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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



The United States Park Police faced many challenges in 2009, from the large and historic to the routine and mundane. In each instance our personnel rose to the occasion and faced the challenge. We can, therefore, close 2009 with a sense of pride and great accomplishment.

The efforts of every member of this Force moved our agency to the forefront of law enforcement, with worldwide recognition of our tremendous accomplishments.

Less than 3 weeks into 2009, the United States Park Police faced its greatest challenge as an agency--the Inauguration of President Barack Obama. The projection of several million visitors to Washington, DC, brought both logistical challenges as well as unprecedented threats. Thousands of hours of preparation, training, and logistical evaluation brought about the peaceful, lawful, and Constitutional change of leadership.

The eyes of the world were on the United States Park Police. They saw our professionalism and resolve. Every sworn and civilian employee made this event an example to emulate. Our accomplishments were so profound that Police Chiefs from around the world eagerly attended a detailed presentation by our staff at the International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Meeting to learn from our experiences.

In July 2009 the Secretary of the Interior reopened the Crown Level of the Statue of Liberty to visitors. The Crown had been closed since 9/11/01. This icon of liberty remains a target of those who desire to tear down not just the structure but the ideals it stands for. Our New York Field Office personnel implemented a plan that minimized the risks while allowing visitors from around the world to experience firsthand what the Statue represents.

Our San Francisco Field Office continues to provide professional, full-service law enforcement not only to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, but to the Presidio of San Francisco, which is equivalent to a mid-size city with residents, hotels, banks, and activities. This is coupled with the frequent activities particular to our agency functions in San Francisco such as First Amendment demonstrations and large-scale special events such as the Fleet Week celebration.

In the Washington metropolitan area, the Force successfully handled over 12,000 special events, protecting the rights of all to exercise their Constitutional freedom to have their concerns heard by others.

These actions serve as a backdrop for our day-to-day law enforcement service. Every day, we patrol huge areas of National Park Service property, investigating crashes, arresting drunk drivers, enforcing drug laws, and keeping visitors and residents safe. We also work closely on a daily basis with our many Federal, State, and local partner agencies to ensure the security of the Washington metropolitan area.

With the implementation of a new promotion process, we provided our officers the opportunity to seek greater challenges and higher goals. The Force has filled many vacancies at all ranks from Sergeant to the position of Chief of Police. This year also brought unprecedented hiring of new personnel that enabled us to fill critical supervisory positions, as well as vacant specialized assignments. With these increases, I remain confident that the officers and managers are well suited to train and teach the Force's future employees our history and professionalism. We have hired a number of civilian managers and other administrative staff personnel and are filling these critical vacancies with competent and motivated professionals, and are providing the appropriate training to these personnel.

The Department of the Interior and the National Park Service remain our strongest allies. Their support is demonstrated on a daily basis. One of the many joys that I experience as Chief is meeting new officers as they enter on duty and swear them in as Federal employees. I sense their excitement as they embark on a new chapter in their lives. We, individually, and as an organization, share that excitement as we realize that this is perhaps the greatest time in our agency history.

Respectfully,

Salvatore R. Lauro
Chief of Police



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MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES

Mission

We, the United States Park Police, support and further the mission and goals of the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service by providing quality law enforcement to safeguard lives, protect our national treasures and symbols of democracy, and preserve the natural and cultural resources entrusted to us.

Vision

We, the United States Park Police, strive to be the premier police organization within the Federal Government:

- Delivering professional full-service law enforcement to the National Park Service and neighboring communities, thus providing a safe haven for enjoyment of these areas without fear
- Serving people with respect and dignity
- Ensuring citizens are free to exercise safely their First Amendment rights of free speech and assembly
- Providing all employees the opportunity to grow, receive recognition, and thrive with pride within our organization

Values

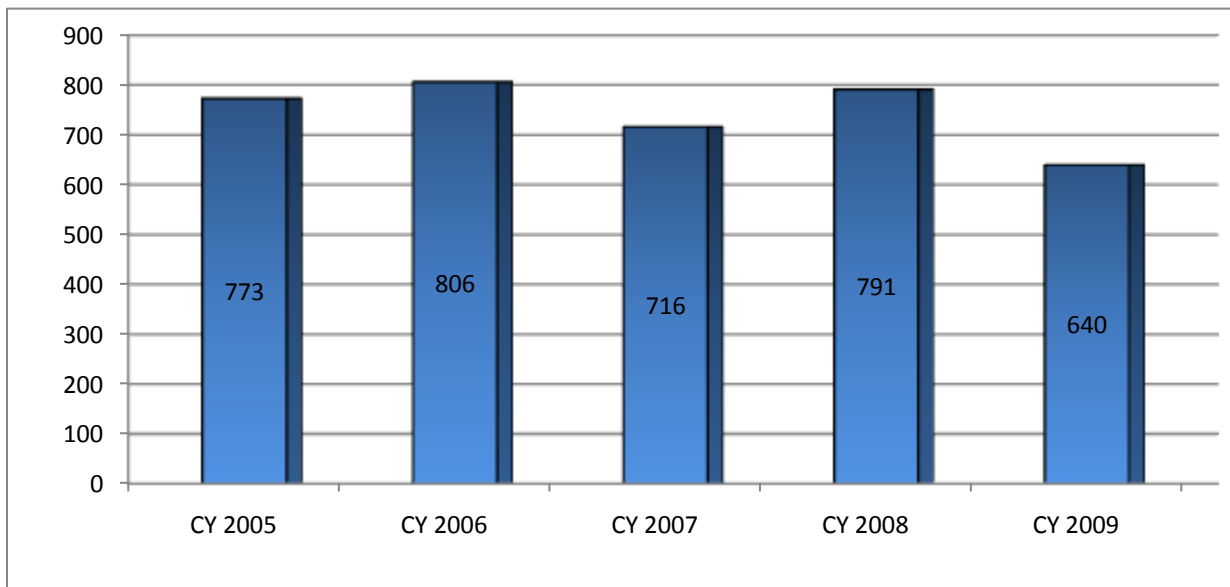
We, the members of the United States Park Police, believe that integrity, honor and service are the foundation of everything we do.

We insist on fairness and responsibility in all facets of our professional and personal conduct and demand the highest standards of ethical behavior. We are dedicated to protecting human life and to providing quality service to the public, the National Park Service, and the Department of the Interior. We meet community needs with sensitivity, professionalism, and we hold ourselves accountable to each other and to the citizens we serve.

