



Park and Neighborhood Specialist (PANS)

PANS Update

Park and Recreation Commission
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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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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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