

2025 Life Water Soccer Tournament Public Safety Brief

After a thorough examination of the event hosted on May 3rd-4th, 2025, these are my findings:

Event Size:

We flew the drone on two separate occasions on Saturday May 3rd, we were unable to fly on Sunday due to rain.

It is estimated that there was a surplus of 2,275 people in attendance at 2pm from car counting the drone footage with an average of 3 people per vehicle (733 vehicles visible with an estimate of another 25 under tree canopy at 1400 hrs). The weather was good, cold but no rain.

Attendance was considerably lower on Sunday, likely due to the poor weather.

Personnel:

We had sufficient staff to control the car/pedestrian traffic, exiting of the lots, and parking on the grass lots on the east and west side of Merrill Road. Saturday, we had 7 Police Officers, 3 Park Rangers, and 4 Firemen working at varying times (0700-1300, 1300-1900, and 1500-1800), Sunday we had 7 Police Officers and 3 Park Rangers working various times, being dismissed as the need dwindled down. The event coordinators supplied 3 volunteers each day with access to a golf cart. They were paired with the Park Rangers to work the grass lots, working out well.

Public Safety Wages

POLICE

Ofc Stoehr	8 @ 46.68	373.44
Ofc Pedersen	21 @ 58.32	1,224.72
Ofc Hogan	6 @ 58.32	349.92
Ofc Harvey	6 @ 59.49	356.94
Sgt Bromley	6 @ 66.49	398.94
Sgt Locke	6 @ 69.87	419.22
Sgt Garbacik	12 @ 69.87	838.44
Sgt Paul	15.5 @ 69.87	1,082.99
Lt Duhaime	21 @ 73.25	<u>1,538.25</u>
		6,582.86

PARK RANGERS

Deadman	20 @ 19.23	384.60
Arnot	21 @ 19.72	414.12
Mossing	21 @ 20.21	<u>424.41</u>
		1,223.13

Total \$7,805.99

FIRE

4 personnel Saturday, unknown wages

Disabled Parking:

It was recommended for the event staff to mark the entire first row off for disabled parking. When I arrived Saturday morning, no additional disabled parking spots were created. I questioned the event coordinator as we had an in-person meeting addressing this topic on April 21st, 2025. He was not able to advise why it was not taken care of other than advising he had a family emergency proceeding the event. This should have been taken care of prior to the event when event staff put their own signage out.

After the initial meeting on the 21st, DPW was directed by the Parks & Recs Coordinator to move the 5 handicap signs they have to the west side concession stand. They failed to do so. After I located a key for the concession stand they advised they were not in there. They were eventually located and delivered and were effective for the second half of the day Saturday and all-day Sunday. For any future events, this must be taken care of PRIOR to the start of the event to prevent any unforeseen circumstances.

Event Staff Requirements:

It is still recommended that the event supply a minimum of 4 adult parking lot attendees for each day. The 3 volunteers they did supply brought their own safety vests as requested and were utilized in the grassy areas paired with a Park Ranger.

Signage:

The signage supplied by the event hosts were plentiful and appreciated. They followed the recommendation of moving the large Enter and Exit banners back slightly to allow proper sight distance for motorists exiting the property. One additional sign with "Lot Full" on both sides would be helpful.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.

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