PERFORMANCE AND PERSONNEL STATISTICS CY 2009

	CY 2008	CY 2009	% Change
Sworn Officers	569	624	9.7%
Security Guards	27	28	3.7%
Full-time Civilian Personnel	89	87	-2.2%
Calls for Service	41,430	35,957	-13.2%
Incident Reports	66,941	59,125	-11.7%
Vehicle Accident Response	3,043	3,371	10.8%
Citizen Complaints Against Officers	58	43	-25.9%
Law Enforcement Officers Assaulted	37	42	13.5%
Resulting in death of officer	0	0	0.0%
Resulting in injury to officer	11	14	27.3%

5-YEAR INDEX CRIME RESPONSE



PERFORMANCE AND PERSONNEL STATISTICS CY 2009

Crime Category	CY 2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% Change from previous year	5-year average
Homicide	5	3	0	0	0	0%	1.6
Rape/Sodomy	12	18	19	14	13	-7%	15.2
Robbery	56	46	44	56	43	-23%	49
Aggravated Assault	90	138	112	114	107	-6%	112.2
Burglary	26	57	32	32	31	-3%	35.6
Larceny/Theft	538	505	471	540	426	-21%	496
Vehicle/Theft	42	28	36	31	17	-45%	30.8
Arson	4	11	2	4	3	-25%	4.8
Totals	773	806	716	791	640	-19%	745.2

Calendar Year 2009 Performance Measures

AVIATION

Calls for service 1,276

COMMUNICATIONS

No. of dispatched calls for service 125,381

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

No. of CIB assigned investigations 404

Closure rate on assigned cases 56%

HORSE MOUNTED PATROL

No. of incidents handled by HMP 1,096

K-9 UNIT (Bomb and Patrol)

No. of incidents handled by K-9 personnel 8,710

MARINE PATROL UNIT

No. of incident responses 567

NATIONAL ICON PROTECTION

No. of incidents that pose serious potential threat to Icons 585

No. of prohibited items 12,914

No. of incidents documented by camera (CCTV) operator 281

PATROL

Environmental/resource crimes 750

No. of drug cases 1,099

DWI/DUI arrests 677

SPECIAL EVENTS/CROWD CONTROL

No. of special events handled by Force 12,425

SERVING BY AIR, LAND AND SEA - Patrol

SELECT CASES

In Washington, DC, officers met with a victim of a sexual assault in Anacostia Park. After interviewing the victim, a lookout of the vehicle and the suspect involved was broadcast. Shortly thereafter, an officer stopped a vehicle at 15th and U Streets, SE., that met the broadcast description. The driver was identified as the suspect and was placed under arrest for Rape While Armed.

In the Washington metropolitan area, officers responded to Great Falls National Park in Potomac, MD, to investigate a report of a vehicle that had left the road and had become stuck in the mud. The vehicle was located abandoned next to the C&O Canal. Officers were sent to the registered owner's address in the District of Columbia, but were unable to locate the operator. However, they met with the operator's granddaughter. The officers learned that the operator was an elderly woman who had memory problems and might be disoriented. Officers conducted a search and, with a tip provided by a passerby, located the disoriented woman wandering along a trail. The woman was reunited with her granddaughter.

In Washington, DC, officers responded to a call for an alarm off at a U.S. Park Police facility. On arrival, the officers observed lights on and an open window in the rear of the building. An individual was observed inside the building on the first floor and a perimeter was established. A suspect was observed running north towards the tree line. A K-9 unit responded and began a track from the building. Contact with a subject matching the description was made by a unit on the perimeter. A screwdriver and a San Disk external memory card were recovered from the suspect's person. The suspect was positively identified and a check of the San Disk memory card revealed U.S. Park Police documents stored on the drive. An inspection of the U.S. Park Police Office revealed the suspect had gained entry by removing a window mounted air conditioning unit. The suspect was arrested for Burglary and Theft.

In Washington, DC, while assigned to a protection detail for a foreign dignitary movement on the Suitland Parkway, an officer observed a subject walking across Suitland Parkway. He had a suspicious bulge, which from the officer's training and experience led him to believe that the man had a concealed firearm. The officer exited his marked police cruiser and physically detained the subject to prevent him from fleeing. The officer felt what was immediately apparent to be a firearm tucked into the left side of the subject's waistband. The man was handcuffed and placed under arrest. Removed from his waistband was a 10mm handgun.

In Washington metropolitan area, the U.S. Park Police provided law enforcement services for 87 shows and made 52 arrests at the Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts. These arrests are usually made for multiple individuals as opposed to a single arrest. An example of this would be during the WILCO show on July 8, 2009. The U.S. Park Police made 14 narcotic and drug cases involving marijuana, which resulted in 8 arrests. There were 2 arrests for Urinating in Public and 1 case of drinking in public.

In Washington, DC, an 88-year-old Holocaust denier and white supremacist double-parked his vehicle on southbound 14th Street just outside the main entrance to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. As he approached the museum, he raised a .22 caliber rifle and shot a security officer as that officer held the museum door open for the man. Other security officers inside the museum's entrance returned fire, striking and disabling the suspect. Among the first responders were several United States Park Police personnel. A U.S. Park Police Sergeant was the first law enforcement officer at the museum. He immediately secured the scene, established command, and managed the Force's initial response. The Sergeant's initial assessment of the chaotic scene and clear direction to the additional responding units ensured a deliberate emergency response that efficiently and effectively secured the area. The security officer later died of his wounds, which led to the suspect being charged with homicide and other charges relating to the crime. The case was investigated as a hate crime by the Department of Justice

In Washington, DC, while conducting a security check of River Terrace Park, an officer observed two individuals in a state of partial undress. The officer requested them to dress and advised them that the parks were not for sexual activity. When asked, they stated they drove to the park in a minivan that was parked on the street. When asked if they had anything that he needed to know about, like drugs or guns, the male subject advised that he had a backpack in the car that had a little bit of "weed" in it, but that the backpack was not his and there was a gun in it. Recovered was a black semi-automatic A-80 9mm handgun with 10 rounds of 9mm ammunition within the magazine and a clear plastic bag containing marijuana. Both subjects were placed under arrest. A subsequent search of the subjects recovered additional marijuana on their person.

In Washington, DC, an officer responded for a report of a robbery on a footpath. The suspect threw the victim to the ground, put his hands around her neck, and said "I kill you" twice before grabbing her bag and fleeing the area. A responding officer heard the lookout and stopped and questioned an individual who matched the suspect's description. The victim positively identified the suspect as her assailant, and he was subsequently arrested.

In the San Francisco Field Office, a woman walking along a road in the Presidio of San Francisco was struck by a hit-and-run vehicle and sustained extensive injuries. A lookout for a green or black SUV was obtained. The right side mirror of the vehicle was recovered on scene and investigation revealed the mirror came from a 1990's era Ford Explorer. An officer later located a parked and unoccupied Ford Explorer missing a right side mirror near Ocean Beach, 5 miles from the accident site. The vehicle was impounded as part of the crime scene. A detailed search of the vehicle located a number of items that pointed to a specific person as having been operating and living in the vehicle. The suspect was located, interviewed, and confessed to the hit-and-run accident, driving on a suspended license, and driving without insurance. The defendant was arraigned before the U.S. Magistrate and charged with felony hit and run.



In the Washington metropolitan area, an officer conducted a traffic stop on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway for traffic offenses. Further investigation revealed that the operator was in possession of a scale and a large quantity of marijuana and currency. Recovered at the scene were 504 grams of marijuana and \$1,350 in U.S. currency.

