



PBSO and Park Ranger Integration

August 18th 2026

Proposed Park Ranger Services

- Five PBSO Park Rangers dedicated to City parks
- Annual cost: \$500,000
- Hours of operation: 11:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Two Rangers assigned Sunday–Wednesday and two Rangers Wednesday–Saturday
- The fifth Ranger will be assigned to one rotation and, when feasible, adjust their schedule to cover Ranger leave
- Hours of operation may be adjusted, with City input, to meet changing needs
- Focus on park safety, ordinance compliance, parking enforcement, education, and public service

Visible, Flexible Park Patrol

- Vehicle patrol for mobility, coverage, and rapid response between parks
- Bicycle patrol for high-visibility access to trails, paths, waterfront areas, and special events
- Foot patrol to increase Ranger interaction with residents, visitors, and park users
- Rangers will patrol pavilion restroom areas while on duty
- Pavilion restrooms will be unlocked while Rangers are on duty and secured at the conclusion of the shift
- Proactive presence designed to deter violations and address issues before they escalate

Enforcement and Training

- Parking enforcement within City parks and designated areas
- Education and voluntary compliance as the preferred first response when appropriate
- City park ordinance enforcement upon completion of FACE training
- FACE training targeted for completion within the first six months
- Standardized PBSO training, supervision, reporting, and professional expectations

The PBSO Advantage

- Rangers remain non-sworn personnel with a park-focused mission
- Direct connection to PBSO dispatch, supervisors, road patrol, and emergency response
- Immediate access to sworn deputies when circumstances require law-enforcement authority
- Department-issued cell phones will allow City staff to contact on-duty Rangers directly with park concerns
- Radio interoperability and coordinated communications during incidents
- Access to PBSO technology, reporting systems, training, equipment, and operational support

Safety, Accountability and Support

- Professional reporting and photographic documentation through PBSO systems, creating a reliable record to assist with claims and civil litigation
- CJIS access and vehicle tag queries when operationally appropriate
- Department-issued communications and field equipment
- GPS-enabled vehicles and real-time location awareness to improve Ranger safety and accountability
- Ability to coordinate with specialized PBSO resources for major incidents or special events
- Rangers will be CPR certified and equipped with AEDs to provide immediate assistance during medical emergencies

What The City of Lake Worth Beach Gains

5

Dedicated PBSO Park Rangers

\$500K

Annual program cost

3

Patrol methods: vehicle, bicycle, and foot

6 Months

Target for FACE training and ordinance enforcement

A visible park presence backed by the resources of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.