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REPORT ON GANG TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

On July 26, 2005, on motion by Supervisor Burke, your Board directed County Counsel to convene a Task Force to develop recommendations on what steps can be taken to take back County parks from alleged gang members who monopolize the facilities and intimidate anyone who approaches them. The Task Force includes representatives from the Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's Office, County Counsel, Office of Public Safety (OPS), Department of Parks and Recreation, and Probation Department.

The Chief Administrative Office (CAO) has reviewed OPS' proposal in the attached Gang Task Force report addressing gang activity in County parks and outlined the recommendations below (Attachment I).

Background

The Task Force has identified 20 problematic parks that are most affected by gang activity as identified in Attachment II. It was further determined that gang activities occur mainly during the hours of the PM shift (1pm-11pm).

OPS' proposal in the attached report includes funding requests: 1) to increase security at these problematic parks via concentrated roving patrols, and 2) to create a Central Division within OPS' Park Services Bureau.

OPS' Proposal for Increased Concentrated Roving Patrols

In an effort to combat gang-related activities and increase the presence of officers during these peak hours, OPS recommends 20.0 additional officers in two-officer patrol units and 2.0 additional sergeants to provide concentrated roving patrols at the 20 identified problematic parks ten hours a day, seven days a week during the PM shift (1pm-11pm). OPS proposes to do so on an overtime basis for the balance of this fiscal year, as this will allow for immediate deployment. OPS has sufficient vehicles in their existing fleet to patrol on an overtime basis. Attachment II provides a breakdown of the enhancement to OPS' current deployment plan.

County parks are patrolled 24/7 and as a result, parks officers work a 4/40 schedule on opposite times of the week with Wednesday as the only overlapping day. In order to continue this proposed level of patrol coverage on an ongoing basis starting next fiscal year, OPS estimates that a total of 41.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) officers are needed to provide the same hours of coverage for a full year versus the 20.0 officers working overtime for six months. Therefore, regular deployment will require twice as many officers to maintain the same level of coverage based on the 24/7 parks operation and sworn position productive hours. A corresponding increase of 2.0 FTE sergeant positions is also necessary to provide supervision.

Attachment III shows the total OPS request for $1,538,000 to provide concentrated roving patrols starting January 2006 through June 2006, which covers the cost of 20.0 officers and 2.0 sergeants working overtime, and associated services and supplies costs.

As for the next fiscal year, OPS estimates that a total of $3,656,000 is required for 41.0 FTE officers and 4.0 FTE sergeants, and associated costs for services and supplies, and patrol vehicles.

Findings and Recommendations

Our analysis of OPS' enhanced deployment plan was based on a review of the proximity of problematic parks in a geographical patrol area; statistics of reported incidents over the past fiscal year; and the overlapping hours of different shifts. Statistics are based on reported incidents ranging from homicides to graffiti and burglary, and are not limited to gang-related activities.

There are 112.0 budgeted officers assigned to parks patrol of which there are 6.0 vacancies. The 2005-06 Final Budget reflects 12.0 new officer positions dedicated to patrol during the early morning shift. Earlier this month, OPS implemented the morning patrol.

There are four different 10-hour shifts officers work: day (6am-4pm); mid (10am-8pm); PM (1pm-11pm); and EM (8pm-6am). The proposed enhancement is dedicated to the PM shift, which is completely overlapped by portions of the day, mid, and EM shifts as shown in Attachment IV. As a result, police presence is greater during these overlapping hours pre-enhancement. Therefore, we believe the need for two-officer patrols units in some geographical patrol areas may not be warranted. The additional officers already on duty during the overlapping hours assist as back-up units when the need arises in any of the problematic parks.

It is our recommendation that 14.0 officers and 2.0 sergeants, at a cost of $1,134,000, are necessary to provide concentrated roving patrols 24/7 on an overtime basis starting January 2006 through June 2006. The 2005-06 Final Budget includes sufficient funding in the Provisional Financing Uses (PFU) budget to offset the six-months cost estimate.

A total of 29.0 FTE officers and 3.0 FTE sergeants will be required to maintain this ongoing service level in 2006-07 and thereafter, at a total cost of $2,664,000. Included in this annual estimate are the costs of additional patrol vehicles and associated services and supplies.

The variances in staffing and costs shown in Attachment I and II are explained below.

1. Val Verde Park - A one-officer patrol unit is recommended, as Val Verde Park is the only identified park in this geographical patrol area and had a low rate of reported incidents last fiscal year.

2. El Cariso Regional Park - A one-officer patrol unit is recommended because El Cariso Regional Park is the only problematic park identified in the San Fernando Valley (SFV) geographical patrol area. While this facility had a moderate number of incidents last fiscal year, we believe that a one-officer patrol is sufficient given that this geographical area has eight fewer parks than the Castaic and Santa Clarita Valley areas. Also, the existing SFV officers working the PM shifts and those working the overlapping hours of the day and mid shifts can assist as backup units when necessary.

3. Jackie Robinson Park - This is the only identified problematic park with no reported incidents last fiscal year. OPS' plan reflects a two-officer unit responsible for both El Cariso Regional Park and Jackie Robinson Park. Since the parks are approximately 50 miles apart and the existing deployment is independent of one another, it would be more efficient to assign a one-officer unit dedicated to each problematic park.

4. Pamela Park - A one-officer unit would be sufficient to focus on this only problematic park in the geographical area serviced by the Santa Fe Dam Patrol Unit. Also, there was only one reported incident at this location last fiscal year.

