

Costa Mesa Police Department

Memorandum



DATE: October 1, 2026

TO: J. Brown, Lieutenant - Area One Commander

FROM: Matt Pallo, Park Ranger

SUBJECT: Park Ranger Monthly Report - September 2026

Park Ranger Overview

Month	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Staffing	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6				--
Patrols	807	986	1146	965	777	698	790	826	767				7762
Calls	121	115	176	175	186	224	260	229	164				1650
Citations	11	10	15	9	23	25	9	15	12				129
Reports	31	26	19	28	38	34	19	12	23				230
Arrests	66	26	48	15	22	17	33	27	18				272

Park Activities/Highlights:

- Park Rangers continue to patrol Talbert Park on foot, bicycles, drones, and vehicles. This month, Rangers reported very few evidence of off-trail use. Every Thursday, Rangers and Outreach workers conduct outreach to assist the unhoused with connecting them to city and county services. The use of drone was successful in a few felony arrests initially involving off-trail violations and after investigations, they resulted in felony warrant arrests and/or felony drug possession charges.
- Ketchum-Libolt is still under construction with an opening set for early October. No issues to report.
- Café Mesa at Lions Park is still not open. There have been numerous contacts around the area and outreach services offered. Lions Park continues to see volumes of people utilizing the park amenities, with few violations observed.
- Del Mesa Park has been heavily patrolled for the past couple of months due to a citizen complaint of suspicious persons loitering in the park. Rangers and CPU Officers report no issues other than neighborhood residents using the park. Any property that had appeared to have been "abandoned" at the park, was tagged with storage notices. Owner of property quickly retrieved their items and there have been no further issues.

MONTHLY PARKS ACTIVITY / ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Talbert Regional Park	6	80	7	12	11	116
Joann Street Bike Trail	1	26	0	0	0	27
Senior Center	8	47	2	2	3	62
District 1						
Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Balearic Park	5	5	0	0	0	10
Estancia Park	3	19	0	0	0	22
Mesa Verde Park	0	6	0	0	0	6
Moon Park	5	17	0	0	2	24
Smallwood Park	2	8	0	2	1	13
Suburbia Park	1	11	0	0	0	12
Tanager Park	9	8	0	0	0	17
Wakeham Park	2	10	0	0	0	12
Wimbledon Park	2	5	0	0	0	7
Total	29	89	0	2	3	123
District 2						
Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Del Mesa Park	2	36	0	0	0	38
Gisler Park	2	42	1	0	0	45
Shiffer Park	2	34	0	0	0	36
Paularino Park	3	3	0	1	0	7
Total	9	115	1	1	0	126
District 3						
Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Neth Park	0	22	0	0	0	22
TeWinkle Park	13	36	0	0	0	49
Skate Park	2	8	0	0	0	10
Wilson Park	4	47	0	0	0	51
Jack Hammet Sports Complex	6	1	0	0	0	7
Total	25	114	0	0	0	139
District 4						
Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Ketchum-Libolt Park	0	20	0	0	0	20
Shalimar Park	1	5	0	0	0	6
Total	1	25	0	0	0	26
District 5						
Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Canyon Park	5	38	0	0	0	43
Fairview Park	12	25	0	0	1	38
Lions Park	38	98	2	8	5	151
Marina View Park	1	24	0	0	0	25
Vista Park	5	22	0	1	0	27
Total	61	207	2	9	6	285
District 6						
Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Brentwood Park	12	13	0	0	0	25
Harper Park	2	7	0	0	0	9
Heller Park	3	11	0	0	0	14
Jordan Park	1	6	0	0	0	7
Lindbergh Park	1	10	0	0	0	11
Pinkley Park (Ogle)	5	17	0	0	0	22
Total	24	64	0	0	0	88

CITY OF COSTA MESA

Park Ranger Unit

Enforcement Summary

September 2026

Talbert Park

12 Arrests & 7 Citations

1298 and 1299 Victoria Street.

2 arrests - Misd. warrant.

2 arrests - CMMC 11-304(a)(3)/ B&P 25620(a).

1 arrest - Felony warr. / Misd. warr. / H&S
11395(b)(1) / H&S 11364(a)/ PC 485.

1 arrest - H&S 11364(a)/ PC 4573.6(a)/
OCCO 2-5-17(a)/ OCCO 2-5-46(a)

1 arrest - Felony warr. / H&S 11395(b)(1) /
H&S 11364(a).

1 arrest - H&S 11395(b)(1) / H&S 11364(a) /
OCCO 2-5-46(a).

1 arrest - PC 166(a) / PC 1203.2 /
OCCO 2-5-37.

