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WASO Ranger Activities'
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EDITOR'S NOTES

Just a couple of items this week, as most everyone is out and about on one project or another. We hope to have information on a number of subjects for you by next go-round (April 16th), including the status of the weapons procurement, information on a streamlined incident reporting system, an update on "Ranger Futures", and a summary of the findings of the SAR task force which met several weeks ago. Stay tuned......

LAW ENFORCEMENT STATS

The annual law enforcement stats for CY 92 have been compiled and forwarded to the Department. Here are some interesting highlights:

* The NPS employs a total of 3,235 federal law enforcement personnel. Of these, 23 are GS-1811 or 1812 special agents or criminal investigators, 633 are 083 police officers (mostly in Park Police), 2,521 are permanent (1,749) or seasonal (772) "resource officers" (GS-025 and sundry other series), and 58 are GS-085 guards. The agency also has 105 non-federal law enforcement personnel.

* The direct cost of the Service's law enforcement program for FY 92 was $82.3 million. Contracts (27), grants (13) and reimbursable cooperative agreements (27) cost another $1.7 million. Emergency law and order and contingency fund costs were just over $1.5 million.

* The Service operates 11 detention facilities and contracts out for another 24.

* There were 73 line-of-duty assaults against rangers; 30 against Park Police officers.

* Part I offense totals were as follows (the first figure in parentheses represents rangers; the second, Park Police): Murder and non-negligent manslaughter (10/10), negligent manslaughter (3/0), forcible rape (36/21), attempted forcible rape (14/0), robbery (49/173), aggravated assault (235/151), burglary (837/91), larceny and theft (4,191/1,013), motor vehicle theft (195/46), and arson (117/14).

* Key Part II offenses included the following: Vandalism (3,453/649), weapons (1,586/402), sex offenses (258/354), drug sale and manufacture (514/65), drug possession (2,527/2,643), DWI (1,362/818), drunkenness (1,055/176), disorderly (2,366/844), natural resource violations (15,401/608), boating LE incidents (5,176/11), aircraft LE incidents (399/1), and traffic LE incidents, excluding DWI (45,482/13,962).

INCINET

InciNet, a new software and hardware package developed under the sponsorship of the National Wildfire Coordinating Group that will provide automation of

tasks performed in support of large emergency incidents, is about to go on
line. Although InciNet was originally developed for wildland fires, the
system can be used by all-risk management teams. Version 1.0, which will be
released shortly, is the first release of the software. It will be expanded
over the next few years, with additional modules added annually.

InciNet is based on the idea that any given piece of information should be
entered only once during the course of an incident, and accomplishes this end
by providing a shared database. System integrity is guarded by limiting
access to users according to the information needs of their positions.

InciNet, which is designed to be used by ICS-trained personnel possessing
minimal computer skills, has screens which employ standard ICS terminology
and prompt the user for all entries. The system produces both computer-
generated ICS forms and summary reports. The main strength of InciNet is
that it provides managers with reliable information about both the incident
and resources, thereby enhancing their ability to make decisions on courses
of action.

A UNIX-based operating system and inexpensive modular telephone wire allow
rapid expansion of the network in response to a growing incident structure.
The hardware can use any power normally available to incident bases. Work
stations can be located as far as three miles from the file servers, as long
as electrical power is available.

Nationally-cached hardware will be available through normal dispatching
channels in the same manner as national radio cache units. Kits will be
classified as Basic, Portable, or Workstation.

A Basic kit is required for each large incident; it contains the file server
and peripheral hardware needed to run an incident network. Workstation kits,
each of which possesses two terminals and a printer, must also be ordered to
provide terminals for users. The Portable kit is designed for small
incidents or remote sites on large incidents; it does not provide multiple
user capability, but does possess all of the functionality of the InciNet
program. A technical specialist trained in administering the software will
be dispatched with the hardware along with a technical specialist to
supervise the loading of the incident data and provide user support/training.

InciNet is designed to be operated by ICS-trained unit leaders and managers.
Two training courses have accordingly been developed to meet this end.

The first course is entitled "Train The InciNet Trainer" and will be offered
one time (May 3-5) at the CDF Fire Academy in Iona, California. Participants
will work on the development of the "InciNet Training Specialist" course and
will present it twice in June (below). Applicants must have basic computer
skills, experience as instructors, and qualified experience as
receiving/distribution or ordering managers, or as resource, demob or ground
support unit leaders. Applications must be submitted by April 15th to
Francine Ninneman, Lolo National Forest, Building 24, Fort Missoula, Missoula,
MT 59801.

The second, "Incinet Training Specialist", will be offered twice (June 7-11
and 14-18) at the CDF Academy.   The primary purpose of this course is to
prepare individuals for advising incident commanders on implementation of the
system and for training incident personnel in InciNet. Applicants must be
ICS-qualified at the unit leader level, have qualified experience as resource,
demob or supply unit leaders, and have basic computer and communication
skills. Applications must be submitted by May 10th to the same person and

address.

<u>NOTES FROM THE PARKS</u>

Santa Monica Mountains

Rangers will be applying to participate in the Tournament of Roses parade
again this year. The park's horse patrol participated in the parade in 1984,
1986 and 1989. Riders from other parks have been invited to join Santa
Monica in applying for the parade. For further information, call Christine
Peleszak at 818-587-1036 (ext. 731) before April 16th. Incidentally, the
park is seeking bumper-pull horse trailers. Any size up to four horses would
be suitable. Volunteers are available who will transport a trailer from the
East Coast if necessary. You can call Christine on this one, too.

<u>QUESTIONS?</u>

Is there something you'd like to know about that we can answer? Let us know
and we'll publish the question and answer in an upcoming edition of <u>Clear
Text</u>. <u>Please</u> be sure to specify that the question is for response in this
newsletter, as questions also come in via cc:Mail which are for individual
staff member response. If you've got a question that needs answering, it's
likely that other rangers will also be interested in the reply.

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