5. Farnsworth, Loma Alta, and Charles White Parks - OPS' plan reflects a two-officer unit dedicated to these three parks serviced by the Pasadena/Altadena Patrol Unit. Instead, a one-officer unit is recommended because these three parks are within 3 miles from one another and all three had a low rate of reported incidents last fiscal year.

6. Athens, Bethune, Carver, Ervin Magic Johnson, Mona, Roosevelt, Ted Watkins, and Washington Parks – These eight parks, located in the greater Los Angeles area, have been identified as problematic. Although the distance between these parks range from 1-8 miles apart, we concur with OPS' recommendation for 2 two-officer units given the high rate of reported incidents in these parks.

7. Helen Keller and Jesse Owens Parks – These are the only two identified problematic parks in this geographical area. We recommend one two-officer unit due to the unrelated homicide incident, in addition to other incidents, reported at each park last fiscal year.

8. Amigo Park - A one-officer unit is recommended to focus on the only identified problematic park in the San Gabriel Valley area. Amigo Park did not have a significant number of reported incidents last fiscal year.

9. City Terrace and Salazar Parks - Of the 11 parks in this geographical patrol area, two were identified as problematic. We concur with OPS' recommendation for a two-officer unit in light of the recent shooting at Salazar Park during the past summer. Both parks had a high level of reported incidents last fiscal year.

Central Division

OPS' Parks Services Bureau has two divisions serving geographical areas identified in Attachment I. OPS indicates that the travel time between either locations is resulting in inefficiencies such as loss of productive work time and management oversight. OPS is requesting funding to create a third division and additional sworn supervision positions to enhance current operations and increase management oversight.

OPS identified this unmet need in their 2005-06 Official Budget and again in their report of October 31, 2005 (Attachment I). Given other countywide funding priorities, this request is not recommended.

Conclusion

Sufficient funding is budgeted in PFU pending your Board's approval of the CAO's recommendation. We will transfer this funding to OPS for implementation of increased parks patrol for the balance of the fiscal year via a countywide budget adjustment at a later date. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me or Cynthia Duong of my staff at (213) 974-6806.

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SUBJECT: **REPORT ON SUPERVISOR BURKE'S MOTION FOR A GANG TASK FORCE REPORT (Meeting of July 26, 2005, Agenda Item 30-A)**

This is to provide your Board with recommendations by the Task Force addressing gang activity in County parks.

The Chief Administrative Officer will be submitting a report under separate cover.

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OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Increase the Office of Public Safety's FY 2005-06 Budget to fund overtime for 20 police officers and 2 sergeants per day, and other related costs to provide for concentrated roving patrols at the 20 parks identified in this report as having a gang presence and gang related activity. These patrols will be conducted by two-officer patrol vehicle and/or bicycle units. Deployment of these personnel would focus on:

  Gang related assaults
  Gang graffiti and vandalism
  Narcotics activity
  Lewd conduct
  Gambling
  Public intoxication and/or drinking in public
  Loitering and/or transient activity
  Park patrons and the staff's fear of gang activity

  The costs for providing these services for the remaining fiscal year using personnel on overtime are $1,538,000. This total is based upon current salaries and includes vehicle fuel costs. The Office of Public Safety will request funding in the FY 2006-07 Budget Proposal to provide for 45 new full-time staff, and other related costs to continue this recommended level of sworn patrol service in the future. The costs for both enhancements are identified in Attachment I. Police officers assigned to Park Services Bureau patrol on a 4/40 schedule. It would require 41 full-time police officer positions to cover the same amount of patrol per week handled by 20 police officers working overtime.

  Note: The Office of Public Safety recommends the use of two-officer patrol vehicles for safety and efficiency in dealing with gang members who have a greater propensity for violence. Officers would be on roving patrols and a back-up unit may not be readily available to assist in responding to aid another officer contacting gang members.

  The effectiveness of the additional patrols in addressing public safety in the parks will be measured through a series of surveys. The Office of Public Safety, in conjunction with Parks and Recreation, will survey park staff and community members who use the parks to ascertain their level of satisfaction of the service provided by the Office of Public Safety and their feelings of park safety at the time the additional patrols are initiated. A follow-up survey will be conducted six months after the additional patrols begin to determine whether the level of public and staff perception of safety in the parks and the quality of the service provided has increased.

  Attachment II outlines the Office of Public Safety's staffing plan by patrol area. As the staffing plan reflects, budgeted staff and facilities are fairly evenly distributed among the five Parks Services Bureau Stations. Each Station faces unique patrol challenges, either in

the size of geographic area to be patrolled or criminal activity. It should be noted that this staffing plan is fluid and that, from time to time, staff resources within the Parks Services Bureau are redirected to address specific needs. However, the Office of Public Safety is able to provide a higher level of service through the use of revenue offset overtime. This overtime is purchased by park patrons for special events or by Board offices to address specific criminal activity.

- Increase the Office of Public Safety's FY 2005-06 Budget to provide funding for regionalization of the Office of Public Safety's Parks Services Bureau into three regions, consistent with the Department of Parks and Recreation's operational structure and to enhance management oversight. Funding for regionalization was included in the Office of Public Safety's FY 2005-06 Budget Request, but not approved. Additional resources needed to achieve regionalization include one Captain, one Lieutenant, one Intermediate Typist Clerk, and office space. The prorated costs for regionalization for the remaining fiscal year are $462,000. Both the remaining prorated costs for regionalization and the annual on-going costs for regionalization are identified in Attachment III.

