2011 Annual Report







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YEAR IN FOCUS

MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES

Mission

We, the United States Park Police, support and further the mission and goals of the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service by providing quality law enforcement to safeguard lives, protect our national treasures and symbols of democracy, and preserve the natural and cultural resources entrusted to us.

Vision

We, the United States Park Police, strive to be the premier police organization within the Federal Government: delivering professional full-service law enforcement to the National Park Service and the neighboring communities, thus providing a safe haven for enjoyment of these areas without fear; serving the people with respect and dignity; ensuring citizens are free to exercise safely their First Amendment rights of free speech and assembly; and providing all employees the opportunity to grow, receive recognition, and thrive with pride within our organization.

Values

We, the members of the United States Park Police, believe that integrity, honor, and service are the foundation of everything we do.

We insist on fairness and responsibility in all facets of our professional and personal conduct and demand the highest standards of ethical behavior. We are dedicated to protecting human life and to providing quality service to the public, the National Park Service, and the Department of the Interior. We meet community needs with sensitivity, professionalism, and we hold ourselves accountable to each other and to the citizens we serve.





CHIEF'S MESSAGE



The United States Park Police closed the year with thanks to all of our personnel who continued to accomplish the mission during times that were both joyful and sad, predictable and unpredictable. The outstanding law enforcement work of our officers and command staff, the unwavering support of our civilian staff, and the professional persistence of all personnel enabled the Force to, once again, meet the challenges presented by both the expected and the unexpected.

After analyzing several vacancies in the command structure, we moved forward with the selection of a new Deputy Chief, Robert MacLean, who now commands the Homeland Security Division. Throughout the year, we promoted many worthy

officers who will serve as the future leaders charged with accomplishing the important work of the Force.

As the year unfolded, there was significant uncertainty about budgets and fiscal affairs. The U.S. Government averted closing and furloughs twice, with our agency directly affected. We spent a great deal of time discerning approaches that would allow us to continue to deliver the high quality law enforcement services required by our mission, but within the mandated temporary fiscal constraints.

In our New York Field Office, our officers were able to help the public celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty by maintaining a robust security posture. The Statue of Liberty, a premier symbol of freedom, is considered a jewel in America and is consistently regarded as one of the world's most iconic and visited places.

Martin Luther King, Jr., one of America's heroes, is now remembered in Washington, DC, with a stunning memorial placed near the site of his watershed speech that galvanized a generation of us to answer the call of fairness and inclusion. The planning for the dedication of this Memorial brought logistical and security challenges because of the hundreds of thousands of attendees, including the President, Vice President, a majority of the Legislative branch, and most of the Cabinet members, who would attend. These challenges were met through the exhaustive efforts of many of our planners who worked closely with our Park colleagues and other partners to ensure the dedication and related events would be safe and secure. Although Mother Nature had the final say on our plans and delivered a hurricane the day of the dedication, we retooled our plans for a later, smaller, and more intimate celebration.

CHIEF'S MESSAGE (continued)

On August 23, the Washington, DC, area shook from a 5.8 magnitude earthquake. This unusual happening took the entire region by surprise, but it revealed the strength and adaptability of our personnel. Mere moments after the shaking ended, our personnel responded to a compromised communications system, the need for welfare checks, and required building evacuations, including that of the damaged Washington Monument. Our staff, without a working dispatch system, stepped forward to protect the welfare of our visitors and check for damage.

In the Washington metropolitan area, we handled over 11,000 special events in 2011. Large-scale First Amendment activities continued to define our enforcement activities in Washington, DC. Several groups staged major demonstrations, resulting in over 2,000 arrests. These activities were handled safely and respectfully, with the Constitutional rights of the participants being protected. As a result of the increase in arrests, we developed a new planning tool for large volume arrest processing.

On a daily basis, we continued to provide for the safety and security of the millions of visitors to the parks, monuments, memorials, parkways, and other National Park Service property for which we are responsible. In 2011, we dispatched over 200,000 calls for service in the Washington, DC, area alone. Working with our State and local law enforcement partners, we continue to proactively work to ensure the safety of and respond to the needs of the communities we serve.

