



PARK LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION

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P.L.E.A. LOSES A LEADER

Commander Newell S. Rand

Newell S. Rand Jr., 54, commander of the Prince George's County Division of the Maryland-National Capital Park Police, died of a heart ailment on March 19th. Newell Rand, was the vice-president of P.L.E.A. at the time of his death. He served in the capacity of secretary from 1993-1995, and was very instrumental for a number of years within the organization. His death, for those that knew him came as a surprise. He was respected by the his officers in his agency, and for the



Park Law Enforcement Association members who knew him. The organization will be at a great lose without his presence.

Newell S. Rand, Jr. was born September 1, 1942 in Bloomfield, New Jersey to Newell and Irene Rand, Sr. He attended

Muskingum College, the University of Maryland and American University. From 1965-67 he served with the Maryland Army National Guard. On April 1, 1967 he wedded his beloved Donna Weikert.

During this same year Newell entered the ranks of the Maryland -National Capital Park Police, Prince George's County Division. Newell was named Division Chief in 1990. During his tenure as Commander he instituted a Bicycle Tactical Unit, Park Police D.A.R.E. Citizens Police Academy, and the Park Community Volunteer Alumni Association. He expanded both the patrol services section and the vehicle fleet, reinstituted a Motorcycle Unit and greatly expanded the training within the department.

Throughout his career he was awarded twice Officer of the Year, and received over 50 letters of commendations and appreciations.

P.L.E.A. on the World Wide Web

www.parkranger.com

The Park Law Enforcement Association, board of directors, passed a resolution at their last meeting that would expand the horizons of the organization by listing itself on the world wide web. The domain name can be found under **www.parkranger.com**. The web site will give P.L.E.A. a better opportunity to serve it's membership.

The web site, which opened in the middle of June, will be used to communicate with other park law enforcement agencies, and

members. People surfing the web will be able to find out about P.L.E.A., and it's mission. People can enroll and join the organization on the web page if they



would like. Students will be able to learn a few things about park law enforcement, both the positives and negatives. You

will be able to order merchandise off of the web site, or share information about your agency. Job opportunities and internship programs, will be listed and updated monthly. Training and conference workshops will be advertised, along with the option to E-mail board of directors information or questions. A directory of all members is in the process.

Please send us your pictures and text to our mailing address so that your agency or specialized patrol can be seen on the web. The first week we went on line, there were a documented 2,500 hits on our web site, that's a lot of people searching for information about P.L.E.A., and it's resources.

Find us by searching the web, and see how you are at patrolling the Cyber Park.



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

CHIEF RANGER TIM CURTIN

Dear Members:

When I sat down to write this message for the Newsletter, I knew it would be a difficult and somber task. It would be necessary to formally announce the unfortunate death of our friend and colleague Newell Rand. As many of you already know, Newell unexpectedly passed away a few weeks after his return from the P.L.E.A. Conference in North Carolina. Those of us who have worked closely with him, feel a great sense of loss. Newell was not only a friend, but also a dedicated professional committed to the Association's mission. He was a great help to me personally in spite of his own work load as P.L.E.A.'s vice-president and the Commander of the

Maryland National Capital Park Police. Newell cared a great deal for the Association and Park Law Enforcement profession, he is missed by his friends and respected by all of us.

I have asked the current treasurer, Chief Ranger Steve Pokrywka to assume the duties of vice-president and Captain Norm Lopera to move from the secretary's position to treasurer. With the Board's concurrence, a member will be selected to serve as the new secretary and formally appointed at the mid-year meeting in October. We have a lot to accomplish before the Annual Conference in February of 1998 in Fort Meyers, Florida, but with the continued support of the Board and P.L.E.A. members, I am confident we will meet our goals.

PARK RANGER HONORED FOR RESCUE

NATIONAL WATER SAFETY CONGRESS CITES ARIZONA LAKE PLEASANT'S RANGER T. J. HARRIS



Thomas "T.J." Harris, a 14-year veteran of the Maricopi County Recreation Service Department's Ranger Staff, was honored by the National Water Safety Congress for a heroic water rescue last year of a prisoner at Lake Pleasant Regional Park, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Ranger Harris was at a boat launch ramp waiting to transport an arrested man to

jail. The handcuffed prisoner, who was being transported by water patrol, was wearing a personal flotation device. He attempted to escape from the patrol boat in which he was riding in, and jumped into the water. After several attempts to retrieve the prisoner, the flotation device came off the prisoner and he began to sink. Watching from the dock, T.J. Harris persuaded a fellow park patron to take

him out to the prisoner in their boat. He jumped into the water without a life preserver, along with Shelly Shepherd, a wildlife manager for the Arizona Game and Fish Department, and with a flotation cushion were able to subdue the prisoner and load him back into the patrol boat.

P.L.E.A. salutes, Ranger T.J. Harris
for a job well done!

