



December Board Cycle

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Date: November 12, 2020
To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, County Board of Supervisors
From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks
Subject: Safety, Security & Training Division 2020 Overview **(INFO)**

Issue

The Milwaukee County Parks division of Safety, Security & Training creates an annual report on the status of initiatives each year.

Background

The Safety, Security and Training (SS&T) Division for Milwaukee County Parks resides under the umbrella of strategic area one, Administration and Planning. The unit contains five full time staff and in 2020 utilized 13 seasonal staff to assist with the increased spring, summer and fall job duties. The duties of the unit include assisting with OSHA compliance throughout the department, maintaining all training compliance through both the county's Learning Management System and external opportunities. Primarily, park rangers respond to citizen & park staff requests for aid, law enforcement inquiries, perform on-site audits for fee compliance at disc golf and dog exercise areas and provide a friendly presence at all parks systemwide.

As for many staff in Milwaukee County, 2020 brought new job responsibilities and requirements for the SS&T staff due to COVID-19. The coronavirus required an earlier than usual start to patrols throughout the system to assist with education on the dangers of gathering in crowds at popular parks. The ever-changing landscape for education on the virus required vast amounts of signage which was deployed by the park rangers. Additional precautions for queuing and capacity limits at our wading pool facilities were attended to by park rangers as well as managing the increased crowds at both Bradford and McKinley beaches.

Despite the additional demands due to COVID-19, SS&T were able to increase revenue through fee compliance and institute procedures for enforcing ordinance violations through Chapter 47 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances.



Recommendation

This item is for information only.

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Attachments

- Parks Safety, Security & Training After Action Report 2020 - Presentation
- Parks SS&T After Action Report 2019

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