So many of the events and activities in which we engaged showed the world how we work as a cohesive team. Sadly, one instance at the close of the year demonstrated that cohesiveness within our law enforcement family. Sergeant Michael A. Boehm died on December 16, 2011, while assisting a critically injured person on the C&O Canal in Washington, DC. Mike was the best of the best. He was a true leader of his squad at the Rock Creek Station, a gifted instructor of police techniques, and, most critically, a dedicated family man. Mike was devoted to his personal family, including his wife Corina and son Christopher, and will be loved and missed by them. He was also fiercely devoted to his family in blue, the members of the United States Park Police. Mike's death shook all of us, but firmly established the critical need to pull together to meet all challenges we face. We patrol our beats watched over by Mike.

The support our colleagues and allies in the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior provided throughout the year significantly increased our ability to accomplish our mission. We thank them for their continued support. Likewise, we are grateful to our Federal, State, and local law enforcement partners who are invaluable assets. I remain excited about our team of talented and dedicated employees, both sworn and civilian, who meet our mission every day, and I look forward to exciting progress and accomplishments as we move forward.



PERFORMANCE AND PERSONNEL STATISTICS CY 2011

In 1929, the Unified Crime Report (UCR) was created by the International Association of the Chiefs of Police (IACP). It is a uniform incident classification system that documents crime statistics in our nation. Since its inception, it has become a tool that law enforcement professionals and social scientists have used to track and dissect crime. Police Departments throughout the United States forward their crime statistics to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The FBI maintains, compiles, and publishes the UCR. In this document, criminal violations are broken into two categories: Part I and Part II Offenses.

CY 2011 U.S. Park Police Part I and Part II Offenses

		WMA		NYFO		SFFO	
Incident Category	WMA	%	NYFO	%	SFFO	%	FORCE TOTALS
Part I Offenses	361	48%	78	10%	314	42%	753
Part II Offenses	7114	66%	1937	18%	1715	16%	10766
TOTAL CY 2011 INCIDENTS	7475	64%	2015	18%	2029	18%	11519

PART I Offenses - Part I Offenses are the most serious crimes committed in our nation. Crimes in this category include homicides, rapes, aggravated assaults, robberies, burglaries, larcenies, thefts, and arsons.

Part II Offenses - Part II Offenses are crimes or violations that were not defined as Part I Offenses. A general list of crimes included in this category are simple assault, forgery, counterfeiting, fraud, loitering, embezzlement, possession of stolen property, vandalism, weapons violations, vice and prostitution, drug violations, gambling, offenses against family and children, driving while intoxicated, liquor law violations, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, curfew violations, and runaways.





PERFORMANCE AND PERSONNEL STATISTICS CY 2011 (continued)

Crime Category	CY 2007	CY 2008	CY 2009	CY 2010	CY 2011	% Change from previous year	5-year average
HOMICIDE	0	0	0	1	0	-100%	0.2
RAPE/SODOMY	19	14	13	22	19	-13.6%	17.4
ROBBERY	44	56	43	43	49	13.9%	47.0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	112	114	107	143	144	.69%	124.0
BURGLARY	32	32	31	42	33	-21.4%	34.0
LARCENY/THEFT	471	540	426	461	470	1.9%	473.0
VEHICLE THEFT	36	31	17	21	31	47.6%	27.2
ARSON	2	4	3	6	7	16.6%	4.4
TOTALS	716	791	640	739	753	1.8%	727.2

Part I Offense Breakdown for Last 5 Years



Part I Offenses for Last 5 Years

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PERFORMANCE AND PERSONNEL STATISTICS CY 2011 (continued)

CY 2010CY 2011% ChangeSworn Officers6496540.8%Security Guards25264.0%Full-time Civilian Personnel9788-9.3%

CY 2011 U.S. Park Police Employees

CY 2011 Complaints Filed Against Officers

Citizen Complaints Against Officers	CY 2010	CY 2011	% Change
Citizen Complaints Against			
Officers	53	59	11.3%

