



# Park and Neighborhood Specialist (PANS)

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## PANS Update

Park and Recreation Commission  
February 2, 2026



# Park & Neighborhood Specialist

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Patch and Logo



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## WE WILL

- ❖ Prioritize the safety and welfare in neighborhoods and in City parks, trails and recreation areas for residents and visitors
- ❖ Patrol City parks, park facilities, and adjacent neighborhoods to ensure safe and proper usage of City parks, public spaces
- ❖ Enforce various municipal codes and regulations related to the use of public parks and park facilities



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## DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- ❖ Observe and report
- ❖ Deter the commission of crimes against persons and property
- ❖ Act as a community relations ambassador for the Riverside Police Department ~ Provide community related information
- ❖ Monitor park activities and users ~ Enforce Riverside Municipal Code violations



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## HOW THIS PROGRAM WORKS

### Daily Briefings

PANS Team will brief daily to identify issues, create action plans and collaborate with other CEB Teams.

### Fixed Hours to/with Community

PANS Team will be available 7 days a week during peak park hours, including special events and activities in our parks. Community Center "substations" will be created to help with accessibility.

### Pedal-Assisted Bikes

22 bikes used to show a presence in the parks and surrounding neighborhoods – making City parks and public spaces safer and more welcoming.

### Vehicles

Five (5) Alternate Fuel Vehicles used to transport staff and bikes to parks and public spaces only when significant distances need to be traveled.



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## ROVING PATROL

- ❖ Patrol provides for high visibility, which tends to deter illicit behavior and at the same time, increases the visitor's accessibility to the Park and Neighborhood Specialist.
- ❖ Park and Neighborhood Specialists will be assigned a pedal-assisted bicycle, which will be utilized as their method of transportation throughout their shift.



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## TRANSPORTATION





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**Criminal Behavior ~  
Narcotics/Gangs  
CPR/First Aid**

**Body Worn Camera  
Report Writing/RMC  
Citations**

## TRAINING

**City Parks  
Interacting with  
Homeless Population**

**De-escalation/Defensive  
Tactics  
Mental and Behavioral Health  
Resources**



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## DEFENSIVE TACTICS





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## OLEORESIN CAPSICUM (OC) SPRAY





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## E-BIKE TRAINING



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The main responsibility of the Park and Neighborhood Specialist is to observe and report criminal activity.

**Park and Neighborhood Specialist are NOT POLICE OFFICERS.**



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**Riverside Police  
Department**

**Parks, Recreation  
and Community  
Services**

**Community & Economic  
Development**

- Code Enforcement

**Public Works**

**Partner  
Agencies**

**Cross-Cutting Teams**

- PSET • CBAT
- POP • DED

**City Manager's Office**

- Office of  
Homeless Solutions
- Office of Sustainability





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## QUESTIONS?