Icon Protection

The Lincoln Memorial Plaza Vehicle Barrier and Bollard System was completed in 2009. This system has the capability to control the bollards remotely from the Command and Control Center located at the Central District Station.

To maintain an elevated level of security at the Jefferson Memorial during the ongoing seawall construction, a second security drop gate was installed on the southeast side where U.S. Park Police K-9 explosive detection units check vehicles entering this secured area.

Upgrades to the entry way were developed for the temporary screening facility at the Washington Monument, which provides officers additional time to react to a potential threat. New screening equipment was also purchased to enhance and upgrade the security measures at the entrance to the Monument. Visitors leaving the screening facility exit through a turnstile and fenced-in area on the exterior of the building.



The U.S. Park Police utilize a comprehensive closed circuit television system (CCTV). The National Park Service and U.S. Park Police have entered into a contract for the maintenance, repair, and upgrades of the CCTV system. Contracts for replacement equipment are expected to be completed in FY10 and subsequent out-years as the entire system is replaced and/or updated over a period of 3 years.

Three additional Master Patrol Officers were assigned to the Central District Station, with each assigned to a National Icon (Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument). These officers are well

versed in the security measures and engineering design at their assigned Icon. Their duties include instructing new officers on the security measures at the Icon, preparing an incident response book to be utilized by SWAT and the Command Staff in case of emergencies, and to have structural knowledge of their assigned Icon.

The October 2008 reorganization of the Force combined the Central District and Special Forces District within the same command (the Icon Protection Branch), which has a primary mission of securing and protecting the Icons and their visitors. The U.S. Park Police Special Forces District encompasses the SWAT, K-9, Motorcycle, Aviation, and Special Events Units, with each unit providing additional security at the Icons and in the National Mall.

The New York Field Office has placed the protection of the Statue of Liberty at the top of its mission priority list. The Force continues to reassess our staffing model and resources as we strive to balance the protective demands at the Icon and meet our urban law enforcement responsibilities. Since the attacks of 9/11, approximately 28 percent of the Field Office's sworn staff was assigned to the Statue, the current sworn staffing level is approximately 65 percent.

Resource Protection

Poaching



Setting illegal turtle traps in Dyke Marsh.

The Force has responded to numerous public complaints received by patrol units for illegal hunting and trapping activities along the Potomac River riparian corridor. A constant threat to the river marshes are illegal turtle trapping activities conducted by watermen using small vessels. Coordinated efforts with NPS volunteers, State game officials, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service agents helped the Force to identify these individuals illegally accessing Dyke Marsh.

This Spring, the Force received approximately 20 reported illegal deer kills along the Potomac River within the District of Columbia. Rock Creek Station personnel located a whitetail deer processing site downstream of Chain Bridge, which contained the remains of 3 adult deer and several fawns.

In the New York Field Office, Marine Patrol Unit officers on patrol aboard Marine 2 observed a small object floating in the waters of Jamaica Bay. Upon closer inspection, it was determined to be a marker for an illegal commercial crab trap. The trap was pulled aboard Marine 2 along with 6 additional traps found in the area. All of the crabs and one protected Diamondback Terrapin turtle found in these traps were released back into the Bay. Besides being illegal and a commercial operation, these traps are deadly to wildlife that must access the surface for oxygen.



Dumping

The Force received numerous reports of illegal dumping activity along the Suitland Parkway. The investigators discovered commercial entities operating illegal dump fields, junk yards, and possible illegal injection well usage along the Park's boundaries. The enforcement action led to the discovery of fire roads and trails being blocked and their entryways and trailheads converted to illegal scrap yards and debris fields. Many of the public access points had been converted to private use. The operators were identified, fined, and placed into compliance via State or County regulations.



Non-permitted dirt blending operation.

In Washington, DC, an unknown substance was released into the waters of Rock Creek Park, contaminating several miles of the stream. The source of the contaminate release was identified. A retrofit and oil filtration process caused one "grease car" convertor to dump 380 gallons of vegetable oil and a gasoline/diesel fuel mixture into the storm drains of northwest DC. The District of Columbia incurred \$6,000 in clean up costs. The case was presented as a civil action.



Storm drain filled with vegetable oil fuel mixture.

Violations of the Archaeological Resource Protection Act (ARPA)



Recovered portion of the Statue of Liberty's first torch.

The Force monitors Internet sites where stolen artifacts are occasionally posted for sale. When an auction item on one of these sites came to the attention of Force Detectives, they were able to identify the seller and assist New York Field Office personnel in the successful recovery of a portion of the Statue of Liberty's first torch.

Encroachments

Citizens reported illegal tree cutting activities in and along the boundaries of several Park units within the National Capital Region. Investigation revealed that the Park units were having serious issues with land and timber theft. In most instances, tree stumps were ground below surface to hide their existence; however, geospatial and ortho-



photography technologies were used to find the Park-owned tree stump remains. This stump (pictured at left) is the remains of a 75-foot oak tree, with timber valued in excess of \$4,000.

Road repair crews working for the District of Columbia obliterated Federal survey markers and destroyed a historic wall within Rock Creek Park. Over a mile of wall had been damaged, including its removal in some locations. The case is anticipated to be presented as a Park Protection Act 19jj recovery suit.



Interagency Task Forces

This year, investigators teamed with the Prince George's County Police Department's Environmental Crimes Unit. Together, the investigators located dozens of businesses utilizing public space that were illegally affecting the natural resources of NPS units within Prince George's County. Those leads have developed into strong solid waste disposal cases and have been presented to the Office of the Attorney General in Baltimore, MD.

Specialty Units

Aviation

In addition to the daily missions of law enforcement, medevac, and dignitary protection, members of the Aviation Unit were involved in several high-profile aerial based rescues.

The crew of Eagle 1 responded to Prince William County, VA, for a report of persons stranded on the Occoquan Dam. Upon arrival, the Pilot, Co-pilot, and Rescue Technicians observed two individuals clinging to a sign post in the middle of the river at the head of the dam. Their boat had been swept over the dam after its engine had quit. A Fairfax County Police helicopter effected the rescue of one subject and Eagle 1 was requested to hoist the second individual to safety. The crew worked together to place the aircraft in position over the subject and then lowered the net to him so that he could climb in. Any movement of the aircraft or net could have caused the individual to lose his hold on the signpost and he would have been swept over the dam. The subject was successfully hoisted to safety.



The crew of Eagle 2 responded to Shenandoah National Park after being notified that an individual had become injured near the summit of Old Rag Mountain. Eagle 2 was responding to the Incident Command

site when they located the individual lying on an outcropping of rocks. With ground based rescuers still hours away, the crew felt that they could safely effect the rescue. The Pilot brought the aircraft in over the victim while a Rescue Technician was lowered down on the jungle penetrator to the victim. The Rescue Technician quickly assessed the patient, determined that he could not walk off the mountain due to a badly fractured ankle, and passed critical information to the aircraft and Incident Command. The Rescue



Technician then provided medical attention to the victim and prepared him to be hoisted from the mountain. Eagle 2 and the crew returned to the area and, with expert precision, lowered a net to the victim. After the victim was safely hoisted into the aircraft and taken to a waiting ambulance, Eagle 2 returned and hoisted the Rescue Technician from the mountain.