1 arrest - Felony warr. / Misd. warr.

1 arrest - H&S 11395(b)(1) / OCCO 2-5-46(a).

1 arrest - H&S 11364(a).

6 citations - OCCO 2-5-46(a)

1 citation - CVC 21211(a)

Lions Park

8 Arrests & 2 Citations

570 W. 18th Street.

1 arrest - H&S 11395(b)(1)/H&S 11364(a)

1 arrest - H&S 11395(b)(1)

1 arrest - CVC 23152(a)

1 arrest - CMMC 12-23/ PC 602(o)

1 arrest - CMMC 11-3

1 arrest - CMMC 12-51

1 arrest - CMMC 8-133(b)

1 arrest - Misd. warrant

1 citation - B&P 25620(a)

1 citation - CMMC 8-133(b)

Senior Center**2 Arrests & 2 Citations**695 W. 19th Street.

1 arrest - Misd. warrant

1 arrest - CVC 23152(a)

2 citations - B&P 25620(a)

Smallwood Park**2 Arrests**

1646 Corsica Pl.

1 arrest - PC 594 / PC 166.4

1 arrest - H&S 11377(a) / H&S 11364(a)

Paularino Park**1 Arrest**

1040 Paularino Ave.

1 arrest - H&S 11377(a) / PC 273.5 /
PC 417(a)(1) / PC 148(a) / PC 135**Vista Park****1 Arrest**

1200 Victoria St.

1 arrest - CMMC 12-51

Codes used for Enforcement

Costa Mesa Municipal Code (CMMC)

3-112	Leash Law
8-83(d)	Scavenging trash
8-133(b)	Smoking prohibited in parks
10-194	Sleeping in a parked vehicle
11-3	Drinking in public
11-4(a)	Urinating/ defecating in public
11-304(a)	Unlawful camping
11-306(a)	Storage of personal property in public places
12-18(a)	Signs and notices to be obeyed
12-20(a) (4)	Possession or firing of fireworks in park
12-20(a) (5)	Hold illegal fire
12-20(a) (7)	Climb on building, facility
12-20(a) (9)	Damage, deface... plants, trees, shrubs... in park
12-20(a) (10)	Deface park property
12-20(a) (19)	Fishing in city park prohibited
12-23	Presence in parks after dark
12-24	Riding animals, Operating Vehicles
12-32	Performing labor in parks prohibited
12-42(b)	Dog off leash
12-43	Dogs excluded from children's playgrounds
12-51	Rubbish to be put into receptacles
12-53(a)	Permits needed for groups of 10 or more persons
12-57(b)	Safety equipment required at Skate Park
12-65(a)	Model aircraft may not be flown higher than 400 feet
15-3	Blocking sidewalk

Orange County Codified Ordinance (OCCO)

2-5-17(a)	Camping prohibited
2-5-35	Possession of alcoholic beverage. OCCO (Orange County Code)
2-5-37	Firearms, BB guns, fireworks, or any other weapon prohibited
2-5-46(a)	Off Trail in County Park. OCCO (Orange County Code).

Business and Professions, Health & Safety, Penal Codes & Vehicle Codes

B&P 4060	Possession of narcotic w/o prescription
B&P 25608	Possession of alcohol on school grounds
B&P 25620(a)	Open alcoholic beverage
B&P 25662(a)	Minor in possession of alcohol
B&P 22435.2(b)	Misuse of shopping cart
H&S 11364(a)	Possession of drug paraphernalia
H&S 11350(a)	Possession of controlled substance
H&S 11357(b)	Minor is Possession of Marijuana
H&S 11377(a)	Possession of controlled substance/ dangerous drugs
H&S 11395(b)(1)	Possession of controlled substance with priors
PC 135	Destruction of evidence
PC 148(a)	Resist /delay/obstruct a law enforcement officer
PC 166(a)(4)	Contempt of Court Order
PC 243(b)	Battery on Officer
PC 245	Assault with a Deadly Weapon
PC 273.5	Domestic Violence
PC 273a(a)	Domestic Violence
PC 417(a)(1)	Brandishing deadly weapon
PC 485	Misappropriation of found property
PC 487	Grand Theft
PC 594	Vandalism
PC 597(B)(1)	Animal Cruelty
PC 602	Trespassing
PC 1203.2	Probation Violation
CVC 21211(a)	No stopping, standing, sitting, loitering, or impeding bicycle traffic.
CVC 21211(b)	No parking or placing any object on a class one bikeway.
CVC 23152(a)	Driving Under the Influence