  The request for additional positions and resources within the Parks Services Bureau to address the recent increase in gang problems highlights the necessity to return the bureau to its original staffing level and structure, prior to the 1995 consolidation of the Office of Public Safety. Prior to consolidation, the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Safety Police was a unit within the Department of Parks and Recreation. Their management structure was broken down into three regions, North, South, and East County. The Parks and Recreation Safety Police management was consistent with the three regions and consisted of a Regional Chief (Captain equivalent), a Regional Supervisor II position (Lieutenant equivalent), and two Supervisor I positions (Sergeant equivalent) assigned to each station. There were approximately 140 Safety Police Officers Countywide. Those 140 police officers were patrolling the same geographical area as the current Parks Services Bureau patrols today with 112 budgeted police officer positions. Within the current budget numbers are trainees, long-term injured, and vacancies.

- Expand the current membership of the Los Angeles County Children's Planning Council to include the Chief, Office of Public Safety. There are no costs associated with this proposal.

HISTORY

During your Board meeting on July 26, 2005, on motion of Supervisor Burke, County Counsel was instructed to:

- Convene a task force to include a representative from the departments of the Sheriff, District Attorney, Public Defender, Public Safety, and Parks and Recreation to develop recommendations on what steps were necessary to take back County parks from gang members who monopolize the facilities and intimidate anyone who approaches them; and;

- Report back to the Board with the task force's recommendations on August 9, 2005.

As instructed, County Counsel convened a task force and the first meeting was held on August 2, 2005. The following departments are represented on the task force: Sheriff, District Attorney, County Counsel, Office of Public Safety, Parks and Recreation, Probation, and the Public Defender.

A report, with recommendations dated August 5, 2005, was completed and submitted at the August 9, 2005, Board meeting (Item S-1). Since the Board meeting, there have been many meetings with County Counsel, Parks and Recreation, and the Office of Public Safety in an effort to compile this report. On August 11, 2005, members of the Task Force met with the Second District, and then conducted an additional meeting in County Counsel's conference room.

Salazar Park Shooting

On July 27, 2005, at 12:45 p.m., a gang-related shooting occurred at Salazar Park. A witness reported that a suspect, the passenger in a vehicle traveling west on Whittier Boulevard, extended his arm out of the window with a firearm. The suspect fired five or six times towards Salazar Park.

The investigation revealed the intended target was a gang member hanging out on Whittier Boulevard who ran into the park when the shooting began. The suspects were believed to be rival gang members in a stolen vehicle. A County employee was hit two times and a park patron received a grazing wound to the head.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

The following is an overview of actions that have been implemented by the members of the Task Force since that incident:

Sheriff's Department

- After the shooting at Salazar Park, East Los Angeles Station posted one deputy at Salazar Park and one deputy at City Terrace Park between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. These positions are on an overtime basis and are funded by the First District.

- All *Operation Safe Streets* (OSS) enforcement teams are providing additional patrols of the County parks and are logging those patrols. Additionally, they have been making contact with park personnel, both Parks and Recreation staff, and the Office of Public Safety personnel in order to continue a solid working relationship.

- All Community Oriented Policing Services *(COPS)* Bureau, *Crime Impact Teams* (CIT), are providing additional patrols as well. Those patrols were initiated on Thursday, August 11, 2005; however, they too have been addressing gang and other community issues in the parks prior to this date.

The OSS enforcement team personnel are on duty primarily Wednesday through Saturday and the CIT personnel are on duty Sunday through Wednesday, thus ensuring coverage throughout the week.

- The commanding officer of OSS contacted the involved station Captains and requested their patrol personnel immediately begin to provide additional patrols of the parks during their normal patrol duties. The stations involved are East Los Angeles, Century, Compton, Lennox, Industry, and Norwalk. These patrols have already begun.

- The commanding officer of OSS has indicated that each station will establish a liaison person, if one is not already assigned, to communicate with park staff.

Office of Public Safety

- After the shooting at Salazar Park, Belvedere Station posted one officer at Salazar Park and one officer at City Terrace Park between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. These positions are on an overtime basis and are funded by the First District.

- Belvedere Station increased the roving patrols of City Terrace and Salazar Park.

- Through the end of the summer, the Office of Public Safety provided eight officers posted at swimming pools located in County parks within the Second District. These positions were funded on an overtime basis by the Second District.

- A review of known geographic gang areas, gang monikers which include County park names, current law enforcement intelligence, and experience and observations from the Office of Public Safety and Parks and Recreation staff, was conducted, which identified 20 parks that are most affected by gang activity. During the review, the hours when high-gang loitering or park activities are taking place were identified. The hours of 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. were determined to be the peak hours of patron use of the parks. Each Board office was contacted and concurred with the list. The County parks identified are listed below by Supervisorial District:

First District	**Second District**
City Terrace Park	Athens Park
Franklin D. Roosevelt Park	Mary M. Bethune Park
Reuben F. Salazar Park	George Washington Carver Park
	Earvin Magic Johnson Park
	Helen Keller Park
	Mona Park
	Jesse Owens Park
	Ted Watkins Park
	Col. Leon H. Washington Park

Third District

El Cariso Park

Fourth District

Amigo Park

Fifth District

Charles White Park
Charles S. Farnsworth Park
Jackie Robinson Park
Loma Alta Park
Pamela Park
Val Verde Park

Probation Department

- On August 12, 2005, the Probation Department began to make notification, in person and by phone, to all adult and juvenile gang and other high-risk probationers of their expected behavior if they frequent public parks or beaches. These probationers were also warned or admonished that conditions of probation would be strictly enforced and those violations may result in detention and sanctions. Parents of juveniles received specific notification of these expectations. On August 17, 2005, the Probation Department followed up with mail notifications (Attachment IV).