CY 2011 Responding/Reporting Incidents

	CY 2010	CY 2011	% Change
Calls for Service	42,229	66,496	57.5%
Incident Reports	68,287	90,649	32.7%
Vehicle Accident Response	3,276	3,316	1.2%

CY 2011 Assaults, Injuries, and Deaths

	CY 2010	CY 2011	% Change
LEOs Assaulted	44	67	52.3%
Injuries From Assaults	4	19	375.0%
Line of Duty Deaths	0	1	N/A

PERFORMANCE AND PERSONNEL STATISTICS CY 2011(continued)

Calendar Year 2011 Performance Measures (By Unit)					
AVIATION					
Calls for service	1,120				
COMMUNICATIONS					
Dispatched calls for service	202,505				
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS					
Assigned investigations	368				
Closure rate on assigned cases	37%				
HORSE MOUNTED PATROL					
Incidents handled	8,295				
K-9 UNIT (Bomb and Patrol)					
Incidents handled	15,375				
MARINE PATROL UNIT					
Incident responses	1,715				
NATIONAL ICON PROTECTION					
Incidents that posed serious potential threats to Icons	312				
Prohibited items confiscated	16,803				
Incidents documented by camera (CCTV) operator	1,673				
PATROL					
Environmental/resource crimes	682				
Drug cases	1,317				
DWI/DUI arrests	1,172				
SPECIAL EVENTS/CROWD MANAGEMENT					
Special events handled by the Force	11,305				

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SIGNIFICANT CASES

In New York, the U.S. Park Police Marine Patrol Unit was advised that an individual was swimming in the bay, just south of Liberty State Park. U.S. Park Police Marine Unit officers arrived on the scene and observed a male subject in the water who stated "God told me to swim to Liberty Island." The individual, who was physically exhausted, was initially non-compliant. He stated "I would rather drown than get in the boat." Eventually, the officers were able to pull the subject aboard. The suspect was transported to Liberty State Park where he was turned over to officers from the Jersey City Police Department.

In Washington, DC, officers responded to the Arlington National Cemetery to assist Ft. Myer Police with a fleeing suspect wanted for trespassing. During the course of the chase, officers received information that the subject discarded a backpack. U.S. Park Police officers located the backpack and took custody of the suspect. A search of the bag revealed 9mm shell casings, ammonium nitrate, and books containing statements referencing the Taliban and al Qaeda. After speaking with the suspect, officers learned that he had parked a car in the area. The vehicle was located and cleared by canines trained to detect the scent of explosives. A search of the car yielded other incriminating items. They were used in linking the suspect to five separate shootings at military installations in Northern Virginia.

In Washington, DC, members of the Narcotics/Vice Unit served a search warrant in the southeast section of the city. The Unit recovered 76.8 grams of cocaine, \$5,750 in U.S. currency, a digital scale, and several guns. Officers also arrested a suspect for Assault on a Police Officer, Possession of a Prohibited Weapon, and Possession of Cocaine with the Intent to Distribute.

In Washington, DC, officers stopped a vehicle for numerous traffic infractions. A search of the car revealed a baggie that contained 64 grams of cocaine, which had a street value of \$6,400.

In San Francisco, CA, the Deputy Chief of Legal Counsel advised the U.S. Park Police that a former Presidio employee, who was terminated, made telephone calls and sent emails that were threatening in nature. Officers were able to locate the suspect and eventually placed him under arrest. The individual was sentenced to 6 months in a Halfway House and issued a Stay-Away Order.

In Washington, DC, officers were on a traffic stop in the area of 8th Street at South Dakota Avenue, NE., when they heard the sounds of several gunshots. They proceeded toward the location where the noise was emanating and observed several males running. One of the individuals had a gunshot wound to the abdomen. Officers provided first aid until the victim was transported to the hospital. Afterwards, officers assisted the Metropolitan Police Department with the shooting investigation.

SIGNIFICANT CASES (continued)

In New York, the U.S. Park Police Marine Patrol Unit responded to the waters off Liberty Island for a report of a submerged wave-runner. When the officers arrived, they observed two people holding a wave-runner, screaming. Marine Unit officers rescued the individuals who were in the water and towed the wave-runner to Liberty State Park.

