

# 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

*United States Park Police 2006 Annual Report*



*Integrity, Honor, Service Since 1791*

*United States Park Police  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior*



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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



As I reflect on the accomplishments of the Force in 2006, I am reminded of how proud I am to serve with the men and women of the United States Park Police. We have faced many challenges, but we have always maintained our focus and stayed true to our mission. The perseverance of the employees of the United States Park Police in challenging times is a testament to their dedication to public service.

I present to you a select few of the many accomplishments of the United States Park Police in 2006. Administratively, the Force published and implemented a comprehensive Strategic Plan covering the years 2006-2009. Based on the Strategic Plan, the Force developed and put into practice the Force Performance Measures, which allow Force managers to evaluate current operations, enhance effectiveness, and develop new efficient and effective practices, when applicable.

We continue to move forward in the field of technology, working with our partners to enhance our communications interoperability capabilities, evidenced by the Memorandum of Agreement signed by the Force and Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies. This agreement increases the area covered by U.S. Park Police radios, will significantly reduce future radio maintenance costs, and increase the number of radio channels available to the Force. We have completed the first stage of the Incident Management Analysis and Reporting System. This system enhances incident management reporting in the field, records management, and crime analysis.

We have a proud tradition of providing a safe environment to visitors of the National Parks and protecting our National Icons. In 2006, the Force handled over 12,000 special events, including portions of the State Funeral of Former President Gerald Ford, the Funeral Service for Mrs. Rosa Parks, several potentially volatile First Amendment demonstrations in National Parks, the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, Groundbreaking for the Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial and many others. Our Criminal Investigations Branch's capabilities and professionalism received National attention when detectives assigned to the Unit closed the highly publicized crimes that occurred on the National Mall. The Force was able to maintain and build upon our partnerships with other law enforcement agencies by conducting joint training exercises that enhance unified response to incidents within the areas we serve.

The United States Park Police continues on the forefront of Icon protection, participating in the physical security enhancements of the Washington Monument, technological advancement in the protection of the Statue of Liberty, and design conferences of proposed future memorials.

Just as we have moved forward in 2006, I look ahead with great anticipation to our improvement in 2007.

*Respectfully,*

*Dwight E. Pettiford,  
Chief of Police*

# 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 neighboring communities, thus providing a safe haven for enjoyment of these areas without fear
- Serving people with respect and dignity
- Ensuring citizens are free to exercise safely their First Amendment rights of free speech and assembly
- 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.



# PERFORMANCE AND PERSONNEL STATISTICS CY 2006



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	<b>CY 2005</b>	<b>CY 2006</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Sworn Officers</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>-4.7%</b>
<b>Security Guards</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30.43%</b>
<b>Full-time Civilian Personnel</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>-5.82%</b>
<b>Calls for Service</b>	<b>36,361</b>	<b>44,071</b>	<b>21.20%</b>
<b>Incident Reports</b>	<b>62,554</b>	<b>70,931</b>	<b>13.39%</b>
<b>Persons Arrested</b>	<b>5,447</b>	<b>5,136</b>	<b>-5.71%</b>
<b>Vehicle Accident Response</b>	<b>3,497</b>	<b>3,513</b>	<b>0.45%</b>
<b>Traffic Tickets Issued</b>	<b>25,193</b>	<b>34,292</b>	<b>36.11%</b>
<b>Parking Tickets Issued</b>	<b>23,014</b>	<b>25,831</b>	<b>12.24%</b>
<b>Citizen Complaints Against Officers</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>-10.12%</b>



*Officers Howard and Connor carry a passive demonstrator from the White House Sidewalk in February 1975.*



*SWAT Officers Jarboe and Gilbert carry a passive demonstrator from the White House Sidewalk in September 2006.*

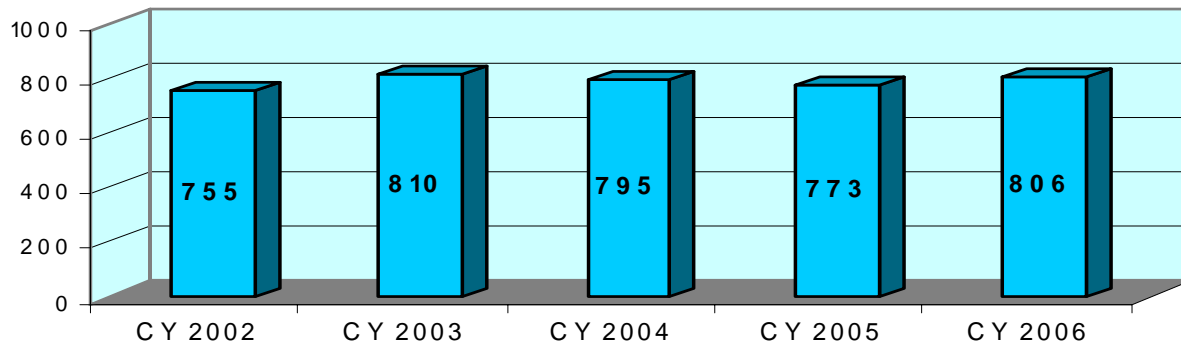
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Crime Category	CY 2002	CY 2003	CY 2004	CY 2005	CY 2006	%Change from previous year	5-year average
Homicide	2	3	1	5	3	- 40%	2.8
Rape/Sodomy	4	15	22	12	18	50%	14.2
Robbery	34	42	47	56	46	- 18%	45.0
Aggravated Assault	109	102	109	90	138	53%	109.6
Burglary	49	37	43	26	57	119%	42.4
Larceny/Theft	530	566	519	538	505	- 6%	531.6
Vehicle/Theft	18	29	27	42	28	- 33%	28.8
Arson	9	16	27	4	11	22%	13.4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>787.8</b>