Eagle 2 responded to the Billy Goat Trail area of Great Falls Park for a report of an injured hiker. Because the injured hiker was on a cliff, it was determined that she was unable to walk from the area and any rescue by ground based rescuers trying to carry her out would be too dangerous. Eagle 2, with the Pilot, Co-pilot and Rescue Technician, successfully raised the patient to the aircraft in a Stokes litter and transported her to a local hospital.

Audits and Evaluations



Internal reviews and on-site inspections have been initiated throughout the Force. An internal self-audit program was developed and completed by each major work unit of the Force. These self-assessments serve to identify a number of procedural deficiencies that have been corrected or are in the process of being corrected. Full audits at both the New York and San Francisco Field Offices were completed during the 2009 calendar year, along with full reviews of the Aviation Section and Traffic Safety Unit. Compliance reviews of evidence and property management procedures are currently underway, with findings and recommendations expected

to be forthcoming within the next several months. In addition to ongoing monitoring of Force-wide accountability standards and reporting requirements, the Audits and Evaluations Unit is slated to conduct full reviews of the Canine Unit, Rock Creek Park Station, Icon Protection Unit, Training Branch, Force Property Office, and the Badge, Floral and Benefit Fund during calendar year 2010.

Canine (K-9)



The Force has 30 K-9 teams assigned in the New York Field Office, San Francisco Field Office, and the Washington metropolitan area. Currently, 19 out of the 30 teams are trained in explosives detection. These explosives detection teams conduct random preventive checks around the Icons, as well as answer calls to support patrol.

In 2009, the K-9 teams in the Washington metropolitan area conducted security sweeps for several high-profile events, to include the Opening Ceremonies for the Inauguration, the Re-dedication of the Lincoln Memorial, the Annual Independence Day Celebration, and the ongoing construction project at the Jefferson Memorial. In San Francisco, the explosives detection teams conduct security checks of the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz Island, the San Francisco National Cemetery, Fort Baker, and the new memorial located on the Presidio. They were also utilized during the opening of the Crissy Field Center. In New York, the K-9 explosives detection teams play an integral role in protecting the Statue of Liberty. The Patrol K-9 teams had two significant narcotics cases in which 135 grams of marijuana, 11 grams of powdered cocaine, 2 grams of heroin, ecstasy, and \$21,000 in U.S. currency were recovered.

Horse Mounted Patrol

The U.S. Park Police HMP Unit is a multifaceted law enforcement tool that is successful in providing daily patrol, crowd control, and public relations. In 2009, the HMP Unit was utilized as a high-profile daily patrol entity for terrorism detection/deterrent at the Icons in Washington, DC. The Unit also provided crowd control for First Amendment demonstrations, special events, and parades in the Nation’s Capital, as well as the G-20 Economic Summit in Pittsburgh, PA. The Unit has provided training to the United States Border Patrol in Spokane, WA, and one of our officers was selected to participate in the DOI International



Program to evaluate the care and use of horses and mules in the Kingdom of Jordan at the Petra Archaeological Site. As a public relations tool the HMP Unit is active in the community with the Wounded Warrior Program at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, as well as other school and community events. HMP Volunteers received the NPS Hertzog Award for Volunteerism this year.

Motorcycle Unit

During 2009, the U.S. Park Police Motor Unit handled approximately 9,000 traffic and parking infractions.



In addition to their routine traffic enforcement, the Unit actively participated in the annual Smooth Operator Program, a regional anti-aggressive driving initiative. Over the 4-week period of the Program, the Motor Unit issued 2,516 moving citations for aggressive driving violations. The Motor Unit also provided escorts for the President and Vice President while continuing their daily requirements of implementing the morning and afternoon traffic changes on principle commuter routes in the Washington metropolitan area. The U.S. Park Police Motor Unit also played a significant role in the successful Inaugural of the President in January 2009.

Marine Patrol Unit

U.S. Park Police Marine 7 from the Statue of Liberty responded to a report of a plane in the Hudson River in New York City near W. 47th Street. Officers arrived approximately 7 minutes after their notification of the incident to find that it was a commercial plane and the occupants had been rescued by NY Waterways Fast Ferries, FDNY, NYPD, and the USCG. Officers onboard Marine 7 assisted with the recovery of mechanical and structural portions of the plane as well as personal property of the passengers floating at the scene. Additionally, U.S. Park Police officers assisted in maintaining a security perimeter around the moving crash site. The US



Airways flight had made a splash landing in the Hudson River because of dual engine failures as a result of bird strikes. The plane was not able to reach a nearby airport and the pilot decided he had no option but to attempt a water landing in the Hudson River. This incident is often referred to as “The Miracle on the Hudson.” The approximately 155 persons on board were rescued without serious injury.



Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT)

The SWAT Team conducted over 40 search warrants, to include joint missions with the FBI whereby numerous firearms, monies, drugs, and other contraband were seized without injury to the officers or suspects.



The Counter Narcotics and Terrorism Operational Medical Support (CONTOMS) Program was established in 1989 to develop and execute an evidence-based training program on medical support of law enforcement special operations. The Force initially partnered with the Casualty Care Research Center to establish this program, and then this partnership was continued with the Protective Medicine Branch, Department of Homeland Security. The Force is currently partnered with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which now oversees the program. The CONTOMS program has graduated more than 8,000 students, is widely recognized, and is the gold standard in SWAT medical training around the world. The course honors the memory of U.S. Park Police Sergeant Ricardo Preston, who died while participating in a SWAT exercise, by naming the final tactical exercise FTX Preston.

Traffic Safety Unit

The Traffic Safety Unit is responsible for conducting motor vehicle fatality investigations, managing traffic-related programs, as well as managing specialized enforcement efforts to include commercial motor vehicle inspections, sobriety checkpoints, and saturation patrols in the Washington metropolitan area. Members of the Unit oversee the breath testing and RADAR/LASER programs, which include providing maintenance on the instruments and training Force personnel in their use. In 2009 the Traffic Safety Unit accomplished the following: performed 16 crash reconstructions and 6 forensic mappings, processed 344 blood samples for court proceedings, conducted 40 commercial vehicle inspections, conducted 482 hours of traffic enforcement related training, and managed the Force's participation in the Smooth Operator Program. During this anti-aggressive driving campaign the Force made 8,883 contacts in the form of citations, arrests, and/or warnings.



Suitland Parkway

Special Events

Being the Nation's seat of power brings a wide variety of visitation to Washington, DC. Whether it is the tourist from the Midwest, a diplomatic detail from Egypt or another foreign nation, school groups from across America, or those wishing to express their First Amendment rights, the Icons and the White House are a top priority on anyone's "to do" list. The National Park Service plays host to these visitors every day of the year, with the United States Park Police there to ensure the safety, lawfulness, and security of their visit. A demonstration or special event can occur in any of the areas patrolled by the U.S. Park Police on a daily basis. These events can range from as low as one person, to the tens of thousands. The U.S. Park Police Special Forces is adept at handling and planning for these occurrences, and may deploy only one officer or hundreds of officers from the New York Field Office, the San Francisco Field Office, and the Washington metropolitan area to work collaboratively to manage the event, depending on its complexity. In 2009, the U.S. Park Police Special Forces handled approximately 12,700 special events on Federal parkland in the Washington metropolitan area. On a daily basis the officers assigned to the Special Events, Motor, K-9, SWAT, or Aviation Units work hand-in-hand to manage these events, providing professional law enforcement services.