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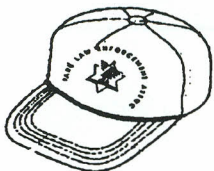


Recently requests were made of the P.L.E.A. Board of Directors to establish Agency Memberships. The stated reason for this move was to assist agencies in joining officially. Many agencies have little trouble paying for an "agency membership" but balk at paying individual memberships, even though these memberships are in strictly professional organizations. By designing a new membership category many agencies were able to join en mass. Because of the inequities in agency size across the nation, benefits had to be strictly managed in this category. Thus the following benefits are offered to Agency Members: (1) Full membership privileges to the agency as in individual memberships, and (2) Reduced rates for official P.L.E.A. Functions (Conferences, Educational Events, etc., for all agency employees without the need for each employee to join P.L.E.A. individually. Because of the cost of printing and distributing PLEA only one copy of PLEA would be sent to Agency Members. Though the Board of Directors authorized reprinting and distribution by these members. P.L.E.A. membership is decidedly inexpensive when compared to other professional organizations. The Agency Membership allows agencies to financially support P.L.E.A. and receive benefits from that membership.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS

- (1) One vote per membership on official P.L.E.A. issues.
- (2) Four issues per year of PLEA: Journal of the Park Law Enforcement Association.
- (3) Membership I.D. Card.
- (4) P.L.E.A. Patch.
- (5) P.L.E.A. Window Decal.
- (6) Bi-Annual Park Law Enforcement Agency Directory.
- (7) Reduced Rate for P.L.E.A. Sponsored Conferences and Educational Events.
- (8) Access at a reduced rate (or free as available) of special P.L.E.A. sponsored publications.
- (9) Eligible for election to the Board of Directors and appointment to various committees.

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State Affiliates are groups within states which have organized along the guidelines established by the P.L.E.A. Board of Directors. State Affiliate receive one seat on the Board of Directors automatically and take an intimate role in developing the future of P.L.E.A. There is a \$150.00 affiliation fee. If your state is not currently an affiliate contact the President of P.L.E.A. for details on how to start.

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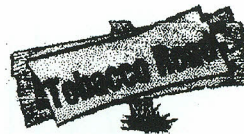
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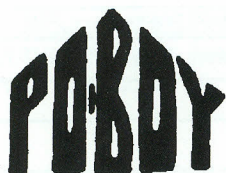
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18th Annual P.L.E.A. Conference

The 18th Annual Park Law Enforcement Association Conference was held in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina. Hosted by the Durham Park Rangers, the conference was a huge success. With an array of top notch educational sessions, and park facility tours, the conference went off without a hitch. Sergeant Ranger John Byrd and Captain Dwight Pettiford, served as P.L.E.A. host throughout the four day event.

This was a beautiful town, a very professional agency, and another chance for park law enforcement to get together and share common interest.

Durham Park Rangers, we salute you for your fine job. Thanks again!!!



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PARK RANGERS FOIL BANK ROBBERS

In an attempt to ditch the get-a-way vehicle from a bank robbery, a robbery suspect was seen putting a car into gear, and letting it roll into a Kansas City Lake Park. The bank robbery which occurred at a Kansas City Boatman's Bank ended with the arrest of two gentlemen after an investigation conducted by Wyandotte County Park Rangers in Kansas City, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Things started off wrong for the two thieves, when they were seen conversing in a shopping center parking lot, just around the corner from the bank prior to the robbery. One of the shopping center tenants alertly wrote down the license tag number of the car they were in. She passed it on to police authorities, after hearing about the robbery. She stated, "That they looked like they were up to no good," after seeing one of them putting a sky mask on, during this warm september day.

Later in the day, Wyandotte County Park

Rangers in Kansas City, were notified of a car that just went into their lake. Arriving minutes after the car submerged, with air bubbles still surfacing, Park Rangers questioned several people at the scene. Witnesses were not sure if there were any occupants, so Park Ranger Water Patrol dove into the water to determine whether there were occupants or not. After Park Rangers became certain that there were no occupants, and a witness saw one individual walk away from the scene and go use the pay phone, the investigation swung into full gear.

A vehicle was retrieved from the lake which had an N.C.I.C. hit in the computers as the bank robbery vehicle. Park Rangers, assisted F.B.I. Agents in a sting operation at the salvage yard where the car was being held. The owner of the vehicle, who was a suspect, contacted Park Rangers authorities the next day about the car they recovered in the lake, which he thoughtfully reported stolen the day of the robbery, the gentleman wanted

to retrieve personal belongings from the car at the salvage yard. Park Rangers met him with handcuffs, and arrested the individual. He was thoroughly questioned, admitted to the bank heist, and gave up his partner. They were selected from a line up as the bank robbers, and one of them as the individual that tried to ditch the car. Both individuals are serving 25 year prison terms for their efforts. Park Rangers were commended by F.B.I. authorities for their attentiveness and professionalism in the investigation.

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