### 5-YEAR INDEX CRIME RESPONSE



The Force initiated 2,010 narcotic cases during 2006 resulting in 923 arrests, seizures totaling 36,354.4 grams of drugs, 645 illegally possessed pills, seizures of 23 motor vehicles, and \$126,704.84 in U.S. currency. The Narcotics & Vice Unit, along with the SWAT Team, executed 33 search warrants.

Types of drugs seized by officers of the United States Park Police in 2006.

Marijuana	Oxycontin
Cocaine	Ecstasy
Crack Cocaine	Methamphetamine
Heroin	
PCP	
Hashish	





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### **January**

In Washington, DC, the Narcotics & Vice Unit, along with the Rock Creek Station (District 3) patrol officers and members of the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team, executed a search warrant. Recovered from a residence were 11 pounds of marijuana, 60 grams of cocaine base (crack), 190 grams of cocaine hydrochloride, one 9mm pistol, one .38 caliber revolver (which had been stolen in a burglary), and \$51,285.00 in U.S. currency. During the course of the search, the subject returned to his house and was placed under arrest without incident.



### **January**

In Washington, DC, Officer Psak and her K-9 partner Malu responded to assist Metro Transit Police units with a search for a suspect. The suspect was wanted for attempting to stab a Metro bus driver at 7<sup>th</sup> and Independence Avenue, SW. Officer Psak deployed Malu and directed him to track the suspect with a Metro Transit officer as their back up. The track of the suspect started at the bus where the suspect fled and Malu tracked across sidewalks, streets, and an asphalt parking lot near the National Mall. The Metro Transit officer observed the suspect and detained him until positive identification was made by the Metro bus driver. The suspect was arrested after positive identification and charged with assault with a deadly weapon. The K-9 track was approximately ½ mile long on a mostly wet, hard surface after a thunderstorm. Without the assistance and tracking of Officer Psak and Malu, the suspect may have escaped apprehension. Officer Psak and Malu's case was selected for and won the best National case from the United States Police Canine Association. This selection was measured against 25 other Regions.

### **February**

On Liberty Island, NY, a couple placed their belongings in a security locker. Upon their return, they noticed \$540.00 missing and reported the theft. During the investigation, a videotape of the area was reviewed. This led to the arrest of a concession employee, who was charged with misappropriation of property and tampering.

### **March**

In Washington, DC, while patrolling the area of Fort Totten Park, Sergeant Monahan stopped a vehicle for traveling at night without headlights illuminated. Investigation led to the arrest of the operator for narcotics violations. Recovered from the vehicle were 57 grams of crack cocaine, packaged for distribution, with a street value of \$5,700.00.

### **April**

In Washington, DC, Officer A. Watson conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle seen leaving Grove 8 in Rock Creek Park. Both occupants of the vehicle were placed under arrest for narcotics violations. Recovered from the vehicle were 144 grams of marijuana, packaged in 57 zips for distribution, with a street value of \$1,440.00.



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### **May**

In Washington, DC, Officer D'Augostine stopped a vehicle for a seat belt violation in Rock Creek Park at Grove 29. Subsequently, the operator of the vehicle was placed under arrest for narcotics violations. Recovered were 235 grams of marijuana, packaged for distribution, with a street value of \$2,350.00.

### **May**

In Washington, DC, Sergeants Burchell and Varanelli were airborne in Eagle 2 when they heard a "mayday" call on an aviation frequency. Believing the call to be from a medevac helicopter in the area, they initiated a search for the aircraft in the area of the Washington Hospital Center in Washington, DC. Within minutes, they located the downed helicopter and made appropriate notifications and requests for assistance. They were able to land Eagle 2 a short distance away from the site and immediately responded to render care to the 3 crewmembers and 1 patient. They contained the immediate threat of fire, removed the crewmembers to a safe location, and worked to free the patient who was still trapped in the wreckage. Upon arrival of additional help, they loaded two of the victims onto Eagle 2 for transport to the hospital. Sergeants Burchell and Varanelli were awarded the USPP Award of Merit for their actions.



### **July**

In Brooklyn, NY, officers were dispatched to Plumb Beach for a report of illegal trapping and removal of horseshoe crabs. Three individuals were observed digging in the sand and illegally removing clams. The individuals were approached and 36 clams were found in buckets. The individuals were cited for illegal harvesting of shellfish. The clams were returned to the Bay.

### **August**

On Liberty Island, NY, Officer May was advised by NPS staff that people were shoplifting items in the Hills Gift Shop on Liberty Island. Officer May found four individuals outside the gift shop in possession of a large quantity of merchandise that had not been purchased. The officer placed them under arrest. Total value of evidence recovered was \$828.20.





