance of such duties, the officers or employees, so designated, may--(1) carry firearms and make arrests without warrant....(2) execute any warrant or other process issued by a court...and (3) conduct investigations of offenses against the United States...." (90 STAT. 1939)

Designated Employees will receive the National Park Service Law Enforcement Commission when they have successfully completed an approved law enforcement training program composed of specified subjects and skill areas. Subjects to be covered are: Constitutional Law and Civil Liberties, Federal Law--U.S. Code & CFR, Philosophy and Objectives of NPS Law Enforcement, Ethics and Conduct, Jurisdiction, Organization and Function of Law Enforcement Agencies, Human Relations, Introduction to Criminalistics, Principles of Evidence, Search and Seizure, Detention and Arrest, Description and Identification, Interviewing, Courtroom Testimony and Procedure, Accident Investigation, Recognizing Narcotic Violations, Juvenile Procedures, Deviant Behavior, Security of Buildings, Recognizing Bombs and Explosives, Basic Driver Training, Physical and Defensive Tactic Training, Firearms Training, Marksmanship/Moral/Legal Aspects of Firearms, Law Enforcement Techniques, Practical Exercises, Report Writing and Radio Communications. The minimum training time for these subjects and skill development will be 200 hours. In addition, to secure the commission each candidate must complete the American Red Cross advanced first aid training or its equivalent.

Employees filling positions, designated by the Park Superintendent and requiring a NPS Law Enforcement Commission, must supply the number of hours of training or qualifying experience he has for each subject area on the attached form. Work experience may be substituted for up to one half of the training hours required in specific subjects namely: Introduction to Criminalistics, Interviewing, Accident Investigation, Recognizing Narcotic Violations, Security of Buildings and Recognizing Bombs and explosives. Work experience may substitute for the entire subject area training requirement for Description and Identification, Courtroom Testimony and Procedure, Law Enforcement Techniques, Practical Exercises, Report Writing and Radio Communications. The remaining sixteen subject areas may not have work experience substituted for the training time. The compilation of training and experience hours must be acceptable to

and certified correct by the park Superintendent or the park's law enforcement specialist and further endorsed by the Regional Law Enforcement Specialist prior to the issuance of the Commission. The Law Enforcement Commission will be issued by the Regional Director, and will remain in force for 3 years unless revoked for cause. It is renewable on the condition that 40 hours of annual in-Service training have been successfully completed since issuance of the Commission.

No employee will be authorized to make arrests, carry firearms or be assigned to any hazardous law enforcement duty unless authorized by a current NPS Law Enforcement Commission. Employees without the Law Enforcement Commission working in public contact duty and who may from time to time have to admonish visitors concerning CFR infractions must have had appropriate training to the situation they may confront. It will be the responsibility of the park Superintendent to insure that this training has been provided to the employee. Documentation of such training is required in each park area.

It will be the Regions responsibility to annually review the Incident Reporting Summary and issue a list of areas where 50 or more Part I Offenses occurred during the proceeding year. In these areas the Superintendent working in consultation with the Regional Law Enforcement Specialist shall determine the level of advanced training required for law enforcement personnel assigned to that area. Appropriate schools such as the Criminal Investigators Course at FLETC or other recommended agency law enforcement schools will be considered minimum for such assignments.

The Regional Law Enforcement Specialist will be responsible for reviewing and identifying those agency law enforcement schools that will be approved for this training.

QUALIFICATION RECORD

 (Name) _____

 (Date) _____

Subject	Required Training Hours	Applicant's Hours Received		Credit Hours for Comm.
		Trng.	Exp.	
1. Accident Investigation	20			
2. Bombs & Explosives	2			
3. Constitutional Law & Civil Liberties	6			
4. Courtroom Testimony & Procedures	2			
5. Criminalistics	2			
6. Defensive Driving (Basic Driver Trng)	24			
7. Defensive Tactics	2			
8. Descriptions & Identifications	3			
9. Detention & Arrest	10			
10. Deviant Behavior-Abnormal Behavior	6			
11. Ethics and Conduct	2			
12. Firearms Training	24			
13. Human Relations	8			
14. Interviewing	4			
15. Jurisdiction	2			
16. Juvenile Procedures	6			
17. Law Enforcement Techniques	3			
18. Marksmanship/Moral/Legal Aspects of Firearms	8			
19. Narcotics	2			
20. Organization & Function of Law Enforcement Agency	1			
21. Practical Exercises	22			
22. Principles of Evidence	4			
23. Philosophy & Objectives of NPS Law Enf.	4			
24. Radio Communications	1			
25. Report Writing	4			
26. Search and Seizure	10			
27. Security of Buildings	2			
28. U.S. Code & CFR--Federal Law	16			
TOTAL	200			

The American Red Cross First Aid Training or its equivalent will be a requirement for all Law Enforcement Commissions.

Certified Correct

(Sign.) _____

(Title - Supt. or Law Enf. Spec. _____

Date _____

Regional Office Certification

(Sign.) _____

(Date) _____

Regional Law Enforcement Spec.

Having completed the prescribed training and achieved a skill level necessary to discharge law enforcement duties in units of the National Park System

(Employee's Name) _____

(Title) _____

is hereby issued a National Park Service Commission effective _____

 (Date)

 (Signature) Regional Director

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

Subjects, Training Hours, Experience Substitution and Mandatory
Hours for Annual Refresher Training

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Experience to be Substituted</u>	<u>Subject for Annual Training</u>
1. Constitutional Law & Civil Liberties	6	None	X
2. Federal Law - U.S. Code & CFR	16	None	X
3. Philosophy & Objectives of NPS Law Enforcement	4	None	X
4. Ethics & Conduct	2	None	-
5. Jurisdiction	2	None	-
6. Organization & Function of Law Enforcement Agency	1	None	-
7. Human Relations	8	None	X
8. Introduction to Criminalistics	2	1/2	-
9. Principles of Evidence	4	None	X
10. Search and Seizure	10	None	X
11. Detention and Arrest	10	None	X
12. Description and Identification	3	All	-
13. Interviewing	4	1/2	-
14. Courtroom Testimony and Procedure	2	All	-
15. Accident Investigation	20	1/2	-
16. Recognizing Narcotic Violations	2	None	-
17. Juvenile Procedures	6	None	-
18. Deviant Behavior - Abnormal Behavior	6	None	-
19. Security of Buildings	2	1/2	-
20. Recognizing Bombs & Explosives (8 hrs. classroom)	2	1/2	-

Subjects, Training Hours, Experience Substitution and Mandatory
Hours for Annual Refresher Training

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Experience to be Substituted</u>	<u>Subject for Annual Training</u>
21. Basic Driving Training (16 hrs. practical classroom)	24	None	-
22. Physical & Defensive Tactic Training	2	None	-
23. Firearms Training	24	None	-
24. Marksmanship/Moral/Legal Aspects of Firearms	8	None	X
25. Law Enforcement Techniques (Preservation of Evidence-- photography, fingerprinting, casting, etc.)	3	All	-
26. Practical Exercises	22	All	-
27. Report Writing (Note taking and effective writing)	4	All	-
28. Radio Communications	1	All	-
TOTAL	200 hrs	51 hrs	8 subjects