In Washington, DC, the West District Power Squad and the Criminal Investigations Branch conducted surveillance on parks plagued with thefts from automobiles. The investigation led to the identification of two crews who broke into vehicles to steal credit cards. In several instances, the suspects disabled the use of the victims' cell phones to prevent them from notifying their credit card companies of the theft. In total, the suspects made approximately \$50,000 worth of fraudulent charges. The individuals involved in the crimes were charged with fraud and conspiracy. The information from this investigation was utilized to link the suspects to thefts in other jurisdictions.

In New York, three suspects assaulted a park visitor and stole his radio-controlled drag racing car, worth approximately \$7,000. When the victim's son attempted to intervene, one of the suspects displayed a firearm, while the other one ordered his Pit Bull to attack. Over the next 6 weeks, the U.S. Park Police arrested the suspects. Ultimately, a Brooklyn Grand Jury indicted them on numerous felony and misdemeanor charges.

In San Francisco, CA, officers responded to a house on the Presidio for a report of a suspicious person. Upon arrival, they met with complainants who stated they observed a suspect loitering in the area. After interviewing a complainant's neighbor, officers learned that the suspicious person stole a resident's vehicle. The U.S. Park Police eventually arrested the suspect and the subject pled guilty to automobile theft.

In Washington, DC, a U.S. Park Police Sergeant, who had court responsibilities at D.C. Superior Court, observed the U.S. Marshals fighting with an individual. The Sergeant immediately deployed his Forceissued Electronic Control Device (TASER) and placed the subject under arrest. Later, the suspect stated that he forgot he had 9.7 grams of crack cocaine on his person and did not want to be searched before entering the courthouse.

In New York, an officer was temporarily assigned to the Criminal Investigations Unit to focus on resource management violations in Gateway District Parks. This officer worked with local agencies to enforce regulations pertaining to fishing, clamming, dumping, fire prevention, and camping. The assignment resulted in numerous arrests and the recovery of illegally confiscated wildlife.

SIGNIFICANT CASES (continued)

In New York, the U.S. Park Police Marine Unit was advised that there was a vessel in distress near the Breezy Point jetty. During their response, the wind began getting stronger and the water became extremely rough. As the officers approached the scene, they observed a man in the water, waving his arms for help. He did not have a personal flotation device. Ultimately, the officers were able to remove the individual from the water and transport him back to safety.

In Washington, DC, a subject stopped his vehicle at the 1600 block of Constitution Avenue, NW., aimed his rifle at the White House, and fired several rounds. The suspect fled the scene on foot, but officers were able to locate his vehicle and recover the gun. The U.S. Park Police Criminal Investigations Branch learned the identity of the subject, obtained an arrest warrant, and began an intensive search for the suspect. He was eventually arrested in Indiana, Pennsylvania. The suspect was indicted on 17 separate charges, including Attempting to Assassinate the President of the United States of America.

In Washington, DC, officers conducted a traffic stop and detected a strong odor of marijuana emanating from the subject's vehicle. The car was searched and 32 grams of marijuana were recovered from the glove box. The suspect was also in possession of 25 one hundred dollar bills containing the same serial number. The U.S. Secret Service was contacted to assist with the investigation.

In Washington, DC, members of the U.S. Park Police Narcotics/Vice Unit were in the area of Fort Dupont Park and initiated a traffic stop. During the stop, the driver consented to a search of his vehicle and investigators discovered 1,370 tablets of suspected ecstasy, with an estimated street value of \$47,950. Additionally, investigators seized \$465 of suspected U.S. currency. Due to this arrest, a neighboring police department obtained a search warrant for the suspect's residence. An additional 818 tablets of ecstasy, with a street value of \$16,360, were discovered.

In Washington, DC, members of the Narcotics/Vice Unit initiated a traffic stop on the Suitland Parkway. The operator of the vehicle consented to a search of the car, which yielded 62.7 grams of cocaine. The seized narcotics were valued at \$6,270.