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### **August**

In Washington, DC, a female and male were driving along the Clara Barton Parkway at Lock 5, engaged in a heated argument. The female was driving and told the male that she was ending the relationship. The male grabbed the wheel and forced the vehicle into the guardrail, snapping the front axle. The male grabbed a pen and stabbed the female in the throat. The pen lodged beneath her skin to the side of the trachea. After confessing, the male was charged and convicted of assault with a dangerous weapon.

### **September**

In Washington, DC, Officers Peer and Rodacker arrested a suspect in Quincy's Playground for narcotics violations. Investigation revealed the suspect was cultivating marijuana plants in the park. The mature plants had an estimated street value of \$1,000.00.

### **September**

In Brooklyn, NY, officers observed individuals unloading audio equipment, tents, and other gear at Plumb Beach when the park and entry gate to the park were closed. Several tent structures were being set up for a nighttime party. An individual setting up a large D.J. entertainment system was approached. The subject was arrested for the closure violation and a search incident to arrest revealed 14 individual units of LSD on his person. K-9 Officer Cobaj and partner Guinness searched the remaining property and discovered marijuana and paraphernalia hidden in various bags and tent compartments.

### **October**

In Washington, DC, Officer Omo initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle for speeding while conducting a security check of Fort Dupont Park. Officer Omo detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the vehicle's driver. Officer Brecht arrived shortly thereafter. Officer Omo informed the operator that he was going to perform Standard Field Sobriety Tests. While the subject exited the vehicle, he pled with the officers for leniency. Once Officer Omo asked if he had any weapons on his person, the subject immediately looked down at his waistband and began to violently fight with the officers. The subject kept reaching towards his waistband as



the struggled ensued. Shortly thereafter, the fight went to the ground and Officer Omo noticed a black handgun in the subject's right hand. At one point in the struggle to gain control of the suspect's handgun, the barrel was pointed directly at Officer Omo. When the handgun came free from the suspect's grasp, Officer Brecht seized the opportunity and grabbed the firearm. The suspect was then subdued and placed under arrest. Throughout this fight the suspect continuously yelled, "this is my life, I can't get locked up." The handgun was fully loaded and ready to fire.



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## **November**

In Washington, DC, Sergeants Galey and Hertel were on aerial patrol in Eagle 1 when District 4 officers initiated a pursuit of a vehicle on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. The driver of the vehicle exited the Parkway and then bailed out from the vehicle. While one officer stayed with the two occupants of the vehicle, the other officer began pursuing the driver on foot. As Eagle 1 arrived overhead, they observed the officer struggling with the suspect, who was non-compliant. With no suitable landing zone, Sergeant Galey hovered above the ground as Sergeant Hertel jumped from the aircraft and ran to assist the lone officer. Sergeant Hertel and Officer Facciponti were able to successfully arrest the subject without incident.

## **December**

In Washington, DC, Officer J. Murphy stopped a suspected drunk driver on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at Maryland Route 198. The operator was removed from the vehicle and found to be wearing football uniform pants underneath his regular clothing. Officer Murphy observed that the suspect had concealed a large quantity of heroin and ecstasy in the compartments of the uniform pants where the protective padding would normally be. The total amount of drugs and cash recovered was 165 grams of heroin, 2,000 tablets of ecstasy, 5 grams of marijuana, and \$1,460.00 in U.S. currency.

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***The officers from the Greenbelt Station (District 4) continued with a Special Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway to combat aggressive and impaired drivers. Increased enforcement efforts led to a substantial increase in the number of citations issued and arrests made on the Parkway, particularly of impaired drivers. In 2006 the officers issued 8,063 traffic citations and made 393 arrests of impaired drivers.***



*Motor vehicle fatality in Rock Creek Park.*



*Motor vehicle fatality on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.*



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The United States Park Police continues its proud tradition of protecting many of our Nation's Icons. In 2006 the Force participated in the planning of upgraded security measures at the Lincoln Memorial and in the design phase of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitors Center. We continue to research and employ the latest in security technology and have put in place new tools for our officers to continue their mission of protecting our national treasures and providing a safe environment to the visitors. In July 2006, we witnessed the hard work of the many dedicated employees of the National Park Service as the Washington Monument Grounds officially re-opened after its physical security renovations and upgrades. The Force also reached out to its partners and customers to assist us with protecting the Icons by presenting a course entitled "Threat Awareness for Non-Law Enforcement Personnel." This course provided attendees with the training to recognize possible threats and suspicious behavior, as well as actions to take if these threats and behaviors were observed.



*Aerial view of the Washington Monument grounds in 1975.*



*Aerial view of the Washington Monument grounds in 2006.*





*The stark reality of increased security measures...*

Crime Prevention  
Through  
Environmental Design



*...are molded within the landscape of the Icons they were designed to protect.*



## SPECIAL EVENTS/SPECIAL FORCES

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The United States Park Police is recognized worldwide for their prominence in effective crowd management and security. In 2006, the United States Park Police managed approximately 12,396 events occurring on Federal parkland. Based on organizers permit applications and their expected attendance, the Special Forces Branch planned for over 1.8 million participants in the Washington metropolitan area. Over 98,000 participants were expected in the San Francisco Field Office, and 225,000 were expected in the New York Field Office.



*Annually, the Fourth of July attracts hundreds of thousands to the National Mall.*

The Special Forces Branch in the Washington metropolitan area is responsible for the management of such events. These events ranged in size from a handful of participants to large assembled masses numbering in the tens of thousands. For the larger, high-profile events, incident action plans were developed in partnership with the National Park Service, as well as the surrounding public safety, emergency management, and transportation entities.