In 2009, the U.S. Park Police managed one of the largest crowds to ever attend a Presidential Inauguration, with a reported 1.8 million people attending--the largest portion of which filled the National Mall, adjacent streets, and the Washington Monument Grounds. The next day, the Annual March for Life Rally also took place on the Mall and continued on to the Supreme Court to mark the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision. The amount of planning that preceded these events was staggering, yet in the end no arrests were made, numerous lost individuals (to include several critical missing) were successfully reunited with their families, no significant injuries to visitors occurred, and no officer injuries were reported.

Throughout 2009, the Special Forces handled several other high-profile events that drew the national spotlight. In February, the Special Forces managed the security for the re-opening of Ford's Theater and provided tactical support for the President's Address to the Joint Session of Congress.

March was filled with anti-war protests that over the year's time resulted in the U.S. Park Police arresting more than 330 persons at the White House. In May, the Annual Police Week Candlelight Vigil, held at the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial, highlighted a unit of the NPS system that is held sacred and

revered by the men and women of law enforcement nationwide. The end of May culminated with the rededication of the Lincoln Memorial.

The Force implemented a new security plan for the 2009 Independence Day Celebration. Numerous hours of planning and meetings produced a successful, safe, and visitor friendly event.

On August 29, 2009, Senator Edward Kennedy was laid to rest in Arlington Cemetery. The Force provided site security at the Cemetery, as well as the motorcade that escorted the hearse and the family from Andrews AFB.

The year closed out with the Lighting of the National Christmas Tree in which attendance was higher than normal due to the presence of the new President and First Lady.

Presidential Inauguration



In January 2009, President-Elect Barack Obama, Vice President-Elect Joseph Biden and their families attended the “We Are One” Opening Inaugural Celebration at the Lincoln Memorial, which featured numerous musical performances and readings. This event was designated as a National Special Security Event (NSSE), which entailed extensive preparation and planning to ensure the safety and security of the protectees, performers, and the visitors to the event. The Force deployed an extensive operational detail, which included officers and civilians from the Washington metropolitan area and the New York and San Francisco Field Offices, as well as

numerous State, local, Federal, and National Guard personnel. The comprehensive security and transportation plans were coordinated with the U.S. Secret Service and many other agencies. Ultimately, the success of the event was a testament to the effective and efficient screening at the access points, a sound crowd management and overcrowding mitigation plan (both of which were successfully implemented), and the established partnerships with all involved agencies. This free event, which included performances by Bruce Springsteen, U2, Beyoncé, James Taylor, and Josh Groban, concluded with President-Elect Obama addressing the estimated crowd of 400,000 only 2 days before being sworn in as the President of the United States of America.



The U.S. Park Police was responsible for public safety and security on all NPS lands and roadways impacted by the 56th Presidential Inauguration, most significant of which were those areas on the National Mall from 4th Street to the Lincoln Memorial, the Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site, which includes the north and



south sidewalks of Pennsylvania Avenue between 3rd and 15th Streets along the parade route, the Ellipse, Lafayette Park, and the White House Sidewalk. By virtue of the proximity to the Swearing-In Ceremony, the parade route, and the Presidential Reviewing Stand, these NPS lands saw the highest concentration of visitors witnessing these historic events.

To ensure the safety and security of the event, the public, and numerous protectees, a full Force

commitment of sworn and civilian staff, including sworn personnel from our New York and San Francisco Field Offices, as well as NPS, Department of the Interior, State and local law enforcement personnel, and National Guard personnel were employed. Our Aviation Unit provided aerial support and monitoring for Presidential escorts, crowd management, and medevac capabilities, while K-9 teams, Horse Mounted Patrol Units, and SWAT Teams were prepared for tactical response. Reactionary Teams, plainclothes officers, and bike and scooter squads conducted roving patrols, and Motor Units provided numerous protectee and ceremonial escorts. Several elevated observation platforms were placed along the National Mall to monitor the crowds.

In all, the U.S. Park Police utilized more than 2,000 personnel to manage the event. We provided escorts and traffic control for all 360 Armed Forces Inaugural Committee buses, which carried the ceremonial elements of the Inaugural Parade from the Pentagon to the Ellipse exclusively utilizing NPS roadways. The Force also developed and executed a crowd management/overcrowding mitigation plan for the National Mall, coordinated similar plans for the parade route with the U.S. Secret Service and the Metropolitan Police Department,



ensured all First Amendment demonstrations (including an impromptu demonstration near the Ellipse) occurred without disruption and within legal parameters along the parade route and within Lafayette Park, facilitated the safe and effective transit of numerous EMS vehicles transporting patients to local hospitals. The Force ensured the safe egress of visitors from NPS lands upon

the conclusion of the events, and successfully reunited all missing persons, some of whom were identified as critical missing.

Statue of Liberty – Crown Reopening

On July 4, 2009, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar officially reopened access to the Crown of the Statue of Liberty. “On July 4th, we are giving America a special gift,” Salazar said. “We are once again inviting the public to celebrate our great nation and the hope and opportunity it symbolizes by climbing to Lady Liberty’s crown for a unique view of New York Harbor, where the forebearers of millions of American families first saw the new world.”



The Statue of Liberty was closed after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. It later reopened with enhanced security measures, but access to the Crown was still not available. It was not until July 4, 2009, that total access to the Statue was reestablished, most notably, the Crown. The United States Park Police protects this Icon with police officers, SWAT officers, Marine Patrol Unit officers, K-9 explosive detection officers, as well as a Detective working with the

FBI’s Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Secretary Salazar, who visited the Statue of Liberty on his third day in office, based his decision on a comprehensive analysis of the entire structure, including expert recommendations on reducing risk for visitors.

“We cannot eliminate all the risk of climbing to the crown, but we are taking steps to make it safer,” Secretary Salazar said. This includes raising the handrails on the spiral staircase and stationing rangers throughout the Statue to aid visitors, as well as help them enjoy the experience and learn more about the Statue and its symbolism.

The United States Park Police’s New York Field Office Honor Guard presented the colors during the celebration. Governor Jon Corzine of New Jersey, Governor David Paterson of New York, and Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York City were among the attendees, with approximately 12,000 visitors to the Island.