In Washington, DC, an officer conducted a traffic stop on a car and smelled an odor of marijuana emanating from within. The officer received consent to search the vehicle, which revealed approximately 160 grams of powder cocaine. It was hidden in a white restaurant "to-go" box full of food. During a search of the suspect, \$1,069.11 in U.S. currency was recovered.



ICON PROTECTION

On August 23, a 5.8 magnitude earthquake centered 84 miles southwest of Washington, DC, shook the Washington Monument. The National Park Service rangers, with the assistance of U.S. Park Police officers, secured the area and escorted park visitors to safety. Afterwards, the Monument was closed and specialists rappelled off the side of the structure to assess the damage. After the assessment, it was learned that the cost to repair the monument would be approximately 15 million dollars.

Robert Vogel, Superintendent of the National Mall and Memorial Parks, said "The Washington Monument is one of America's most important landmarks, and we will do whatever it takes to ensure that it is restored completely and correctly."

Repairs on the monument will begin in 2012 and are expected to take just over 10 months to complete.







SPECIAL EVENTS AND DETAILS





In October, Occupy D.C. protesters began camping in McPherson Square Park and Freedom Plaza to exercise their First Amendment Rights. Tents were erected and communities were formed within Park boundaries. As a Force, we were prepared for these obstacles, as we had watched the group occupy other cities across the nation. As a whole, the group was peaceful; however, problems did emerge as members continually challenged police authority and disobeyed Park rules.

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In McPherson Square Park, protesters erected the frame of a house under the cover of darkness. When it was discovered, it was dismantled with extreme resistance from individuals involved in the movement.

After this incident, the U.S. Park Police added around-the-clock patrols to McPherson Square Park and Freedom Plaza. U.S. Park Police leadership worked with the Solicitor and the U.S. Attorney's Office to establish a plan of action.

From October 1 through December 31, more than 70 persons were arrested for a number of crimes. When 2011 ended, the groups were still engaged in their protest.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND DETAILS (continued)

In August, the National Park Service issued a permit to the Tar Sands Action Group to conduct a demonstration in Lafayette Park and on the White House Sidewalk. The purpose of the demonstration was to bring the Keystone XL Pipeline concerns to the White House. The organizers stated they intended to engage in civil disobedience from August 20 to September 3. Leaders of the group informed the U.S. Park Police that they expected approximately 55 of their followers to submit to arrest each day. Several celebrities and public figures participated in the 2-week event. On September 3, the final day of the demonstration, 246 arrests were made. In total, the U.S. Park Police arrested 1,241 persons.



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In March, the Veterans for Peace Group gathered on the White House Sidewalk for an antiwar demonstration. A total of 113 protestors were arrested for violating demonstration regulations specific to the White House Zone.



SPECIAL EVENTS AND DETAILS (continued)

On September 10 and 11, four Horse Mounted Patrol Unit officers traveled to Pennsylvania to assist with 9/11 Memorial Services.



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The United States Park Police, at the Pentagon, during the tragic events on September 11, 2001.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND DETAILS (continued)

In October, the Martin Luther King, Jr., National Memorial was dedicated on the National Mall. The President of the United States, the First Family, and a host of dignitaries were in attendance.

The Memorial conveys three themes that were central throughout Dr. King's life: democracy, justice, and hope. The centerpiece of the Martin Luther King, Jr., National Memorial is the "Stone of Hope." It is a 30-foot statue of Dr. King gazing into the horizon, concentrating on the future and hope for humanity. The sculpture was carved from 159 granite blocks that were assembled to appear as one single piece. There is also a 450-foot inscription wall, made from granite panels, that is inscribed with 14 excerpts of Dr. King's sermons and public addresses.

Intense security planning took place over a 6-month period. It was conveyed to the Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar (pictured below).



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EXPLORER POST #1791

The United States Park Police Explorer Post #1791 continued to exhibit tremendous growth over the 2011 calendar year, with a 41% increase in Explorer membership. This year, the Explorers visited the New York Field Office. They gained an appreciation for the measures taken to protect the Gateway National Recreation Area Parks and the Statue of Liberty.