These operational plans included a comprehensive analysis of available law enforcement intelligence related to these events and the coordinated efforts of a wide variety of law enforcement assets. The smaller events involved the deployment of a small contingent of personnel; however, the larger, controversial events required the deployment of several specialized units (to include SWAT, Aviation, Horse Mounted Patrol, Reactionary Teams, and the Motorcycle Unit). The United States Park Police takes great pride that the occurrences of litigation or serious incidents/injuries related to these events have been extremely minimal. The majority of these events took place in the Nation's Capital, adjacent to the White House, the monuments and memorials, the U.S. Capitol, and on the National Mall. Therefore, all of these events received national and international media attention and public scrutiny. Notwithstanding the focused attention and scrutiny of these crowd management and security efforts, the United States Park Police remains highly regarded by the community, the media, and the groups themselves.

*Thousands assemble on Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn, NY, for an Annual Guyanese Festival.*



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The United States Park Police worked collaboratively with the National Park Service units in Antietam National Battlefield, Gettysburg National Military Park and Harpers Ferry National Historic Park to develop the security plan for First Amendment activities that took place within these parks. Whether in front of the White House or on detail to National Park Service Parks in surrounding regions, the United States Park Police strive to protect the Constitutional rights of those engaged in these activities, protect the resources from damage or disturbance, and minimize the impact to those visitors who are visiting these areas.



*Officers monitoring counter-demonstrators at a KKK rally in Gettysburg National Military Park.*



*On April 10, large crowds gathered for Immigration Reform on the National Mall.*



*Large numbers of anti-war demonstrators protest in front of the White House.*



*United States Park Police officers handle mass arrests on the White House Sidewalk in September.*



*United States Park Police SWAT officers arrest protestors on the White House Sidewalk.*



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As the Nation mourned the passing of former President Gerald R. Ford in December 2006, the United States Park Police, in partnership with the National Park Service, the United States Secret Service, the United States Capitol Police, the Metropolitan Police Department, and the Military District of Washington, coordinated security efforts, which impacted several park areas. The WWII Memorial was an important point of the funeral procession to the U.S. Capitol. The National Mall was the site of the “cueing” for those waiting to enter the U.S. Capitol to view the former president, who lay in state for 3 consecutive days. The White House was the featured point for the procession to the National Cathedral for final services. From the time former President Ford arrived in the Washington metropolitan area to the time of his final departure, members of the United States Park Police participated in 36 security and ceremonial escorts.



*Lieutenant Fear and Sergeant Booker render a final salute to former President Gerald R. Ford as he passes in front of the White House.*

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*The New York Marathon in Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island.*



*The "People of Color in Crisis" Event on Riis Beach in Brooklyn, NY.*



*Officer Leary monitoring a First Amendment demonstration in front of the White House.*



*Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration.*



*Annual San Francisco Blues Festival in Fort Mason.*



*Officer Padberg monitoring the Ellipse in Washington, DC.*





## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

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**The United States Park Police are committed to providing highly trained and professional police officers to prevent, detect and investigate criminal activity, and to apprehend violators of rules, regulations and laws and provide assistance of a non-enforcement nature within designated areas of the National Park Service.**

**During calendar year 2006 the United States Park Police assigned and investigated 285 major crimes with a closure rate of 59%, well above the National average.**

### **April - Sex Assault**

A female was abducted by an ex-boyfriend in Largo, Maryland, and held against her will for 3 days. During the 3-day ordeal, she was able to secretly write and pass notes to several citizens, attempting to gain help. One note was passed to a jogger in Rock Creek Park in Washington, DC. The jogger did not read the note until he arrived home. It was later determined that the victim had been physically assaulted and injured, and sexually assaulted several times in the Park. The United States Park Police investigation led to the arrest of the suspect.

### **May through July - Mall Robberies**

Between May 25 and July 11, a series of 5 brutal armed robberies and sexual assaults were committed in the National Mall.

#### **May**

A male and female were walking on the National Mall. They were approached by 3 males, one armed with a gun. The female was sexually assaulted and the couple was robbed of cash and property. Minutes later, a second male and female were approached by the same suspects. The suspects ordered the couple to the ground at gunpoint and the female was sexually assaulted. The couple was also robbed of cash and property.

#### **May**

A male and female, walking on the National Mall, were approached by three males, one armed with a handgun. The female was separated from her male companion and brought into a grassy area by one assailant while the male companion was kicked and punched by another assailant. That assailant then joined his partner in the grassy area, where both sexually assaulted the female several times. The assailants fled the scene with cash and property from the couple.



*The National Mall*

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## July

Two female victims were approached by two males and robbed of cash and property on the grounds of the Washington Monument. During the robbery, one of the assailants sexually assaulted one of the females. A short time later, the two assailants approached a family consisting of the parents and children ages 9 and 15 who were also walking on the Monument grounds. One of the assailants displayed a gun and forced the family to the ground, whereupon they were robbed of cash and property.

Five suspects were arrested and charged for their direct involvement in these sexual assaults and robberies, and face up to 120 years in jail each. Two of the five were juveniles who were charged as adults. Three additional suspects were charged with conspiracy to commit theft in the first degree.