MASS ARRESTS

The first 100 days of President Obama's Presidency saw several First Amendment Rights Groups conducting permitted and impromptu demonstrations in the White House Zone. Several demonstrations with mass arrests occurred in April 2009. An impromptu demonstration was conducted on the White House Sidewalk, where most of the demonstrators were confined to wheelchairs. During this demonstration, 192 demonstrators chained and/or handcuffed themselves to the White House Fence. A permitted demonstration in Lafayette Park and the White House Sidewalk was conducted. Approximately 1,000 demonstrators rallied in Lafayette Park and 20 demonstrators later conducted civil disobedience on the White House Sidewalk and were arrested. Demonstrators also conducted a permitted demonstration at the Capitol Reflecting Pool and marched to the White House where 61 demonstrators participated in civil disobedience and were arrested.

In October 2009, several anti-war protest groups participated in a permitted demonstration in McPherson Park. Several hundred demonstrators marched in a slow line to the White House Sidewalk and engaged in civil disobedience where 61 people were eventually arrested. Throughout the year there were smaller demonstrations that led to arrests, with the current total being 337.



Serving the Community

Explorer Program

The U.S. Park Police Explorer Post #1791 has been re-established and has adopted a mission to engage and educate young men and women by developing their interest in law enforcement. Each Explorer will learn citizenship through active community involvement and introductory law enforcement training. Advisors will hone leadership skills, stimulate personal growth, and instill the value of responsibility in each Explorer. Eleven students are currently in the program and 16 sworn officers are advisors to the Post.



National Night Out

The 2009 National Night Out campaign, a unique crime/drug prevention event, took place on August 4. The National Night Out involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations, and local officials from over 15,000 communities from all 50 States, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over **36 million** people participated in National Night Out 2009. The U.S. Park Police attended the following events:

- Washington, DC: Third District Border Community Cookout
Metropolitan Police's Fourth District Meet and Greet
Langdon Park Community Recreation Center
Ft. Davis Civic Association
THE ARC - Oxon Run Park
Dupont Circle
- Virginia: Wolf Trap in the Woods
Community Center
Belle View Towers
- Maryland: City of Morningside
City of Greenbelt
Berwyn Heights
Mount Rainier



National Night Out – featuring USPP Major Patrick Smith, Metropolitan Police Assistant Chief Dianne Grooms, Commander Lamar Greene, Councilmember Harry Thomas Jr.,

Central District: Officers continue to work with Dupont and Logan Circle community groups as well as the Golden Triangle and the Downtown DC Business Improvement District in the City of Washington to improve the quality of life in and around the smaller reservations within the Central District.

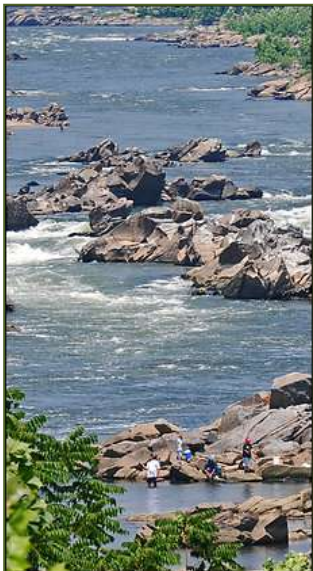
Multi-agency River Safety Effort



The majority of Potomac River drownings have occurred in the 14-mile stretch of the river immediately north of Key Bridge to just north of Great Falls known as the Potomac River Gorge. While events immediately preceding these drownings vary considerably, more often the route of entry into the water is from the river's shore, often from visitors fishing along the river's banks. In order to address these visitors directly, new efforts included posting signs in three languages (English, Spanish and Vietnamese) in the areas most likely to attract fishing activity or that are easily reached access points into the Gorge area. Twenty-five signs were posted, with 15 signs on C&O Canal property and 10 on property maintained by the George Washington Memorial Parkway. The signs are designed to warn and inform visitors of the extremely dangerous conditions present even when the river appears to be calm and/or still. During the 2009 River Safety Initiative, 46 persons were cited for swimming and other violations. In the interest of public safety and in response to the dangers of the Potomac River Gorge, the U.S. Park Police and

the National Park Service have been working jointly with both Montgomery and Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Departments, DC Police Harbor Patrol, DC Fire & EMS, and partner organizations to eliminate accidental drownings through enhanced inter-agency communications and joint training. This partnership has been ongoing since 2005.

There has also been a combined effort to educate the public and increase river and hiking trail safety awareness. Each Spring just before the height of the recreational boating, kayaking and hiking season begins, a press conference is held along the banks of the Potomac River to provide context and background for widespread efforts to eliminate accidental drownings in the Potomac River Gorge and to reduce the number of hiking accidents on the Billy Goat Trail.



HUMAN CAPITAL

COMMUNICATIONS/TECHNOLOGY/INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



The U.S. Park Police, in a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Marshals Service, installed cameras on the National Mall for use during the Inauguration.

Radio System

During 2009, the U.S. Park Police signed an agreement with the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of Justice to join Justice's Integrated Wireless Network (IWN). Scheduled to become operational in late 2010, IWN will provide a new, state-of-the-art, trunked, encrypted, digital backbone for



the United States Park Police radio system. IWN will significantly expand the coverage area of the current United States Park Police radio footprint. IWN will also enhance radio communications by expanding the current 4 channels to 10 talk groups and allow for enhanced radio interoperability with strategic public safety partners in the National Capital Region. During the year, all portable radios for the Washington, DC, area were upgraded to radios supporting current technology for digital narrowband transmissions.

Equipment was also procured during the year in anticipation of creating a new combined USPP/NPS Dispatch Center in the New York Field Office.

Discussions continue with the NPS to design and implement a cost effective solution for the New York metropolitan area that would maximize efficiencies for both entities and provide improved communications capabilities for U.S. Park Police officers and NPS rangers. All handheld radios in the New York Field Office were updated to support current technology for digital narrowband radio transmissions.

Information Management

The Information Management Section (IMS) is responsible for tracking the statistical activity of the Force and is the primary repository for case reports within the Washington metropolitan area. During the past year, the Section oversaw the successful opening of an off-site records staging area where active case reports are stored until preparation for receipt by a Federal Records Center. Experimentation of processes for the scanning of daily records was initiated, with the goal of making records of this category electronically accessible and reserving prime file space for incoming incident reports. The IMS is also responsible for reprographic management in which a successful upgrade of the copier fleet in the Washington metropolitan area was completed. Members of the Information Management Section were honored with a luncheon and awarded certificates of appreciation from the U.S. Department of Justice for assistance with the FBI criminal background investigations for the Executive and Federal hiring processes—in all, they conducted 5,487 backgrounds for that agency, averaging 105 per week. They also conducted backgrounds for weapon ownership purposes. Members of the Information Management Section were honored with a Chief's Certificate this fiscal year in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the overall mission of the Force.

EQUIPMENT

VEHICLES

A new Armored Personnel Carrier (APC) was delivered in May. SWAT has deployed the APC in the Washington metropolitan area during the service of high-risk warrants and in response to the assault at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.



