



Dallas Park & Recreation

## Safe Parks/Security Update



**Park and Recreation Board**

**August 17, 2023**

# Purpose

- To provide an update to the Park and Recreation Board on security operations and management practices that promote safety in Dallas Parks

# Overview

- Park Ranger Program
- Park Ranger Performance Metrics
- Bicycle Metrics
- Marshals Performance Metrics
- Holiday Operations Plan
- Marshals Office & Dallas Police Updates

# Park Ranger Program

## **Mission**

Provide efficient and effective services to park visitors that embody safety and security, while fostering environmental stewardship

## **Areas of Service Delivery**

- Public Safety
- Compliance
- Education
- Customer Service

# Park Ranger Program

- Park Ranger Staffing
  - 1 Chief Park Ranger
  - 1 Park Ranger Supervisor
  - 11 Park Rangers

- Park Ranger Hours of Operation

<b>Spring (Mar – April)</b>	<b>Summer (May – Aug)</b>
Early Shift (9:00 am – 5:30 pm)	Early Shift (9:00 am – 5:30 pm)
Late Shift (11:30 am – 8:00 pm)	Late Shift (1:30 pm – 10:00 pm)

- Marshals Staffing
  - 2 sergeants
  - 10 deputies
- Marshals Park Unit Schedule
  - Daily 9:00 am – 11:00 pm