*During the course of this investigation, the Major Crimes Unit wrote and executed 40 D.C. Superior Court search warrants. Along with evidence seized in the furtherance of the National Mall investigations, these search warrants resulted in the seizure of approximately 100 grams of marijuana, 3 firearms, and 5 pellet guns, and led to the arrest of 3 subjects, not associated with the National Mall cases, for felony narcotics and weapons offenses. Finally, as a result of the investigation, 3 Robbery cases and an Assault with a Deadly Weapon case being investigated by the Metropolitan Police Department were closed by arrest, bringing the total number of arrests made during the United States Park Police investigation to 16.*



*U. S. Attorney Ken Wainstein, Chief Pettiford, lead Detective T. Reid, and others assemble in the National Mall for a press conference on the National Mall robberies.*

## July

In Washington, DC, a 14-year-old female was walking in Fort Totten Park and was offered a ride by a male suspect. She declined. The suspect laid in wait for the victim around the block and again attempted to lure her into his vehicle. When his enticement failed, the suspect grabbed the victim's arm. Fearing for her safety if she resisted, the victim entered the vehicle where she was sexually assaulted. The United States Park Police investigation led to the identification and arrest of the 33-year-old suspect, who had a prior sexual assault conviction upon a 12-year-old child. The suspect pled guilty to 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Sexual Child Abuse and is awaiting sentencing.



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### **September**

In Washington, DC, a 51-year-old male who suffered from medical conditions and severe diminished mental capacity was separated from his group while visiting Pershing Park. Missing person bulletins were created and distributed, resulting in a confirmed sighting of the missing person. The missing person was located 9 hours after his separation from his group. He was given food and drink and reunited in good condition with the group home counselors.

### **November**

In Washington, DC, several suspects entered the Anacostia Park Roller Skating Rink through a broken window and stole two mountain bikes owned by the National Park Service and valued at approximately \$700 each. The suspects left two other bikes at the scene, which Detectives recognized from a contact with juveniles earlier in the day in the park. A lookout was broadcast and the residential neighborhood of the juveniles canvassed. The two bikes were located in the back yard of the suspects. The suspects were interviewed and admitted to not only stealing the bikes, but breaking the window earlier in the day. Three arrests were made and the criminal trial is pending.



*Members of the Criminal Investigations Branch receive a Unit Citation.*

### **Narcotics & Vice Unit**

Several long-term investigations were initiated where undercover officers were introduced to and started buying from mid-level traffickers. In one case, a subject was stopped on Suitland Parkway for driving while intoxicated. A search incident to arrest uncovered a 9mm handgun and 6 grams of crack cocaine. Further investigation led to the search of the suspect's residence. Recovered from the house was a ½ kilo of crack cocaine and 4 pounds of marijuana. In a second case, a suspect was observed trafficking counterfeit CDs, DVDs, and minor narcotics. An arrest warrant and search warrant were served resulting in the recovery of 161 counterfeit DVDs and CDs. Further investigation led to the source of the counterfeit materials. A second search warrant was executed on a storefront on Georgia Avenue, NW. Recovered were \$40,000.00 worth of counterfeit DVDs, narcotic paraphernalia, and 12 grams of marijuana.





## COMMUNICATIONS & TRAINING

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*During Fiscal Year 2006, the Services Division significantly improved the efficiency of the Force's procurement process by successfully transitioning to the Interior Department's Electronic Acquisition System (IDEAS). Comprehensive revisions to the Property Management Guidelines were completed and a draft Fleet Management Strategic Plan developed. Storage and protection of law enforcement critical data was enhanced through improved procedures. Human Capital initiatives included the development of a comprehensive training program designed to facilitate the continuing implementation of the five-tiered performance appraisal process. A major focus of the training design centered on the revision of performance measures to reflect improved measurability and more direct links to related strategic goals and accomplishment of the Force's core mission.*

### **Training/Communications**

The Training Branch develops, conducts, and coordinates the annual In-Service training for all sworn and civilian members, as well as the orientation and specialized and field training for recruits. During the year, more than 2,250 hours of mandated training, 1,480 hours of developmental supervisory training, and 1,049 hours of senior-level management training were conducted/coordinated for both sworn and civilian members. In addition, Physical Efficiency Batteries, Emergency Operations Center exercises, and Emergency Preparedness training have been provided throughout the year. The Training Branch participates in the Council of Governments Training Committee, NPS TELNET Program, and DOI LEARN. The Firearms staff conducted 116 pistol/shotgun qualifications sessions, as well as 4 quarterly rifle qualifications during the year. In addition, 11 courses were conducted for officers transitioning to the new Force-issued weapon. In-Service programs for Law Enforcement Rangers and the Small Business Administration were conducted, as well as Active Shooter courses in Boston and Cape Cod, MA.

The United States Park Police IT & Communications Sections are dedicated to providing technologies and services that enhance the effectiveness of the law enforcement officer. They also provide real-time information and tools to improve both officer safety and public safety, and provide information and tools for operational decision makers during critical and significant incidents.

### **Mobile Computing Technologies**

The United States Park Police has deployed 26 mobile computers and 15 handheld devices (PDAs) in the field. Law enforcement officers in the field can query criminal and motor vehicle databases, NCIC, and other local hot files. The mobile devices allow instant access to view Federal, State, and local criminal and traffic laws, and 36 Code of Federal Regulations. Through the mobile devices, officers can also view hundreds of District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia traffic cameras and query road conditions.