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The Explorers completed 380 hours of community service throughout the year. They served meals to the homeless for the Thanksgiving Holiday and initiated a toy drive to benefit the Children's National Medical Center. In October, staff from the National Capital Region and Rock Creek Park acknowledged the Explorers for their contributions.

Explorer members continued to learn more about careers in law enforcement through training exercises in crime scene search and patrol techniques. These exercises will serve as preparation for the 2012 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference. Explorer Post #1791 will represent the U.S. Park Police and compete against Explorer Posts nationwide.

Some Explorers worked full time during their summer break as S.T.E.P. (Student Temporary Employment Program) employees. During the year, they assisted U.S. Park Police operational units with patrol and administrative support.



National Kids to Parks Day

On May 21, the National Park Trust mobilized kids across the country for the "National Kids to Parks Day." The celebration was held on the northeast and northwest quadrants of the Washington Monument.

Each child took part in at least one physical activity and learned at least two environmental or health facts. By the end of the day, they were able to explain why outdoor activities are important for their health.



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National Night Out

On August 2, the United States Park Police participated in the 28th annual celebration of "America's Night Out Against Crime." The purpose of this event is to strengthen community ties with the police, inevitably reducing criminal activity. The event took place at Parkland Park in Washington, DC.



COMMUNITY SERVICE (continued)



The Citizens Academy

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Graduation for the first United States Park Police Citizens Academy took place on April 6. The Academy consisted of six classes and included topics designed to familiarize participants with the history and daily operation of the U.S. Park Police. The coursework included Use of Force, Environmental Crimes, Gang Familiarization, Narcotics and Vice Operations, "CatEyes" Antiterrorism Training, Judgment Pistol Shooting, and an introduction to the U.S. Park Police organizational structure.

In total, 18 individuals graduated. They consisted of National Park Service employees and members from local community groups. Each graduate was actively engaged in the training and expressed an interest in starting a U. S. Park Police Citizens Academy Alumni Association.





EOD and Coast Guard Training Day

The San Francisco Field Office K-9 Unit conducted scent training with the Alameda Coast Guard Station K-9 Unit.



Build a Bike Day

U.S. Park Police officers from the San Francisco Field Office participated in "Build a Bike Day." During this event, officers helped children of various ages assemble bicycles.



COMMUNITY SERVICE (continued)

Presidio Community Day

The U.S. Park Police in the San Francisco Field Office provide a variety of services to residents who live in the Presidio. They conduct security checks on homes when their owners are on vacation. Officers also maintain a registry for bicycles in case they get stolen. Most importantly, the U.S. Park Police offer to fingerprint children, to assist in their identification, in the event that they go missing.



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Bring Your Child to Work Day

In April, officers from the U.S. Park Police and the U.S. Mint Police collaborated to hold a "Bring Your Child to Work" day.





Nickelodeon Worldwide Day of Play



In September, Nickelodeon brought the "Worldwide Day of Play" to Washington, DC. Fifty partner organizations, "Let's Move," and the President's Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition joined Nickelodeon to host its largest event ever.



The stars from iCarly, Victorious, Big Time Rush, Bucket & Skinner's Epic Adventures, Supah Ninjas, True Jackson, VP and Family BrainSurge were in attendance. Professional basketball and tennis players also joined in on the festivities.

HUMAN RESOURCES

NEW HIRES

JEANINE JACKSON (HR Specialist) MARY J. RICHARDSON (Firearms Instructor) FRANK HILSHER (Rehire, Sworn Officer)





SWORN OFFICERS – UPTP-116

ERIC ACKERSTROM ERIC COLE LUCAS COLEMAN WILLIAM CORN, JR. LUIS FELICIANO II THEO HALL MICHAEL KELLER JOSEPH LAWSTON JOHN LYNCH III MATTHEW NEALON RYAN PANGRETIC REBEKAH SPEDALIERE TIMOTHY VAN DYKE HECTOR VIVIECA DANIEL WAVRA

