

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

Date: December 29, 2021

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: Annual update on the Milwaukee County Parks Safety, Security & Training Division

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**BACKGROUND**

Since 2020, Milwaukee County Parks has provided an informational report to the Parks, Energy and Environment Committee on the activities of the Safety, Security & Training Division.

The Safety, Security and Training (SS&T) Division for Milwaukee County Parks resides under the umbrella of strategic area one, Administration and Planning. In 2021, the unit had five full time positions (one vacated in June) and utilized 13 seasonal staff to assist with job duties. 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. The duties of the unit also include assisting with OSHA compliance throughout the department and maintaining training compliance through both internal and external opportunities.

Highlights for 2021 include new leadership (Todd Pisarski), increases over 2020 in both Dog Exercise Area Permit and Disc Golf Permit revenues, and the closure of 81% of encroachment issues.

The 2022 budget includes the addition of six additional lead rangers which will be onboarded and trained throughout the year to increase park ranger presence throughout the system.

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**ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Describe how the item aligns to the objectives in the [strategic plan](#):

- 1A: Reflect the full diversity of the County at every level of County government
- 1B: Create and nurture an inclusive culture across County government
- 2B: Break down silos across County government to maximize access to and quality of services offered
- 3C: Dismantle barriers to diverse and inclusive communities

**VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES**

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