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### **United States Park Police Operations Center**

The United States Park Police Operations Center is activated during major/significant incidents. A multi-agency command center, the Operations Center hosted 14 participating agencies on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The Center was instrumental in coordinating the successful activation of Operation Safe Haven, moving thousands of National Mall visitors to sheltered locations when dangerous thunderstorms moved into the area. The Operations Center provides



both secure NPS network access and separate access to Internet for visiting agencies, can display up to eight television feeds, has a full array of radio and other communications equipment including satellite phones, and provides over a dozen software or Internet-based incident management tools. The Operations Center also provides access to CRABS, the next generation airborne traffic system for the FAA.

**The United States Park Police Mobile Command** is the in-the-field command center for operational and executive decision making and was deployed during all significant events in the Washington, DC, area, plus activities at Harpers Ferry, Yorktown, and Gettysburg. The mobile command capabilities include multiple computers that are connected to networks via landline, cellular systems, or WARN.

The mobile command includes microwave downlink capabilities from the United States Park Police helicopter, as well as the ability to capture and record normal and infrared video from mast cameras. In addition to landline, cellular, and satellite phone and fax capabilities, the mobile command provides two plasma screens for presenting information in the conference room portion of the command or externally through a bay window. During significant events, Incident Management software is used on board the mobile command as the primary incident management tool in accordance with NIMS guidelines.



## RECRUITS: THE FUTURE OF THE FORCE

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Timothy F. GaNun  
Grant W. Myers, III  
John E. Sioui  
Alcides Vera, III

## RETIREES: THE GUARDIANS OF OUR PAST

Sergeant Clarence A. Clark  
Sergeant Michael P. Gallant  
Sergeant John M. Guarino  
Sergeant Priscilla P. Karansky  
Sergeant Daniel W. Lawston  
Major Lance W. Ludwick  
Sergeant Kevin M. McGovern  
Captain Eugene G. Melanson  
Lieutenant Patrick F. O'Brien  
Officer William F. Thomas, Jr.  
Officer William J. Watson  
Sergeant Relis R. Woods

Sergeant, Applicant Background Investigator  
Sergeant, Horse Mounted Patrol Unit  
Sergeant, Canine Unit, NYFO  
Shift Supervisor, SFFO  
Sergeant, Audits and Evaluations Unit  
Commander, SFFO  
Sergeant, District 5  
Regional Law Enforcement Specialist, Oakland, CA  
Lieutenant, Liaison to OLES (DOI)  
Horse Mounted Patrol Unit  
SWAT, Special Forces Branch  
Administrative Sergeant, Training Branch



*Officer Pepper Karansky*



*Ms. Patricia Kelly, New York Field Office*

Ms. Peggy J. Berger  
Ms. Ola M. Briles  
Mr. Ronald L. Briles, Sr.  
Ms. Patricia Kelly  
Ms. Joy Anne May  
Ms. Kathlyn R. Myers

Secretary, Internal Affairs Unit  
Police Planner  
Force Safety Manager  
Secretary, NYFO  
Information Management Technician  
Information Management Technician



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**The United States Park Police rely on a varied and experienced civilian work force staff to provide support to further the mission and goals of the agency. The Force would like to welcome on board our new hires.**

Donna M. Barnes	Supervisory Telecommunications Equipment Operator
Carolyn K. Hutchison	Supervisory Telecommunications Equipment Operator
Michael D. Jones	Guard
Guenther J. Kirchmeier	Dispatcher, New York Field Office
Roberta J. O'Neil	Guard
Joyce V. Robertson	Dispatcher, New York Field Office
Patrick Shall	Guard
Chantia L. Snowden	Security Specialist
Faith M. Walden	Program Analyst
Charlena E. Washington	Background Investigator
Jerome C. Washington	Guard



*Members of the Human Resources Unit welcoming Ms. Charlena Washington and Ms. Chantia Snowden.*



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**Police officers distinguish themselves every day with their individual service, but some received much deserved special recognition for their work.**

### **Hakim Farthing Award**



Master Patrol Officer Anthony R. Giannino received the Hakim Farthing Award for Excellence in DWI and Traffic Enforcement. In August 2002, the Force and the Fraternal Order of Police jointly created the Hakim Farthing Award for Excellence in DWI and Traffic Enforcement. This award pays homage to the memory of Officer Hakim Farthing, who was killed in the line of duty at 3:30 a.m. by a drunk driver on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway on August 10, 2002.

### **Hawkins Award**

Officer Grant W. Myers, III, received the Hawkins Award. This award is presented to the top overall United States Park Police performer in each recruit class. This award pays homage to the memory of Officer Raymond L. Hawkins who was on the Force only 3 years when he was shot while attempting to apprehend an armed robber in a 7-11 convenience store, 2 nights before Christmas 1971. He died as a result of his injuries February 15, 1972, 3 days before his 29<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **Higgins Award**

Officer Penti W. Gillespie received the Sergeant Gregory J. Higgins Memorial Award presented by the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia. The Gregory J. Higgins Memorial Award is given to the United States Park Police officer(s) in recognition of superior performance and a commitment to excellence to the Special Assistant United States Attorney's program for the Eastern District of Virginia.



### **United States Park Police Life Saving Award**

Lieutenant Kathleen A. Harasek, Sergeants Christopher Stock, Kevin W. Duckworth, John J. Dillon, and Officer Charles R. Whiteman.