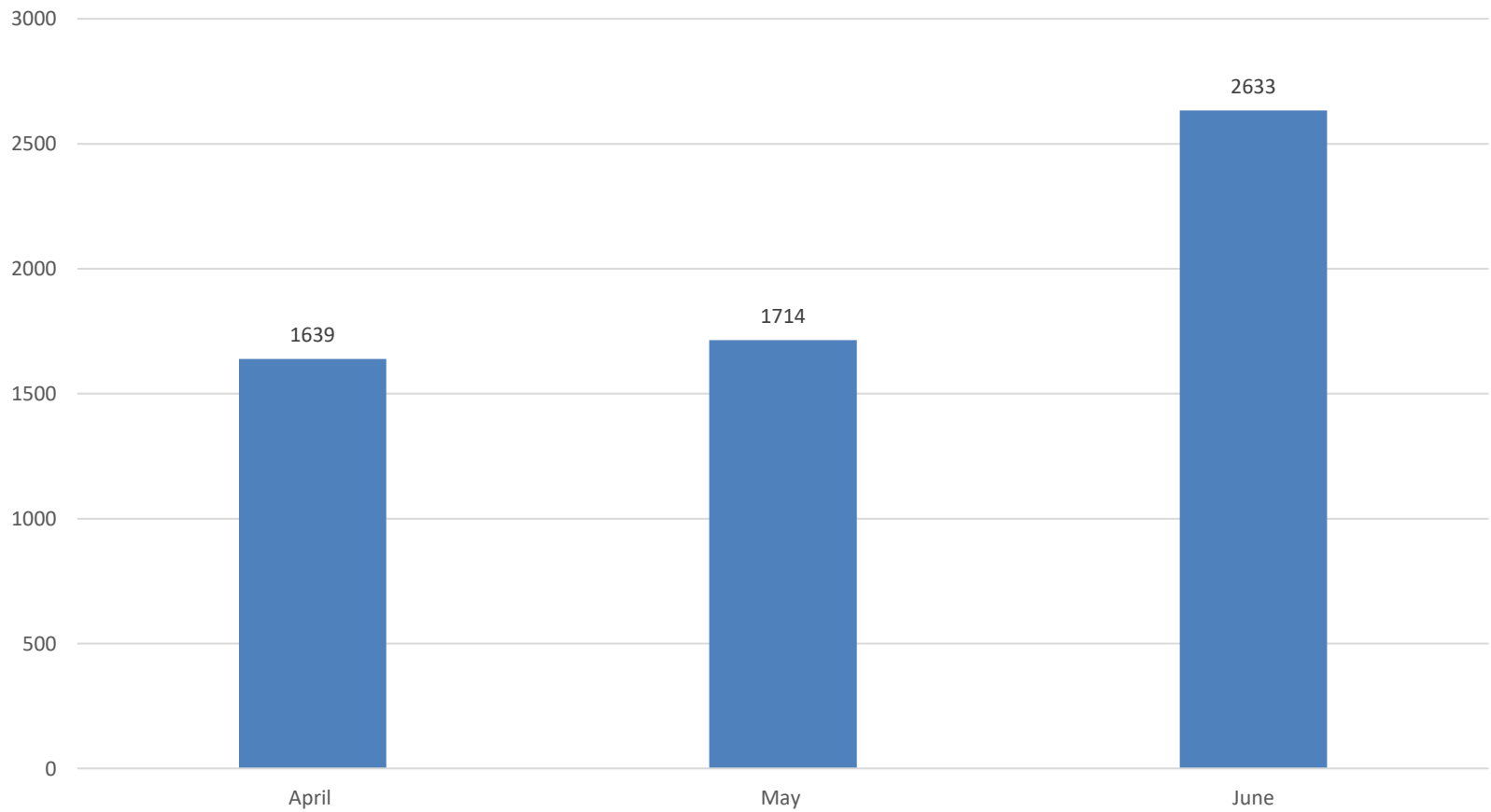
# Park Ranger Program

## Hotspot Protocol

- A “Hot Spot Park” list was created to prioritize and establish park areas for enhanced focus and more frequent site visits while on duty
- “Hot Spot Parks” are often established based upon numerous issues/complaints
- Leverage Ranger visibility and outreach to serve as an effective measure to mitigate illicit behaviors/issues
- (6) Hot Spot Parks and one (1) trail per Park Maintenance District, creating forty-two (42) total areas of priority
  - Park Rangers maintain routine visits to other parks to ensure various parks are being monitored
- Frequently updated based on need

# Park Ranger Metrics

## Q3 Visits (April – June)



# Park Ranger Metrics

## Top 10 Parks with Infractions by Month

Rank	April		May		June	
	Park	# of Infractions	Park	# of Infractions	Park	# of Infractions
1	Bachman Lake	49	Bachman Lake	39	Bachman Lake	46
2	William Blair Jr	24	William Blair Jr	21	William Blair Jr	22
3	Beckley Saner	11	Beckley Saner	18	Beckley Saner	17
4	Lake Cliff	11	Kiest	17	Lake Cliff	17
5	Kiest	9	Lake Cliff	12	Mildred Dunn	14
6	Pacific Plaza	9	Griggs	10	Kiest	11
7	Willis Winters	8	Harry S Moss	10	Glencoe	10
8	Cole	7	Kidd Springs	7	Griggs	10
9	Griggs	7	Timberglen	7	Pacific Plaza	9
10	White Rock Lake	7	Forest	6	Craddock	8



# Top 5 Infractions by Month

## Park Ranger Site Visits

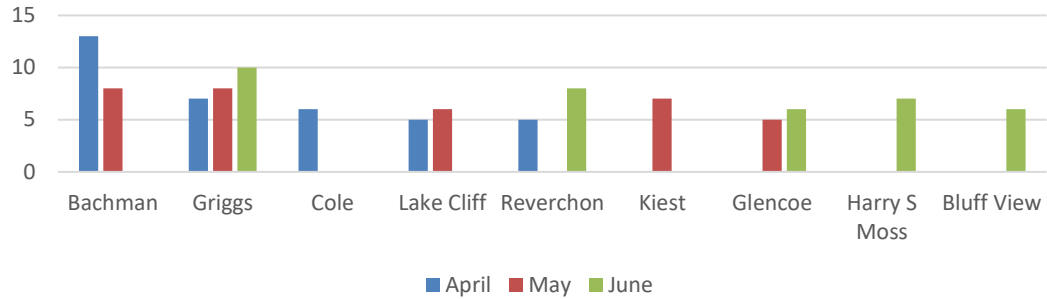
Rank	April		May		June	
	Infraction	Count	Infraction	Count	Infraction	Count
1	Dog Off Leash	105	Dog Off Leash	102	Dog Off Leash	131
2	Parking on Unapproved Surface	43	Parking on Unapproved Surface	61	Parking on Unapproved Surface	56
3	Homeless Encampment	24	Sleeping	36	Sleeping	39
4	Sleeping	22	Homeless Encampment	27	Smoking	39
5	Smoking	13	Alcohol/Drug Use	26	Alcohol/Drug Use	36