- On August 15, 2005, the Probation Department identified full-time, dedicated district coordinators for the First and Second Districts. This staff will work through Labor Day and then will return to their regular assignments. The Probation Department has also identified managers to serve as point persons in the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Districts who will ensure priority is given to the effort.

- On August 16, 2005, the Probation Department established a special probation violation process to expedite the handling of probationary violations specific to the targeted parks. This process will include a temporary 24/7 dedicated Probation hotline for law enforcement to assist in the processing of violations in the park areas.

- Establishment of project managers to service each Supervisory District to work closely with other law enforcement agencies and Parks and Recreation in coordinating the deployment of probationary staff to effect compliance and enforcement activities; facilitating the sharing of information, as well as the Probation Department's enforcement and supervisory units; facilitating and coordinating the processing of probationary violations specific to the identified parks; participating in task force meetings; and coordinating with other law enforcement agencies to team Deputy Probation Officers with enforcement teams in targeted parks.

ON-GOING EFFORTS

East Los Angeles Community

About one year ago, a task force was implemented in the East Los Angeles area, chaired by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD), which includes LASD's *Operation Safe Streets* (OSS) and *Gang Enforcement Teams* (GET), Probation, Code Enforcement, Department of Children and Family Services, and other support agencies. The Office of Public Safety joined the task force after the Salazar Park shooting on July 27, 2005. The Task Force meets weekly to collaborate and address options in combating active gang members and/or gang residences in the East Los Angeles area.

Florence/Firestone Community

During the summer of 2004, parks in the Florence and Firestone area experienced an increase in gang crimes in and around the following County parks:

Mary M. Bethune Park
Franklin Roosevelt Park
Ted Watkins Community Regional Park
Col. Leon H. Washington Park

On October 6, 2004, the *Florence/Firestone Community Enhancement Team* (FFCET) met with several Los Angeles County departments and community members with the goal of identifying community priorities, the development of comprehensive short and long-term goals, and programs to decrease gang-related crimes. The Office of Public Safety is actively participating in this multi-agency task force. It is anticipated the Office of Public Safety SET will be actively involved in the parks within the area covered by the FFCET. Forty-nine initiatives will be fully implemented by the end of FY 2005-06 in the First and Second Supervisorial Districts. To date, over 30 of these initiatives have been implemented. These initiatives, which have previously been provided to your Board, were designed to address the following community concerns that were identified:

1. Police visibility
2. Law enforcement response time
3. After-school programs for youth
4. The need to enhance trust between community residents and public agencies
5. The need for officers that understand the Spanish language and other special needs of residents
6. The need to address the public's perception of a lack of law enforcement respect towards others

The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department is currently making arrangements for the *Sentri Gunshot Locator System* offered by Sound and Optics Systems Corporation located in Arizona. This system is a network of (20) sound activated devices, which will be deployed in the Florence-Firestone area that are activated when gunshots are detected within a two-block radius. When

gunfire is detected, a camera system is activated and law enforcement is alerted through the 911 system. This system is able to pinpoint the source of gunfire and digitally record the source. The new and innovative system is a giant step to help law enforcement in the capture of violent criminals.

The impact of this new device will have a profound impact on gun violence and gang activity in the Firestone-Florence areas. Funding for this system is currently being sought and public presentations of this new system are being planned.

Office of Public Safety's Commitment

- The Office of Public Safety has sent, and will continue to send, personnel to *California Gang Investigators Association* (CGIA) training. The Office of Public Safety participates in numerous task forces to combat gang activity such as the *Multi-Agency Graffiti Intervention Committee* (MAGIC) and the local and regional *Inter-Agency Gang Task Force* (IGTF).

- The Office of Public Safety is involved with gathering gang intelligence and entering the information into the *Cal Gangs* database. There are currently 25 officers trained and certified to use the system and on-going training is scheduled to certify more officers.

- The Office of Public Safety has a good working relationship with LASD and LAPD gang teams and investigators and share gang intelligence.

- The Office of Public Safety will continue to use County Ordinance 13.44, *Prohibited Acts by Criminal Street Gangs*, as probable cause to detain and identify suspected gang members.

- A weekly incident report of criminal activity in County parks will continue to be submitted to the Director of Parks and Recreation. A copy of the weekly report is sent to each Board office.

- The Office of Public Safety will continue to enhance park staff education in topics such as: *Workplace Violence Prevention and Threat Assessment*, *Crime Scene Identification and Preservation*, such as securing workplaces from theft, anticipating and handling violence or crime from park visitors (aggression avoidance, notification of Office of Public Safety, etc.), anticipating and handling workplace violence from park employees, and the threat of terrorism and bomb threat procedures. Parks and Recreation employees will also be educated on the legalities of arrests and other law enforcement activities, such as "Private Person's Arrest," requirements for misdemeanor arrests, and the importance of witnesses. At the request of Parks and Recreation, initial training sessions have been conducted and a schedule for on-going quarterly awareness training programs to meet changing needs is under development.

- The Office of Public Safety will continue to work towards improving communication with Parks and Recreation staff through the sharing and updating of contact phone numbers.

District Attorney's Office Commitment

- The District Attorney's Office will participate in the task force on gang activity in County parks. The Head Deputy of the Hardcore Gang Division will represent the District Attorney's Office at task force meetings.

- The District Attorney's Office will continue to prosecute cases and probation violations arising out of criminal activity at County parks and will also assign specially trained Hardcore Gang Division prosecutors to cases involving gang related shootings at County parks.

- The District Attorney will make the Hardcore Gang Division's team of managers available to the Office of Public Safety and the Sheriff's Department for consultation on individual investigations of gang-related crime in County parks.