### **United States Park Police Chief's Certificate for Outstanding Police Service**

Lieutenant Scott R. Fear, Sergeants Kevin W. Duckworth, John J. Dillon, Detectives Irving P. Edwards, Wayne S. Humberson, Jonathan P. Daniels, Master Patrol Officer Anthony R. Giannino, and Officers Robert M. Thomas, Adam E. Zielinski, Eric R. Haapapuro, Steven C. Polianos.



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**Mothers Against Drunk Driving** – Officer Ross Dykman received an award for excellence in community service and public safety from the Fairfax Alcohol Safety Action Program and MADD for leading the Force in DWI arrests and traffic enforcement in Virginia. (101 DWI arrests and 64 other traffic-related arrests).

### AAA “10851” Award

Sergeant Jansing and Officers Wu and Battista received the 10851 award given by Triple AAA for achieving a predetermined level of accomplishment in the area of stolen automobile recoveries in the State of California.



### Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy

Each year the United States Park Police sends at least two of its officials to the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy (FBINA). The mission of the FBINA is "to support, promote, and enhance the personal and professional development of law enforcement leaders by preparing them for complex, dynamic, and contemporary challenges through innovative techniques, facilitating excellence in education and research, and forging partnerships throughout the world." These mutual objectives ensure that the United States Park Police is prepared for the future.

In 2006, Captain Robert MacLean (Session 225) and Captain Thomas Neider (Session 227) graduated from the FBINA.



**Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP)** – Officer Adam E. Zielinski was presented with the area’s 9th annual WRAP award and cited for his outstanding commitment in the fight against drunk driving. Officer Zielinski made 81 arrests during the initiatives reporting period, resulting in the highest number of DUI arrests for any individual officer in the Washington metropolitan area. Officer Zielinski wrote over 300 traffic citations. This is his second time receiving this award.

### Region III Canine Competition

In May, the United States Police Canine Association held its annual competition in Nokesville, VA. The U.S. Park Police team, consisting of Officer Wilkins and K-9 Ranger, Officer Psak and K-9 Malu, and Officer Bransom and K-9 Loki won a Fifth place Department Team trophy. Officer Bransom and K-9 Loki received individual awards for 1<sup>st</sup> Place-Novice Agility, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-Novice Criminal Apprehension, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Novice Overall.



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The Andrew Clark Hecht Public Safety Achievement Award, the highest award bestowed by the NPS for outstanding public safety results, was given for Potomac River Safety Task Force efforts. Members of the Task Force included the National Park Service, the U. S. Park Police, District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Harbor Patrol, Montgomery (MD) and Fairfax (VA) County Fire and Rescue Departments, the Potomac Conservancy and REL. Their primary accomplishment was reducing accidental drownings to 0 from 5 the previous year.



*(photo courtesy of Terry Adams)*

In 2006 the United States Park Police implemented the 3-year Strategic Plan for the Force. The Strategic Plan provides the Force with Goals and Strategies in order to successfully accomplish the Mission of the Force and provide the most effective service to our community. The following are the Implementation Goals of the Force and a synopsis of the Strategies that were implemented to meet these goals.

### **Ensure the National Icons of Democracy and the visitors to the Icons are protected from harm**

- Commissioned an Internal and External Security Review to assess the effectiveness of security practices.
- Increased the number of patrols present at the National Icons.
- Participated in an Environmental Design process to enhance security at selected Icons.
- Deployed new technology and upgraded current technology to effectively monitor and detect security concerns.
- Increased training to enhance capabilities of personnel assigned to Icon protection.

### **Enhance visitor safety**

- Utilized the Comparative Statistics Management Tool to monitor and respond to crime data.
- Monitored and provided recommendations to the National Park Service on ways to improve roadway safety, such as improved signage, guardrail improvements, road surface improvements, and traffic flow patterns.
- Utilized selective enforcement techniques to improve traffic safety.
- Developed and offered training programs to address special events, crowd control techniques, and terrorism.

### **Safeguard National Park Service natural and cultural resources**

- Increased the number of hours allocated to resource protection training to police recruits.
- Offered hazardous materials training.
- Adjusted personnel to enhance coverage in areas affected by violations of resource laws.

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### **Improve Human Capital Management to prepare for and respond to changing organizational needs**

- Reviewed and updated selected Force position descriptions to better capture required duties and expectations of Force personnel.
- Provided Senior Level Management training.
- Updated performance appraisals to more accurately measure performance requirements.

### **Improve organizational effectiveness and efficiency through partnerships, facilities, and technology**

- Entered a Memorandum of Agreement with Federal partners to enhance the Force radio system.
- Participating in an Information Management and Records System pilot designed to enhance the Force's documentation, record keeping, and crime analysis capabilities.
- Improving partnerships with Department of the Interior and other units of the National Park Service by participating in multiple councils and committees.
- Conducting inspection of facilities and prioritizing assessed needs for improvement. This has resulted in selected facility repairs and upgrades being performed.

### **Improve budgeting and performance systems and capabilities**

- Conduct regular meetings with elements of the National Park Service and our partners to review budget and financial issues.
- The President's Fiscal Year 2008 budget has been submitted to Congress. The Force is currently developing the Fiscal Year 2009 budget proposal.
- Utilizing the Interior Department Electronic Acquisition System for purchases to better manage Force expenditures.