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RETIREMENTS

CRAIG DAVIS KEVIN FORNSHILL JOHN GONSORCIK GUENTHER KIRCHMEIER GERALD MCPEEK BRUCE NIXON CHESTER PERLINSKI, Jr. MARY J. RICHARDSON LARRY ROMANS SHARON STEPHENSON ANTHONY TAYLOR **Pictured at right (Sergeant) (Detective) (Dispatcher) (Dispatcher) (Guard Force) (Sergeant) (Sergeant) (Officer) (Force Photographer) (Administrative Asst) (Lieutenant-Guard Force)



RETIREMENTS (continued)



MR. LARRY ROMANS

Larry joined the United States Park Police in 1971, at the age of 24. He was assigned to the ID Unit in 1975. In the early 1980's, he went to the Photo Lab at Brentwood to do all the film processing for the Force. He retired in 1999 and returned to work, the following week, as a civilian film processor. Larry retired a second time on November 12, 2011. In total, he served 40 years with the U.S. Park Police.



MR. JOHN GONSORCIK

John retired in July, after dedicating almost 35 years of his life to Federal service. He joined the United States Marines Corps shortly after high school and proudly served for 3 years, including a tour in Vietnam. After leaving the Marine Corps, he joined the United States Park Police in 1970 and retired on disability in 1976. He missed the U.S. Park Police and returned to our family as a dispatcher in 1986. He was promoted to Communications Supervisor in 1999. During his time in Communications, he trained new dispatchers, was in charge of the WALES program, and coordinated upgrades to the equipment. He was the golden voice behind the radio for many years.



MS. SHARON STEPHENSON

Sharon Stephenson was hired by the U.S. Park Police in 1990. She served as a secretary in the Planning and Development Unit. Sharon did her work well and impressed all the right people on the Force and within the NPS family. Sharon's talents were ultimately recognized when she was approached by Chief Langston and offered the job in the Chief's Office. She stayed there until her retirement on December 31, 2011. She served under Chief Langston, Chief Pettiford, Chief Lauro, and retired under Chief Chambers' command. She will always consider the U.S. Park Police as a part of her family.

PROMOTIONS

Major Robert MacLean was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief and assigned to the position of Commander, Homeland Security Division. *(pictured at right)*

The following personnel were promoted to the rank of Captain:

- Lieutenant Dennis Bosak was assigned to the position of Commander, Gateway National Recreational Area, New York Field Office, Homeland Security Division.
- Lieutenant George W. Davis was assigned to the position of Regional Law Enforcement Specialist, Northeast Region, Homeland Security Division. (pictured right)
- Lieutenant Arthur Jacobsen was assigned to the position of Commander, Criminal Investigations Branch, Field Operations Division. (pictured lower right)
- Lieutenant David Mulholland was assigned to the position of Commander, Technical Services Branch, Services Division.
- Lieutenant Keith Rogers was assigned to the position of Regional Law Enforcement Specialist, Southeast Region, Homeland Security Division.



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PROMOTIONS (continued)

The following personnel were promoted to the rank of Lieutenant:

Stephanie Clark ** Simeon Klebaner Steven Godfrey *Pictured* ** Osborne Reaves ** Pamela Smith Christopher Stock





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The following personnel were promoted to the rank of Sergeant:

- Eric Basek Michael Beck LaShaun Beckett ** Jeffrey Bloch ** Scott Brecht ** Wayne Bridgeforth Paul Brooks Michael Connor Jonathan Daniels Matthew D'Onofrio
- Denise Maradiaga John Matula ** Lawrence Morris Todd Reid Tod Ritacco Jeffrey Schneider John Shumaker Matthew Waldman Alice Wilson ** Adam Zielinski





Pictured **







SERGEANT MICHAEL BOEHM

On December 16, Sergeant Boehm collapsed after responding to Key Bridge for a report of a man who committed suicide. He was subsequently transported to Georgetown Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Michael Andrew Boehm was born on March 17, 1966. He was raised with four siblings: David, Daniel, Theresa, and Amy. Mike played varsity football at Bethel Park Senior High School in Pennsylvania and was a member of the Major Productions Club.