- The District Attorney will ensure that Hardcore Gang Division prosecutors assigned throughout the County will collaborate with Sheriff's Department OSS deputies on park-related gang crime. In particular, the Hardcore Gang Division's prosecutors assigned to the *East Los Angeles CLEAR Program, Valinda HEAT Program, Athens HEAT Program*, and *Florence/Firestone HEAT Program* will help their respective teams with strategies to target gang-infested parks in their respective areas for heightened enforcement activities.

- The District Attorney will make gang prosecutors available to train personnel from the Office of Public Safety and the Sheriff's Department on County Code Chapter 13.44, *Prohibited Acts by Criminal Street Gangs*.

- The District Attorney's Office will request the executive board of the *Interagency Gang Task Force* (IGTF) to have each IGTF regional team assist in developing long-term strategies for solving gang problems in each team's respective parks.

- The District Attorney's Office will explore the potential for civil gang injunctions for nuisance activity in County parks.

Parks and Recreation's Commitment

- Contact information between each park supervisor and the Office of Public Safety has been reviewed and updated.

- Additional cell phones have been purchased and distributed, so that each of the 20 park supervisor's has a phone. Emergency contact phone numbers have been programmed into the phones to expedite dialing in emergency situations.

- Digital cameras have been purchased and distributed to the 20 parks that need them to record graffiti.

- Park staff will attend *More Advocates for Safe Homes* (MASH) and other community meetings to share information and set up meetings for the community in parks where no community meeting format exists.

- Park staff updated and installed signs with Office of Public Safety contact phone numbers.

- Park staff is working with the Office of Public Safety to enhance regulatory signage to allow for increased enforcement of ordinances at the 20 parks identified.

- Park staff will provide office or work space to law enforcement agencies in parks.

- Regular meetings are being conducted between the various parks' staff, the Office of Public Safety, and other law enforcement agencies to share information.

- Parks staff will coordinate with the Office of Public Safety for update training on crime scene identification/response and other related training on a regular basis.

- In the evening, lights are being left on longer where it has been deemed effective at combating crime.

- Park staff will notify the Office of Public Safety of scheduled park activities on a regular basis.

- The Department has purchased the "Eagle Eye" neighborhood park watch program and will be implementing the program in the 20 impacted parks. This program is an effort to prevent crime and vandalism to park equipment, to alleviate suspicious activities in the parks, and to promote public awareness for parks, recreation, and conservation agencies.

- Park staff has inspected the lighting in the 20 impacted parks and are making adjustments to lighting fixtures and landscaping to improve the visibility during darkness.

LONG-TERM STRATEGIES

The following strategies require further study and, if recommended, would require Board action for implementation. These proposed strategies will be researched, evaluated, and recommendations will be made as appropriate:

- Consider the use of gang injunctions

- Installation of recording, pole-mounted security cameras in parks

Should you have any questions regarding the information contained in this report, please contact Chief Margaret A. York at (213) 974-1120, or your staff may contact Captain Michael Rubacha, Chief of Staff, at (213) 893-7885.

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ATTACHMENT I

DHR-OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM - ROVING PATROLS FOR 20 PARKS

FY 2005-06 **(From Janaury 2006 through June 2006)**

Item	Item Description	Pos	Required Hours	ESTIMATED COST
Schedule: Ten (10) hours a day, Seven (7) days a week				
2832A	Officer	**20**	**36,200**	1,349,066
2834A	Sergeant	**2**	**3,620**	150,250
TOTAL OVERTIME (COUNTY)				***1,499,315***

Note: Overtime rates are based on salary plus POST bonus and premium ovetime pay. (without adding any overhead)

SERVICES & SUPPLIES:	
Fuel Cost & Vehicle Maintenance	38,682
TOTAL SERVICES & SUPPLIES	***38,682***
OTHER CHARGES:	-
FIXED ASSETS:	
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS:	-
GRAND TOTAL	***$1,537,998***

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ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM - ROVING PATROLS FOR 20 PARKS

FY 2005-06 **(Annualized Cost)**

Item		Item Description	Pos	Mos.	2005-06 Adopted Budget	2005-06 Wt. Sal. Amount
Salaries:						
2832A		Officer	41	497	1,899,808	1,899,808
2834A		Sergeant	4	48	204,515	204,515
TOTAL SALARIES			**45**	**545**	**2,104,323**	**2,104,323**
Adjust for 5th Step Variance				98.601%		2,074,889
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:						
Employee Benefits (Approved by the Auditor-Controller on 8/2/05)				58.571%		1,215,275
Less: Workers' Comp, Retiree Insurance, & Umemployment Ins.				-17.359%		(360,180)
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS						**855,095**
Overtime				-		-
TOTAL SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS						***2,959,418***
SERVICES & SUPPLIES:						
Officer Supplies, Fuel, and Radio Maint,..						146,823
TOTAL SERVICES & SUPPLIES						***146,823***
OTHER CHARGES:						-
FIXED ASSETS: 10 B&W Vehicles, 4 Yukon's and Outfitting						***550,000***
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS:						-
GRAND TOTAL						***$3,656,241***