Cumulative Quarterly Count – Top 5 Infractions:

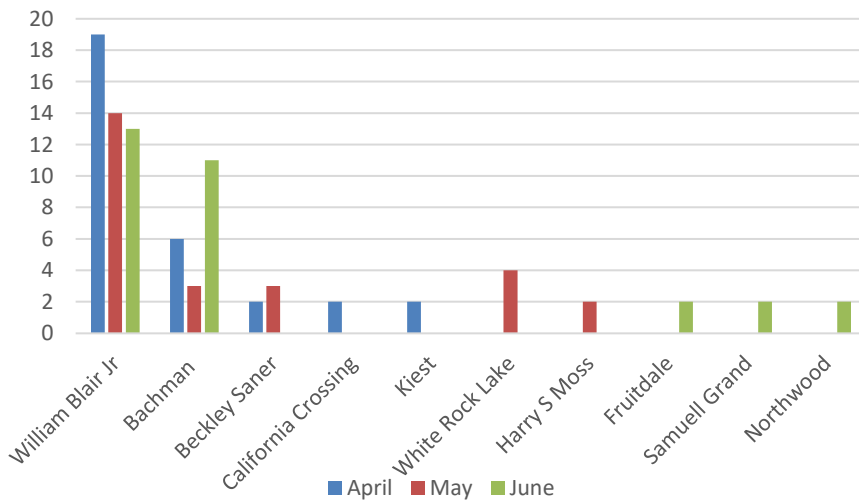
- Dogs Off Leash – 338
- Parking – 160
- Homeless – 51
- Sleeping – 97
- Smoking – 52
- Alcohol/Drugs - 62

# Top Parks with Infractions

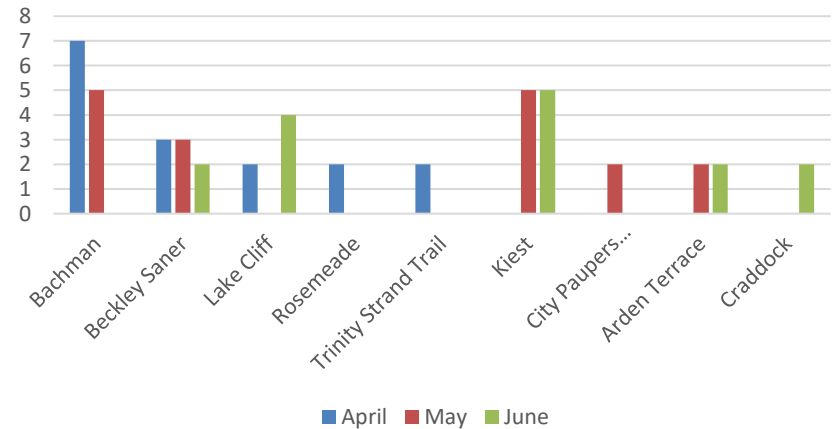
TOP 5 PARKS WITH DOGS OFF LEASH  
APRIL - JUNE 2023



TOP 5 PARKS WITH PARKING VIOLATIONS  
APRIL - JUNE 2023



TOP 5 PARKS WITH HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS  
APRIL - JUNE 2023



