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CGPD Park Rangers Gearing Up!

Casa Grande, AZ – Historically, the Park Ranger program has been managed by the City of Casa Grande Parks and Recreation Department. In late 2013, those responsibilities were transferred to the Casa Grande Police Department. Since then, the program has undergone a dramatic transformation. We have hired and certified three Park Rangers, provided them with training, uniforms and equipment and integrated them into the Police Patrol squads.

The Park Rangers are responsible for over 23 parks and numerous city buildings and properties in Casa Grande. Their mission is to provide respectful and professional assistance to all park users and to ensure compliance with laws and city codes through education and enforcement. The Park Rangers write reports, patrol parks, take enforcement action when appropriate, conduct security checks at all city buildings and properties, handle after hours animal calls, assist patrol officers during emergencies by providing traffic control and assist in the search of missing persons.

The work of the Park Rangers requires them to utilize vehicles that are properly marked as Park Ranger vehicles. We recently discovered a Casa Grande Fire Department vehicle that was scheduled to be taken off-line and sold at auction. We were able to complete a proposal to have this vehicle transferred to the Police Department and, for a very low cost were able to have a graphics wrap applied. We also salvaged an emergency lighting and radio equipment package from another police vehicle and installed it in the truck. Needless to say, our Park Rangers are thrilled to have this vehicle available to them to perform their duties. We are extremely appreciative of the efforts of our Fleet Department, City

Manager's Office and everyone else involved in preparing this vehicle for use and saving our city funds that can be used elsewhere!

We are also proud of our Park Rangers and the program! Please take advantage of our program by communicating with the Park Rangers when you see them out in our community!

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