ATTACHMENT II

Parks Services Bureau - Deployment Breakdown

Attachment II

Division 1		Bugeted	Filled	Vacancy	Enhancement Burke Motion
Castaic Station:					
Castaic Patrol Unit(s) -		16	15	1	2
1 Castaic Lake Recreation Area	4 Hasley Park				
2 Castaic Sports Complex	5 Val Verde Park				
3 Del Valle Park					
Santa Clarita Valley Patrol Unit(s) -					
1 Chesebrough Park	6 Pico Canyon Park				
2 Wm. S. Hart Park	7 Placerita Cyn				
3 Jake Kuredjian Park	8 Richard Rioux Park				
4 David March Park	9 Tesoro Del Valle Park				
5 Northbridge Park					
San Fernando Valley Patrol Unit(s) -		9	9		2
1 Crescenta Valley Park	4 El Cariso Golf Course				
2 Dexter Park	5 Two Strike Park				
3 El Cariso Regional Park	6 Veterans Park				
Quartz Hill Substation Patrol Unit(s) -		4	4		
1 Apollo Park	5 Pearblossom Park				
2 Devil's Punchbowl	6 Jackie Robinson Park				
3 Geo. Lane Park	7 Vasquez Rocks				
4 Everett Martin Park	8 Stephen Sorenson Park				
Bonelli Station:					
Bonelli Patrol Unit(s) -		12	11	1	2
1 Bonelli Regional Park	5 East Shore RV Park				
2 Catarac Falls	6 Marshall Canyon				
3 Charter Oak Park	7 San Dimas Canyon				
4 Dalton Park	8 Walnut Creek Park				
Santa Fe Dam Patrol Unit(s) -		5	5		
1 Santa Fe Dam Regional Park	4 Pamela Park				
2 Arcadia Park & Golf Course	5 Peck Park				
3 Arboretum	6 Valleydale Park				
Pasadena / Altadena Patrol Unit(s) -		3	3		2
1 Descanso Gardens	4 Loma Alta Park				
2 Eaton Canyon	5 Michillinda Park				
3 Farnsworth Park	6 Charles White Park				
Schabarum Patrol Unit(s) -		4	4		
1 Schabarum Regional Park	6 Pathfinder Park				
2 Bill Blevins Park	7 Pepperbrook Park				
3 Thomas Burton Park	8 Carolyn Rosas Park				
4 Countrywood Park	9 Rowland Heights Park				
5 Gloria Heer Park	10 Trail View Park				
	Totals	**53**	51	2	8

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Division 2		Bugeted	Total Filled	Vacancy	Enhancement Burke Motion
South Station:					
Eastside Patrol Unit(s) -		12	11	1	
1 Athens Park	8 Mona Park				
2 Bethune Park	9 Roosevelt Park				2
3 Roy Campanella	10 Ted Watkins Park				
4 Carver Park	11 Victoria Park & Golf Course				
5 East Rancho Dominguez Park	12 Walnut Nature Center				2
6 Enterprise Park	13 Washington Park				
7 Ervin Magic Johnson Park	14 Washington Golf Course				
Westside Patrol Unit(s) -		12	12		
1 Alondra Park	7 Jesse Owens Park				
2 Bodger Park	8 Kenneth Hahn Park				2
3 Del Aire Park	9 Ladera Park				
4 Friendship Park	10 Lennox Park				
5 Helen Keller Park	11 Montieth Park				2
6 Ingold Parkway	12 Botanic Gardens				
Whittier Narrows Station:					
Whittier Narrows Patrol Unit(s) -		12	11	1	
1 Whittier Narrows Regional Park	3 Rio Hondo River Bicycle Trail				
2 Whittier Narrows Golf Course	San Gabriel River Bicycle Trail				
San Gabriel Valley Patrol Unit(s) -		6	6		
1 Adventure/Gunn Park	9 Manzanita Park				2
2 Allen Martin Park	10 Mayberry Park				
3 Amigo Park	11 McNees Park				
4 Avocado Heights Park	12 Rimgrove Park				
5 Bassett Park	13 San Angelo Park				
6 Cerritos Park	14 Sorenson Park				
7 La Mirada Park / Golf Course	15 Steinmetz Park				
8 Los Robles	16 Sunshine Park				
Belvedere Station:					
East Los Angeles Patrol Unit(s) -		17	15	2	
1 Belvedere Park	7 Hollywood Bowl				
2 Atlantic Park	8 Obregon Park				
3 City Terrace Park	9 Robinson Gardens				2
4 Dream Park	10 Salazar Park				
5 John Anson Ford Theater	11 Saybrook Park				
6 Heredia Boxing Club					
	Totals	**59**	**55**	**4**	**12**
	Grand Total	**112**	**106**	**6**	**20**

ATTACHMENT III

DHR-OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY

PARKS SERVICES BUREAU -- 3RD DIVISION

FY 2005-06 **(Annual On-going Costs)**

Attachment III

Item	Item Description	Pos	12 Mos.	2005-06 Wt. Sal. Amount
Salaries:				
2836A	Captain	1	12	67,719
2835A	Lieutenant	1	12	57,555
2214A	Intermediate Typist-Clerk	1	12	31,718
TOTAL SALARIES		**3**	**36**	**156,993**
Adjust for 5th Step Variance			98.601%	154,797
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:				
Employee Benefits (Approved by the Auditor-Controller on 8/2/05)			58.571%	72,348
Employee Benefits -- Non Sworn			52.525%	16,427
Less: Workers' Compensation			-12.054%	(18,659)
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				**70,115**
TOTAL SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				***227,108***
SERVICES & SUPPLIES:				
Rental Expense - Operating Lease				517,000
Office Supplies, Fuel, and Radio Maint,..				23,653
TOTAL SERVICES & SUPPLIES				***540,653***
OTHER CHARGES:				-
FIXED ASSETS:				-
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS:				-
GRAND TOTAL				***$767,761***