# Compliance Rates

## Park Ranger Interactions

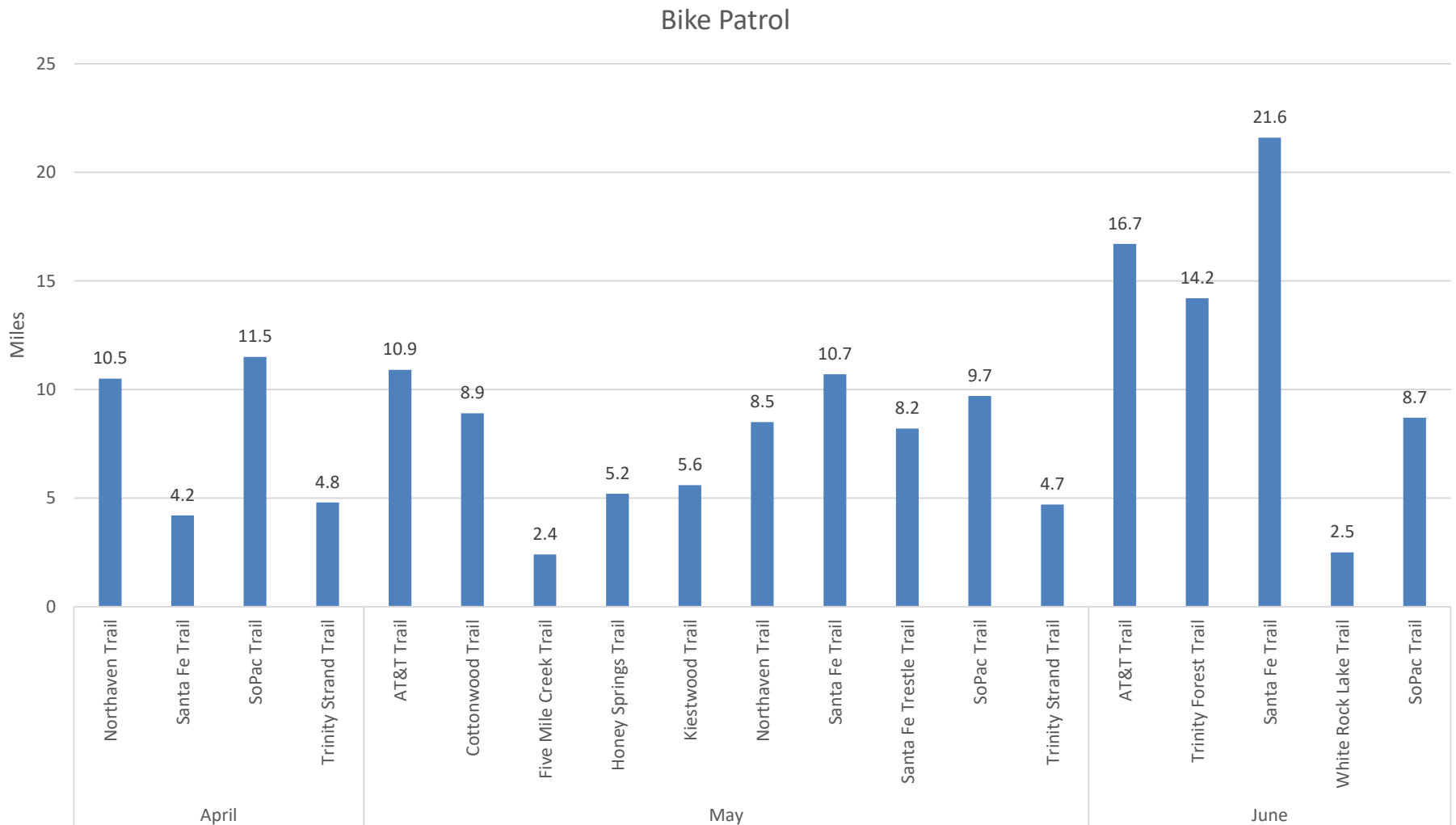
	*Infractions	Compliance Received	Compliance Not Received	Citations Issued	Compliance Rate
<b>April</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>91%</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>88%</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>89%</b>

\*Chart only includes data that Rangers impact through education or discussion. The following are excluded:

- 911 Call
- Maintenance Issue
- Litter
- Homeless Encampments
- 311 Service Request

