

# City of Madison Park Rangers





# Madison Park Rangers Jurisdiction

Dog Parks

Disc Golf  
Courses

Boat Launches

Ball Golf  
Courses

Shelters &  
Beaches

Cemeteries and  
Greenway  
Property

Henry Vilas Zoo

Breese Stevens  
Field

Conservation  
Parks

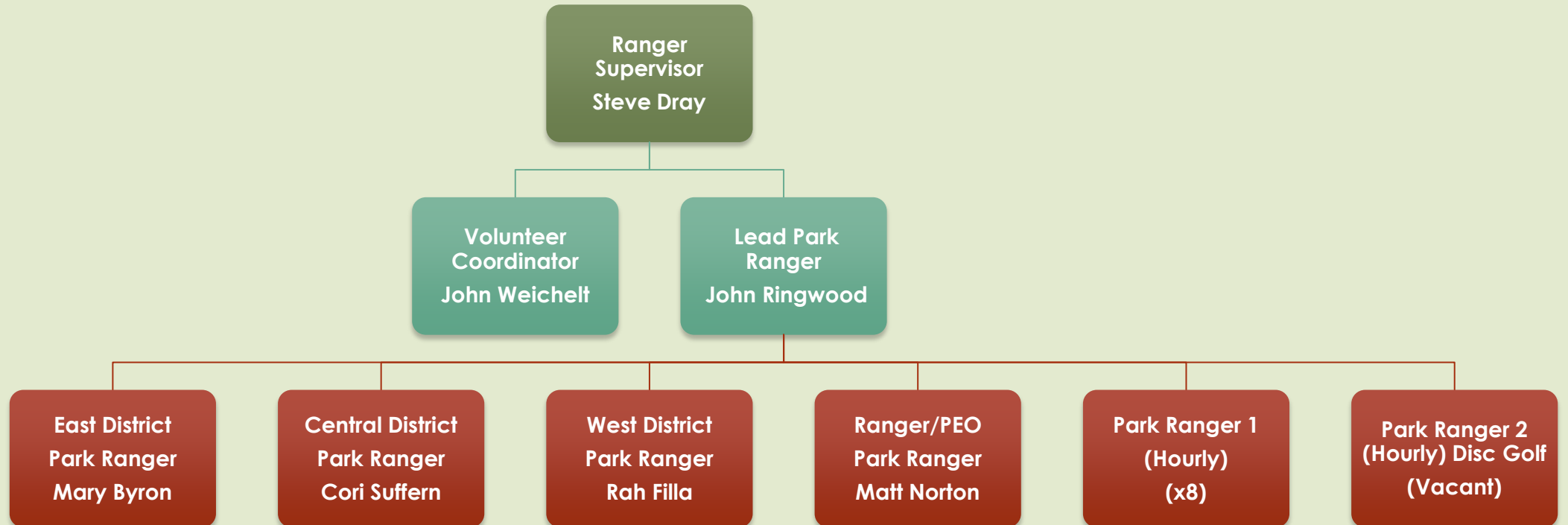
Pool & Splash  
Pads

# The Park Ranger Team

- Ranger Supervisor
- Lead Ranger
- 3 FTE District Rangers (East/West/Central)
- 1 FTE Hybrid Ranger/PEO
- 1 Disc Golf Ranger
- ~ 8 Hourly Rangers
- 7 Days/week; 365 Days/year
- Hours of Service
  - 7am to midnight +
  - Ranger On Duty
    - 608-235-0448



# Organizational Structure



# Park Ranger Responsibilities



Community Resources

Park Patrol – Observe & Report/Directed Patrol

Outreach Programs

Disc Golf Course Maintenance

Unhoused Contacts

Shelters/Reservations

Park Events – Ride the Drive, Parks Alive, etc.

Rules & Ordinance Enforcement

Respond to Visitor & Staff Complaints

Volunteer Program

Coordinate With Other Agencies –MPD, MFD, ASOs, Parking Enforcement, DCSO, DNR, etc.