DHR-OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY

PARKS SERVICES BUREAU -- 3RD DIVISION

FY 2005-06 **(From January 2006 through June 2006)**

Attachment III

Item	Item Description	Pos	9 Mos.	2005-06 Wt. Sal. Amount
	PRORATED COSTS FOR SIX (6) MONTHS ONLY			
Salaries:				
2836A	Captain	1	6	33,860
2835A	Lieutenant	1	6	28,778
2214A	Intermediate Typist-Clerk	1	6	15,859
TOTAL SALARIES		**3**	**18**	**78,496**
Adjust for 5th Step Variance			98.601%	77,398
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:				
Employee Benefits (Approved by the Auditor-Controller on 8/2/05)			58.571%	36,174
Employee Benefits -- Non Sworn			52.525%	8,213
Less: Workers' Compensation			-12.054%	(9,330)
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				**35,058**
TOTAL SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				***113,554***
SERVICES & SUPPLIES:				
Rental Expense - Operating Lease				258,500
Office Supplies, Fuel, and Radio Maint,..				15,770
TOTAL SERVICES & SUPPLIES				***274,270***
OTHER CHARGES:				-
FIXED ASSETS: Two B&W Vehicles with outfits ($54K+$20K)				***74,000***
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS:				-
GRAND TOTAL				***$461,824***

ATTACHMENT VI

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PROBATION DEPARTMENT
9150 EAST IMPERIAL HIGHWAY — DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90242

PAUL HIGA
Chief Probation Officer

-- IMPORTANT NOTICE --

August 16, 2005

Dear Adult Probationer, or Juvenile Probationer and/or Parent/Guardian:

This is to advise you that the Los Angeles County Probation and Sheriff's Departments, and other law enforcement agencies are working together in an effort to stop crime and violence **at neighborhood parks and beaches**.

There will be a significant increase in patrol by law enforcement officers and the presence of probation officers at parks and beaches. This action is as a result of the recent incidents of violence.

Probation officers will be strictly enforcing all conditions of probation. If you go to a park or beach, you must fully cooperate with park staff and law enforcement officers. Associating or affiliating with gang members, loitering, tagging, or violating the conditions of your probation may result in your arrest. Your cooperation is necessary in this effort.

If you have any questions, please contact your Deputy Probation Officer.

Paul Higa
Chief Probation Officer

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PROBATION DEPARTMENT
9150 EAST IMPERIAL HIGHWAY — DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90242

PAUL HIGA
Chief Probation Officer

-- AVISO IMPORTANTE --

16 de Agosto, 2005

Estimado Adulto, ó Juvenil bajo Probación y/ó Padres/Guardianes:

Esta notificación le avisa que los Departamentos de Probación y el Alguacil (Sheriff) del Condado de Los Angeles, y otras agencias de autoridad, están trabajando en un esfuerzo para parar el crimen y la violencia en los **parques y playas de las comunidades**.

Se aumentará el nivel de patrullas por las agencias de policía, y la presencia de los oficiales del Departamento de Probación en los parques y las playas. Esta acción es el resultado de los incidentes reciéntes de violencia.

Los oficiales del Departamento de Probación enforsarán estrictamente todas las condiciones de probación. Si va ir a un parque ó playa, tiene que coperar con todos los oficiales del parque y las agencias de policía. Associando ó compartiendo con miembros de pandillas, vagiando, marcando las paredes ó violando las condiciones de su probación podrá resultar en su arresto. Su coperación es nesesaria en este esfuerzo.

Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre este aviso, favor de llamar a su Agente Official de Probación.

Paul Higa
Chief Probation Officer

Parks Services Bureau - Deployment Breakdown
2005-06

Attachment II

Division 1		Budgeted	Filled	Vacant	OPS RECOMMEND officer	OPS RECOMMEND vehicle	CAO RECOMMEND officer	CAO RECOMMEND vehicle	VAR FROM OPS officer	VAR FROM OPS vehicle
Castaic Station:										
Castaic Patrol Unit(s) -		16	15	1	2	1	1	1	-1	0
1 Castaic Lake Recreation Area	4 Hasley Park									
2 Castaic Sports Complex	5 *Val Verde Park #1*									
3 Del Valle Park										
Santa Clarita Valley Patrol Unit(s) -										
1 Chesebrough Park	6 Pico Canyon Park									
2 Wm. S. Hart Park	7 Placerita Cyn									
3 Jake Kuredjian Park	8 Richard Rioux Park									
4 David March Park	9 Tesoro Del Valle Park									
5 Northbridge Park										
San Fernando Valley Patrol Unit(s) -		9	9	0	2	1	1	1	-1	0
1 Crescenta Valley Park	4 El Cariso Golf Course									
2 Dexter Park	5 Two Strike Park									
3 *El Cariso Regional Park #2*	6 Veterans Park									
Quartz Hill Substation Patrol Unit(s) -		4	4	0			1	1	1	1
1 Apollo Park	5 Pearblossom Park									
2 Devil's Punchbowl	6 *Jackie Robinson Park #3*									
3 Geo. Lane Park	7 Vasquez Rocks									
4 Everett Martin Park	8 Stephen Sorenson Park									
Bonelli Station:										
Bonelli Patrol Unit(s) -		12	11	1	2	1	1	1	-1	0
1 Bonelli Regional Park	5 East Shore RV Park									
2 Catarac Falls	6 Marshall Canyon									
3 Charter Oak Park	7 San Dimas Canyon									
4 Dalton Park	8 Walnut Creek Park									
Santa Fe Dam Patrol Unit(s) -		5	5	0						
1 Santa Fe Dam Regional Park	4 *Pamela Park #4*									
2 Arcadia Park & Golf Course	5 Peck Park									
3 Arboretum	6 Valleydale Park									
Pasadena / Altadena Patrol Unit(s) -		3	3	0	2	1	1	1	-1	0
1 Descanso Gardens	4 *Loma Alta Park #6*									
2 Eaton Canyon	5 Michillinda Park									
3 *Farnsworth Park #5*	6 *Charles White Park #7*									
Schabarum Patrol Unit(s) -		4	4	0						
1 Schabarum Regional Park	6 Pathfinder Park									
2 Bill Blevins Park	7 Pepperbrook Park									
3 Thomas Burton Park	8 Carolyn Rosas Park									
4 Countrywood Park	9 Rowland Heights Park									
5 Gloria Heer Park	10 Trail View Park									
	Totals	**53**	**51**	**2**	8	4	5	5	-3	1