### **Ensure Force employees conduct themselves professionally and are held accountable for all actions or omissions**

- Conducted Discipline and Adverse Action training.
- Offered Ethics training.
- Internal Affairs Unit enhanced coordination with the Department of the Interior Office of Law Enforcement Security and Emergency Management.





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### **Major**

Gerard F. McCarthy  
James W. Moore, Jr.  
Daniel G. Walters

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Commander, New York Field Office  
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### **Captain**

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Robert D. MacLean  
Thomas S. Neider  
Kelcy M. Stefansson  
Jason Z. Wu

Captain, Assistant Commander, San Francisco Field Office  
Assistant Commander, Special Forces Branch  
Commander, Support Services Group  
Regional Law Enforcement Specialist, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Regional Law Enforcement Specialist, Oakland, California



*Captain Robert MacLean*



*Major Gerard McCarthy*

### **Lieutenant**

Peter A. Barrow  
Richard A. DeRiso  
Scott R. Fear  
Arthur L. Gaither, Jr.  
Ronald E. Robinson

Shift Commander  
Intelligence Unit  
Shift Commander  
Shift Commander  
Shift Commander



*Lieutenant Scott Fear*

### **Detective**

Steven Wade

Jamaica Bay Unit, NYFO

### **Sergeant**

Kenneth E. Blaire  
Jason L. Bottomly  
Robert W. German

Shift Supervisor, SFFO  
Liberty District, NYFO  
District 1



*Detective Steven Wade*

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### Extended Active Duty Military Deployments

Officers serving their country in the Armed Services this year: Sergeant David C. Tolson, Jr. – Air Force Reserve, Officer Jonathan E. Lindley – Army National Guard, Officer Lynda K. Freedman – Air National Guard, Guard Gerald D. McPeck – National Guard (no picture available).



*Sergeant David Tolson in Iraq.*



*Officer Lynda Freedman in Iraq.*



*Officer Jonathan Lindley in Iraq.*



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*SWAT members practicing rappelling.*



*Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi and HMP officers Irma Javier and Jason Raymos.*



*Officers Kevin Duckworth and John Dillon at a static display.*



*Lieutenant Tom Neider and Captain Jeanne O'Toole receiving a plaque from Superintendent David Vela (GWMP) for USPP Appreciation Day.*



*U.S. Park Police escort the British Airways Concorde, historic supersonic aircraft, to the Aviator Sports complex on Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, New York where the aircraft will be on public display until June 2008.*



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*Sergeant Donald Upright and Officer Allan Stone*



*Patrol unit in the New York Field Office.*



*Marine unit in the New York Field Office.*



*Officer Roy Williams and James White*



*U.S. Park Police provide bicycle safety training.*



*Major Robert Rule speaking to demonstrators during a First Amendment rally.*



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## ***Vietnam Veterans take the Statue of Liberty, December 26, 1971.***

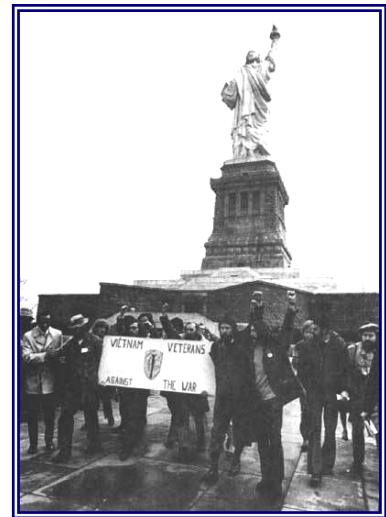


*Members of Vietnam Veterans Against the War “liberated” the Statue of Liberty with a sit-in to protest the resumed aerial bombings in Vietnam by the United States. An inverted U.S. flag was flown from the crown as a signal of distress.*

### **THE STATUE OF LIBERTY: MONUMENT TO AN EXPANDING SET OF IDEALS**

Fifteen members of the group “Vietnam Veterans Against the War” arrived on Liberty Island by Circle Line boat on December 26, 1971; however, when the last boat returned to Manhattan that evening, the veterans were not on board. Just before closing time, they hid among the work being completed on the American Museum of Immigration at the monument’s base. When National Park Service personnel made an evening check of the Statue, they found that the veterans had seized control of the landmark and barricaded the three ground floor entrances. They refused to speak to any National Park Service personnel, but on the door they had posted a statement addressed to President Richard M. Nixon, which stated “Each Vietnam veteran who has barricaded himself within this international symbol of liberty has for many years rationalized his attitude to war ... We can no longer tolerate the war in Southeast Asia. Mr. Nixon, you set the date [for leaving Vietnam], we’ll evacuate.”

Twenty-one U.S. Park Police officers flew to Liberty Island from Washington, DC, on December 27 to join New York City police and U.S. Coast Guard personnel. While the Government attempted to reach a peaceful compromise, these security forces stood by. On December 28, the members of the group left the Statute of Liberty peacefully.



*(Source: Photograph Collection of the American Museum of Immigration, Liberty Island, U.S. Department of the Interior, NPS)*



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Thank you to the dedicated men and women of the United States Park Police. Your actions continue to exemplify the high ethical and moral standards that reflect the proud traditions of this agency.



*“We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee.”*

*Quote by Marian Wright Edelman (1939 – )*





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