Watercraft Storage

Investigate & Enforce encroachment & boundary disputes



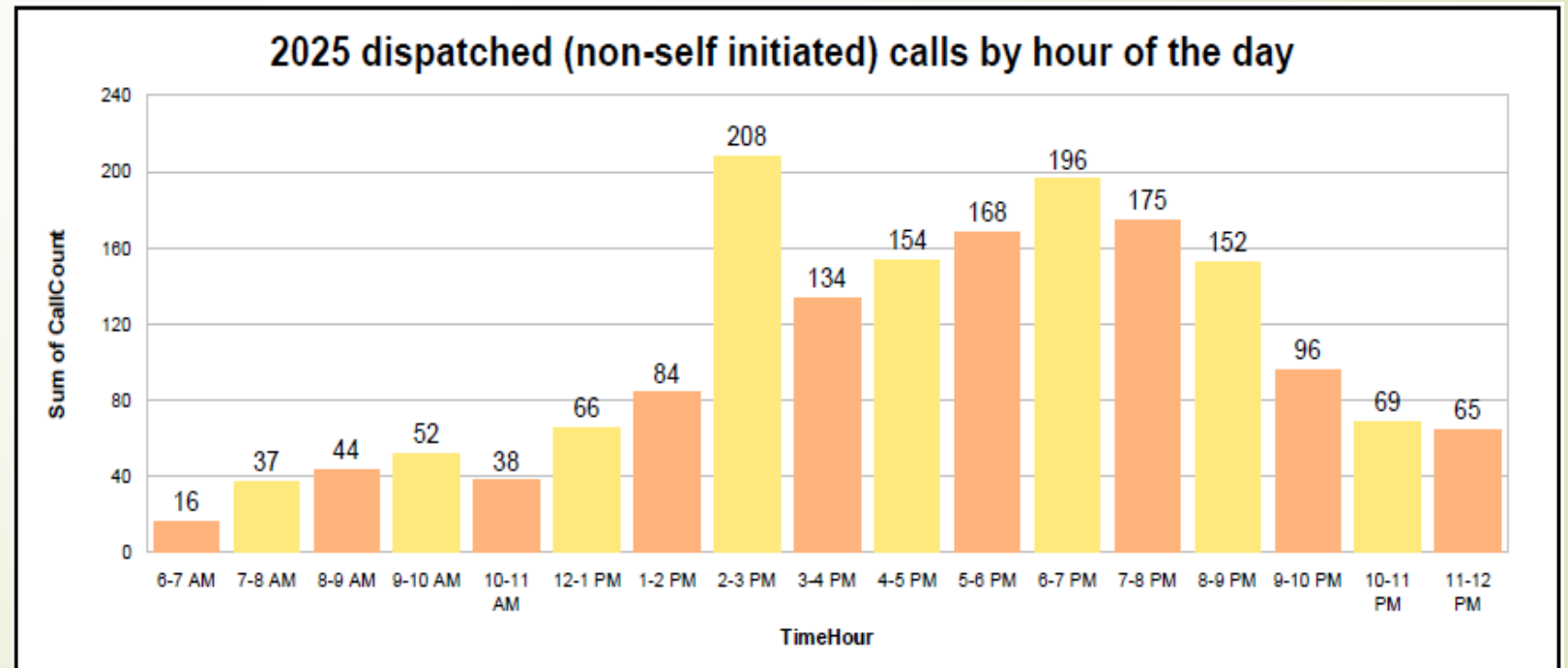
# Park Ranger Program Responsibilities



- Other Duties As Assigned!

# City of Madison Park Ranger Statistics

## 2025



# Park Patrol

- Rangers Patrol all 295+ Parks in the City of Madison
- Patrol Hours generally are 7am to midnight during the summer
- Ranger Patrol Methods
  - Vehicle (F150/Silverado)
  - Foot
  - UTV
  - Bicycle



# Ordinance Enforcement

- Enforce park rules and ordinances in all property owned or managed by Parks
  - Ordinance Violation Notices
  - Municipal Citations
  - Warnings
- Work with local Police, Sheriff's Office, DNR
  - Dispatch
  - CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch)
  - 2-way radio
- Park Behavioral Policy
- Respond to citizen and staff complaints/concerns



# Community Outreach

- Daily public park interactions
- Career Fairs
- School Presentations
- Park Events
- Community/Neighborhood Meetings
- Volunteer Projects
- Parks Alive



# Dog Parks

- Nine Dog Parks
  - Brittingham, Demetral, McCormick, North Star, Odana School, Quann, Sycamore, Walnut Grove, Warner Park
- Maintenance
- Park Improvements
- Permit Enforcement
- Volunteer Workdays
- Snow Removal



# Disc Golf



- Two Disc Golf Courses
  - Hiestand
  - Elver
- Daily Maintenance
  - Trash Service
  - String Trimming
  - Fairway debris removal
- Course Planning/Redesign
- Course Improvement
- Signage
- Tee and pin maintenance
- Permit Enforcement
- Disc Golf Library Lending Program

# Lake Access



- Public Information
- Enforcement
  - Permits
  - Parking
  - Park Violations
- Watercraft Storage
- Light Maintenance
- Ensuring Access to all docks/piers/launch area

# Unhoused Outreach



- Encampment and Homelessness Response Protocol
- Connection to resources
- Refer to street outreach teams
  - Catalyst for Change
- Clean and abate abandoned camps
- Enforce applicable ordinances as necessary

# Reservations and Park Events

- Outreach Events
  - Trucks & Treasures
  - National Night Out
  - Parks Alive
- Shelter Reservations
- Large event (Breese Stevens Field, Warner July 4<sup>th</sup>, PGA, etc.)
  - Sound monitoring
  - Permit Compliance
  - Parking
  - Public Safety
- Events at Olbrich Gardens & Vilas Zoo



# Ranger Training

- Ranger Training Academy (Yearly in April)
  - New Hires
  - Outside Agencies (Middleton, Dane Co.)
- Quarterly Ranger Training
  - Self Defense
  - Updates to policy/procedure
  - Vehicle Operations
  - Micro-Trainings
- Bike Patrol Training
- Plant/Wildlife Training
- L.E.A.D.S (Law Enforcement Active De-escalation Strategies)
- Medical Training
  - CPR, AED, First Aid
  - Narcan, Bloodborne Pathogens
  - Stop the Bleed, wound packing
- CIT (Crisis Intervention Team)
- CRASE (Active Shooter Training)





# Questions?



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