Parks Services Bureau - Deployment Breakdown
2005-06

Attachment II

Division 2		Budgeted	Filled	Vacant	OPS RECOMMEND officer	OPS RECOMMEND vehicle	CAO RECOMMEND officer	CAO RECOMMEND vehicle	VAR FROM OPS officer	VAR FROM OPS vehicle
South Station:										
Eastside Patrol Unit(s) -		12	11	1	4	2	4	2	0	0
1 *Athens Park #8*	8 *Mona Park #12*									
2 *Bethune Park #9*	9 *Roosevelt Park #13*									
3 Roy Campanella	10 *Ted Watkins Park #14*									
4 *Carver Park #10*	11 Victoria Park & Golf Course									
5 East Rancho Dominguez Park	12 Walnut Nature Center									
6 Enterprise Park	13 *Washington Park #15*									
7 *Ervin Magic Johnson Park #11*	14 Washington Golf Course									
Westside Patrol Unit(s) -		12	12	0	4	2	2	1	-2	-1
1 Alondra Park	7 *Jesse Owens Park #17*									
2 Bodger Park	8 Kenneth Hahn Park									
3 Del Aire Park	9 Ladera Park									
4 Friendship Park	10 Lennox Park									
5 *Helen Keller Park #16*	11 Montieth Park									
6 Ingold Parkway	12 Botanic Gardens									
Whittier Narrows Station:										
Whittier Narrows Patrol Unit(s) -		12	11	1	2	1	1	1	-1	0
1 Whittier Narrows Regional Park	3 Rio Hondo River Bicycle Trail									
2 Whittier Narrows Golf Course	San Gabriel River Bicycle Trail									
San Gabriel Valley Patrol Unit(s) -		6	6	0						
1 Adventure/Gunn Park	9 Manzanita Park									
2 Allen Martin Park	10 Mayberry Park									
3 *Amigo Park #18*	11 McNees Park									
4 Avocado Heights Park	12 Rimgrove Park									
5 Bassett Park	13 San Angelo Park									
6 Cerritos Park	14 Sorenson Park									
7 La Mirada Park / Golf Course	15 Steinmetz Park									
8 Los Robles	16 Sunshine Park									
Belvedere Station:										
East Los Angeles Patrol Unit(s) -		17	15	2	2	1	2	1	0	0
1 Belvedere Park	7 Hollywood Bowl									
2 Atlantic Park	8 Obregon Park									
3 *City Terrace Park #19*	9 Robinson Gardens									
4 Dream Park	10 *Salazar Park #20*									
5 John Anson Ford Theater	11 Saybrook Park									
6 Heredia Boxing Club										
	Totals	**59**	**55**	**4**	**12**	**6**	**9**	**5**	**-3**	**-1**
	Grand Total	**112**	**106**	**6**	**20**	**10**	**14**	**10**	**-6**	**0**

Burke - Attach II and IV.xls

FISCAL YEAR 2005-06

(January 2006 - June 2006)
Overtime Basis

	OPS Recommend	CAO Recommend	Variance from OPS
Salaries and Employee Benefits	$1,499,000	$1,095,000	($404,000)
Services and Supplies[1]	39,000	39,000	0
Fixed Asset	0	0	0
Total	$1,538,000	$1,134,000	($404,000)
Positions (10 hrs/day, 7 days/wk)			
Officers (overtime)	20.0	14.0	(6.0)
Sergeants (overtime)	2.0	2.0	0.0
	22.0	16.0	(6.0)

[1] S&S covers fuel costs to use existing fleet of 10 vehicles on overtime basis for balance of fiscal year.

FISCAL YEAR 2006-07

Full Time Equivalents (FTE)

	OPS Recommend	CAO Recommend	Variance from OPS
Salaries and Employee Benefits	$2,959,000	$2,086,000	($873,000)
Services and Supplies[1]	147,000	118,000	(29,000)
Fixed Asset	550,000	460,000	(90,000)
Total	$3,656,000	$2,664,000	($992,000)
Positions (10 hrs/day, 7 days/wk)			
Officers (FTE)	41.0	29.0	(12.0)
Sergeants (FTE)	4.0	3.0	(1.0)
	45.0	32.0	(13.0)
Vehicles	14	12	-2

[1] S&S covers officer supplies, fuel, and vehicle maintenance costs.

Shifts

Day (6am-4pm):	**6am**	7	8	9	10	11	12pm	1	2	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mid (10am-8pm):	-	-	-	-	10	11	12pm	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PM (1pm-11pm):	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EM (8pm-6am):	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				8	9	10	11	12am	1	2	3	4	5	6

Overlapping hours

Number of overlapping hours	Shift
3	Day/Mid
4	Day/Mid/PM
4	Mid/PM
1	Mid/PM/EM
3	PM/EM