Hybrids

As part of the Force's forward focus on and commitment to greening the environment, and through active participation in the Government-wide American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Program, the Force successfully obtained 20 hybrid and 10 other fuel efficient vehicles for use as law enforcement administrative vehicles and Government pool cars in support of workforce initiatives. This acquisition made it possible to transfer traditional police-package vehicles into cruiser assignments, resulting in the removal of older vehicles that had reached the end of their useful, safe life-cycle. Several of the vehicles have been successfully deployed as canine cruisers and traffic response equipment vehicles. The availability of these hybrids has contributed to the Force's environmental stewardship commitment to reduce both its annual fuel consumption and carbon footprint.



TRAINING

TRAINING BRANCH

As part of the U.S. Park Police's Icon protection mission, the Force provided training to personnel in the Active Shooter Program. Active shooter is training that teaches officers to plan ahead to address active threat scenarios, incorporating the Incident Command System, such as school shootings and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum shooting. The Training Branch has also transitioned Force personnel to the 40-caliber handgun changing from the older 9mm. The Patrol Rifle Program was enhanced this year by the purchase and issuance of the new LWRC gas piston operated M6 Carbine rifles (semi-automatic), an upgrade from the older Vietnam-era weapons that had been in use.



FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER (FLETC)

During fiscal year 2009, the United States Park Police recruit training program transitioned from the Land Management Training Program (LMTP) to the Uniformed Police Training Program (UPTP). The UPTP places increased emphasis on law enforcement as it relates to the services we provide within the urban parks. The program provides each recruit officer with 12 weeks (480 hours) of basic law enforcement training, which includes classroom lectures, written tests, labs and practical exercises.

HUMAN RESOURCES

NEW HIRES

The Force hired three recruit classes in 2009. A class of 24 recruit officers will enter on duty on January 31, 2010, and we expect to hire an additional 60 officers in FY11. Nineteen officers are currently in the Field Training Program; 5 new dispatchers were hired in the Washington metropolitan area.

Amaya, Alejandro
DiPalma, Anthony
Gmitter, John
Griess, Joseph
Hall, Valerie
Laska, James
Manning, Matthew
Martin, Bruce
Miller, Michael
Moran, James
Olson, Jessup
Ozawa, Kaori
Pacheco, Francisco
Phillips, Russell
Szulwach, Alan
Taylor, Joel
Tomasiello, Benjamin
Twiname, Thomas
Usher, Robert
Wilson, Omari
Worrell, Joshua

Bechtold, Peter
Biggs, Brian
Clanton, Sherice
Crandall, David
Dingeldein, James
Fors, Vincent
Gibson, Martin
Henry, Farouk
Kaikai, Christian
Kefer, Kyle
Lagrossa, David
Leiter, Ronson
McBride, Tara
Monfette, Todd
Nolan, Justin
Oleksiak, Joseph
Reed, Tiffany
Simon, Paul
Soja, Jeffrey
Vi, Tron
Ward, Allen

Augustin, Jean
Bachmann, William
Barracato, Joseph
Benz, Christopher
Easter, Cameron
Evasick, Ryan
Gowdie, Joshua
Green, Michael
Jarmuzewski, Nicholas
Laddaga, Vincent
Lauro, Andrew
Ngassa, Christian
Oppenheimer, David
Paik, David
Phoenix, Craig
Pierelli, Anthony
Shalton, Michael
Snyder, Bonnie
Stone, Renee
Williams, Caleb





The civilian Headquarters staff performs the myriad of operations that free the officers for direct law enforcement functions. They handle regulatory compliance, records management, salary and benefits, personnel and all administrative matters that allow us to prosper.



Our Firearms/Physical Skills Unit is a combination of civilian and sworn staff.



Ms. Joyce Sasser was selected to fill the vacant position of Force Human Resources Officer.

PROMOTIONS



Past Director Mary Bomar swears in Salvatore Lauro as Chief of the United States Park Police



William Lynch was selected as the Assistant Chief of Police



Major Jeanne O'Toole was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief and assigned to the position of Commander, Field Operations Division

- Captain Victor Chapman was promoted to the rank of Major and was assigned to the position of Assistant Commander, Services Division
- Captain John Lauro was promoted to the rank of Major and was assigned to the position of Commander, New York Field Office
- Captain Robert MacLean was promoted to the rank of Major and was assigned to the position of Commander, Icon Protection Branch
- Captain Diana Smith was promoted to the rank of Major and assigned to the position of Commander, Office of Professional Responsibility
- Captain Martin Zweig was promoted to the rank of Major and assigned to the position of National Law Enforcement Specialist, Washington Office
- Captain Jason Wu was promoted to the rank of Major and was assigned to the position of Commander, San Francisco Field Office
- Lieutenant Charles Orton was promoted to the rank of Captain and was assigned to the position of Regional Law Enforcement Specialist, National Capital Region

- The following personnel were promoted to the rank of Lieutenant:

Steven Booker	William Chambers	George Davis	Terry Felt
Robert Lachance	Michael Libby	Gregory Monahan	

- The following personnel were promoted to the rank of Sergeant:

Brandi Adamchik	Mark Adamchik	Raymond Closs
Christopher Cunningham	Anthony Giannino	Jeffrey Jarboe
Eric Haapapuro	Timothy Hodge	Patrick Kaiser
Robert Kolsch	Anthony Lordo, Jr.	Timothy McMorrow
James Murphy	Heather Putnam	Osborne Reeves
Pamela Smith	David Whitehorne	William Wilkens

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James Moore	Jonathan Pierce	Gerard McCarthy
Patrick Gavin	George Wallace	James Burrell
Eddie Ramos	Mark Haudenschild	Kevin Duckworth
Shelly Hill	John Dowd	



In 2009, the United States Park Police had several members of the Force graduate from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA. The FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders that serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide.



Captain
Keith P. Horton



Captain
Dennis Maroney



Captain
Charles Guddemi

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Police officers distinguish themselves every day with their individual service, but some received much deserved special recognition for their work.



Hakim Farthing Award

Officer Adam Zielinski received the Hakim Farthing Award for Excellence in DWI and Traffic Enforcement. In August 2002, the Force and the Fraternal Order of Police jointly created the Hakim Farthing Award for Excellence in DWI and Traffic Enforcement. This award honors the memory of Officer Hakim Farthing, who was killed in the line of duty by a drunk driver on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway in 2002.

Higgins Award

Officer Penti Gillespie received the Sergeant Gregory J. Higgins Memorial Award presented by the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia. The Gregory J. Higgins Memorial Award is presented to a United States Park Police officer(s) in recognition of superior performance and a commitment to excellence to the Special Assistant United States Attorney's program for the Eastern District of Virginia.



Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)

Master Patrol Officer April Ramos-Mertz was recognized by the California State Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for her excellence in drunk driving enforcement on Federal lands and city streets in San Francisco.

Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP)

Officer Adam Zielinski was presented with the 2009 WRAP award and cited for his outstanding commitment in the fight against drunk driving. Officer Zielinski initiated 147 arrests during the initiatives reporting period, 101 were for DUI violations. His arrest statistics exceeded any individual officer in the Washington metropolitan area.



MILITARY ACTIVATIONS

Officer Sean Yen was deployed as a team leader in the 340th Military Police Company in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom while stationed in Baghdad, Iraq.



