

Erie MetroParks

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Ranger Activity Summary Report



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The Ranger Department

2006 was the nineteenth year of operation for the Ranger Department of Erie MetroParks. During most of the year there were five-full time year-round and three part-time year-round commissioned officers (this includes our Operational Supervisor). All full time Ranger staff are also Park Managers which means when not in safety patrol rotation they have their designated park(s) that they upkeep and maintain throughout the year. Some part time Ranger staff also performs maintenance and programming duties in addition to safety patrol. Rangers have a rotation schedule with everyone taking turns on weekdays, weekends and holidays. Rangers were used for public safety related duties including, park law enforcement patrol, general visitor assistance, traffic control and parking supervision during athletic and special events held at Erie MetroParks. Rangers patrol and secure all Erie MetroParks properties at the end of each day.

Ranger Hours and Miles

During designated patrol of the parkland within the MetroParks system, Rangers logged 44,858 miles and 2,954.5 hours in 2006. Rangers also did safety patrol at special events in the MetroParks such as Harvest Happenings, PEP Ride and Safety Stars. Rangers also participated at the booth at the Erie County Fair. At these special events Rangers gave away pencils, balloons, Ranger stickers, Ranger trading cards and also passed out candy to all the kids. Several Rangers also donated their own time to work the concession stand or play on the MetroParks softball team for the Stars and Stripes Softball Tournament. The MetroParks sponsors this event to raise money for the Bicycle Safety Program and to build connections with other public safety forces.

Rangers spend their patrol time in our parks on foot, vehicle, motorcycle, and bike patrol. They responded to 21- Law Enforcement calls in the 13 park areas during 2006. Rangers assisted visitors 89 times throughout the year. Rangers' mission includes the protection and conservation of park lands and wildlife, enforcement of park and state laws, and assistance to park visitors, to make all Erie MetroParks a safe and enjoyable place to visit.