After high school, Mike enlisted in the United States Army, served until 1987, and attained the rank of Specialist (E-4). After being honorably discharged from the Army, Mike pursued his goal of becoming a police officer. He enrolled in Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and majored in Criminal Justice. Mike interned with the Erie Pennsylvania Police Department and his resolve to be a police officer was cemented.

After earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice, Mike joined the United States Park Police in 1992. In 1993, he was assigned to the San Francisco Field Office (SFFO), was introduced to mountain bike patrol, and became a member of the International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA). Police mountain bike patrol became one of Mike's passions throughout his career.



SERGEANT MICHAEL BOEHM (continued)



In 1996, Mike transferred to the Washington metropolitan area where he was assigned to the Central District (D-1). In 1998, Mike was detailed to the Crime and Violence Task Force. He used his skills and knowledge to assertively patrol neighborhoods that had been identified as high crime zones.

In May 2001, Mike was selected to become a paramedic/rescue technician in the Aviation Section. He participated in presidential and dignitary protection, conducted medical evacuations on critically injured people, transported high-risk prisoners, and provided aerial support during police missions. While in Aviation, Mike was promoted to Sergeant on October 6, 2002.

Mike transferred to the Rock Creek Station (D-3) in 2003. The variety of patrol offered by D-3 allowed him to use all of his skills. Most importantly, Mike was able to patrol on his trusty mountain bike. He was truly in his element.

Mike was liked and respected by his peers and subordinates. He had a mischievous sense of humor and an easy smile. Mike was a loving husband and a devoted father. His character, dedication, and selflessness epitomized the ideals of the United States Park Police. Sergeant Michael Andrew Boehm will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to have known him.

ACHIEVEMENTS



The FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and International law enforcement leaders. It serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments. The 11-week curriculum consists of advanced investigative, managerial, and fitness training. In 2011, the United States Park Police had two Force members graduate from the program.



Captain Gregory Norman



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Captain Steven Booker

AWARDS

Higgins Award

Investigator Daniel Berberich, Master Patrol Officer Craig Lane, and Officers Jonathan Alto, William Brancato, Christopher Giblin, Corey Mace, Thomas Twiname, and Andrew Watson were selected as the Sergeant Gregory J. Higgins Memorial Award recipients by the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia. The Sergeant Gregory J. Higgins Memorial Award is presented to United States Park Police officers in recognition of superior performance.

AWARDS (continued)

Hakim Farthing Award

Officer Gogarty was presented with the Hakim Farthing Award for his excellence in DWI and traffic enforcement. The Force and the Fraternal Order of Police jointly created this award to honor the memory of Officer Hakim Farthing, who was killed in the line of duty by a drunk driver in 2002.



Third Quarter K-9 Patrol Citation

Sergeant Wallace and K-9 Ax were recently recognized by the U.S. Police Canine Association and awarded the Third Quarter Patrol Citation.



Volunteer Award

2011

U.S. Park Police Animal Caretaker Mary Cocke was recognized for volunteering over 16,000 hours of her personal time to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

YEAR IN REVIEW

THE STATUE OF LIBERTY: 125th Anniversary

October 28th marked the 125th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty. The Statue, a gift of friendship from the people of France, is a world renowned symbol of freedom and democracy.

David Luchsinger, Superintendent of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, stated "The Statue has evolved in meaning since she first graced our shores 125 years ago. She began as a symbol of friendship between France and the United States, evolved into a symbol of our great country, and is known today as an international symbol of freedom for people everywhere." This historic celebration took place on Liberty Island where the Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar, presented a gift of friendship to the government of France.





THE STATUE OF LIBERTY: 125 YEARS RETROSPECTIVE (continued)

During the event, the U.S. Park Police were tasked with managing the crowds and ensuring participants had a safe celebration. The New York Field Office Honor Guard kicked off the naturalization ceremony and was featured on Good Morning America with Sam Champion. At the end of the celebration, commercial and private vessels led by the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Park Police Marine Unit offered a salute to the Statue. Afterwards, there was a fireworks display.

The Force was proud to be part of an event that was based upon the core values and principles upon which this nation was founded.



































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