Officer Matt Waldman at Graduation Ceremony of the Baghdad Police College. He was stationed in Baghdad, Iraq, and supported the National Police with the Iraqi Ministry.

Officer Sarah Hustler is stationed at Al Faw Palace, Camp Victory, Baghdad, Iraq, and performs duties as an Intelligence Analyst.



Officer James Leary was deployed with the 1st Infantry Division's Big Red One for 1 year and served in Kabul, Afghanistan, where his 3-man team was responsible for training over 6,000 new Afghan soldiers.

OPERATION WARFIGHTER

In 2009, the United States Park Police had the privilege to become involved in Operation Warfighter. Operation Warfighter is a program designed to provide temporary assignments or internships to recovering members of the military who have been injured in service to their country. Eligible military members can participate in productive activity, allowing them to continue to serve their country while convalescing, and often providing therapeutic opportunities for their healing process. The United States Park Police meets with interested Operation Warfighter candidates to determine if the Force can provide a meaningful assignment for the candidate and, if so, offers the candidate the opportunity to work within various units of the Force. The United States Park Police quickly learned that working with these dedicated members of our Armed Services brought a new respect and admiration for those who have faithfully served and protected our country.

During 2009, the United States Park Police was honored to have the following Warfighters participate in internships:

Samuel Casteneda (assigned to Records)
Bryan Julian (assigned to Traffic Safety Unit)
Brian Schar (assigned to Force Armory)

Jason Pardun (assigned to Special Forces)
Andrew Carbajal (assigned to Communications)
Patrick Marziale (assigned to Force Armory)



Operation Warfighter intern Samuel Casteneda receives Chief's Certificate of Appreciation from Chief of Police Sal Lauro.



Operation Warfighter intern Bryan Julian receives Chief's Certificate of Appreciation from Services Commander Ken Brodie.

BUILDING ON A PROUD TRADITION

50th Anniversary of U.S. Park Police Canine Unit

This year, the United States Park Police celebrated the 50th anniversary of its Canine corps. The Unit was officially created in 1959, the first of its kind in the metropolitan area.

Sergeant Alfred Beye received training from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Baltimore City Police Department in preparation for developing and supervising the Force's canine program. The first two dogs placed into service were German Shepherds named Lucky and Tar. Sergeant Beye was Lucky's handler and Tar was assigned to Private Richard Valentine, both members of the U.S. Park Police Horse Mounted Unit. Once trained, the dogs accompanied their horse-mounted handlers patrolling the trails of Rock Creek Park.



Today the U.S. Park Police Canine Unit has grown to include 30 teams Forcewide. The Unit's dogs are trained for basic patrol, narcotics detection, or explosives detection responsibilities.



35th Anniversary of the San Francisco Field Office (SFFO)

On April 1, 2009, the San Francisco Field Office (SFFO) celebrated its 35th anniversary at the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). The SFFO was



established on April 1, 1974. It was the first expansion of the Force outside the Washington metropolitan area. "District Eight" originally opened with a staff of 29 sworn officers and supervisors, and 1 civilian, and was commanded by Inspector Lynn H. Herring.

The SFFO is responsible for providing a full spectrum of law enforcement services in the Park and as the primary law enforcement agency for criminal incidents that occur in the GGNRA and the Presidio of San Francisco. Officers patrol by cruiser, trail bikes, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, mountain bikes, and foot patrols. Canine and horse mounted officers provide specialized patrol coverage. The SFFO also provides services that include special event management and security, and SFFO officers also staff and support the NPS Pacific West Region Special Event and Tactics Team (SETT) #3, which provides special event management, security, and multi-agency marijuana eradication initiatives on NPS and other Federal lands throughout the Pacific West Region.



The Presidio of San Francisco is an ever-growing small "city" with its own governmental body, police and fire services, transportation system, telecom system, post office, power and water treatment system, restaurants, Starbucks Coffee, bowling center, museums, as well as banking center, childcare centers, retail businesses, private governmental organizations, high school, and 21 residential neighborhoods. It is also the home to the Walt Disney Family Museum and the

Letterman Digital Arts Center, which houses Lucas Films Ltd. divisions such as Lucas Arts Entertainment, Industrial Lights and Magic, and Lucas Real Estate Holding.

The dedicated officers of the SFFO have been recognized for outstanding service over the years, including a Department of the Interior Unit award for their outstanding efforts following the 1989 San Francisco earthquake.



When the Field Office started in 1974 there was no SFFO Headquarters, as they shared a space in Building B of Lower Fort Mason. They eventually moved into a new "temporary" Headquarters located at Building 101, Fort Mason. This temporary building served as the SFFO Headquarters until 1995 when the operation was moved into a new Headquarters at Building 1217 on the Presidio. The rank of "Inspector" was changed to the rank of "Major" due to the conflict/confusion with the terminology and meaning of Inspector within the ranks of the San Francisco Police Department. SFPD Inspectors are detectives and not of supervisory/managerial rank.

In the very beginning, the SFFO was only responsible for patrols of Ft. Baker, Ft. Barry, Ft. Cronkite, and Ft. Mason. Over the years, new areas of patrol responsibility increased to include, Aquatic Park, Muir Woods, Stinson Beach, Ocean Beach, Ft. Miley, Ft. Funston, and other various properties in San Mateo County and, most notably, the Presidio of San Francisco.

On the very first day of operation, 3 teens were swept out to sea from the Rodeo Lagoon--only 1 survived. Also, on the first day of operation, HMP Officer Ronald "Frenchy" Grenier was thrown by his horse "Bravo" and landed in the Rodeo Lagoon.



MOMENT IN HISTORY



Photo of West Potomac Park looking south from the Washington Monument. Circa 1911

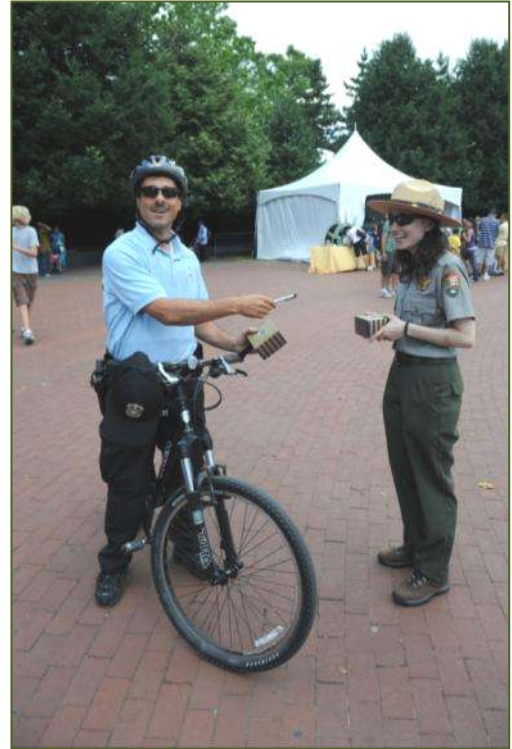


Photo of West Potomac Park looking south from the Washington Monument. Circa 1995

YEAR IN REVIEW









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