# Park Ranger Bike Metrics

## 3rd Quarter Visits



# Park Safety/Strategy Meetings

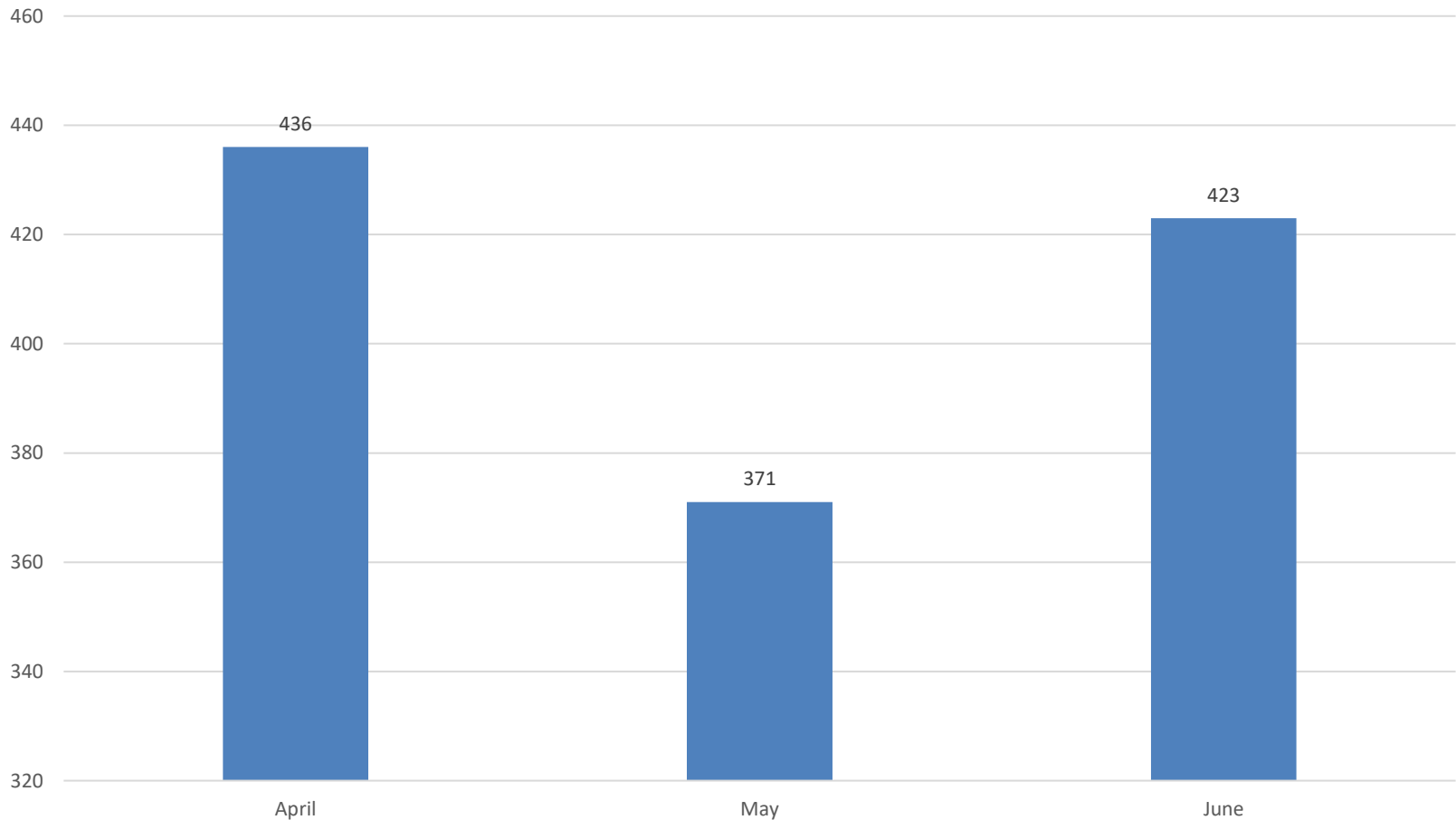
- Interdepartmental communication and collaboration
- Expedited response to priority issues
- Dallas Police provide insight to community concerns and how they are being addressed
- Safety-related intel from the “boots on the ground”
- Special events planning
- Provides for an enhanced customer experience on park facilities

# Park Safety/Strategy Meetings

- Region Meetings
  - Corresponding to 7 Dallas PD patrol divisions
  - Interagency collaboration
- Weekly meetings with Marshal Park Unit sergeants
- Monthly joint meetings with Rangers and Marshals
- Ad hoc safety and security committee meetings
- On-demand meetings

# Marshals Metrics

## Q3 Visits (April – June)



# Top 5 Infractions by Month

## Marshal Site Visits

Rank	April		May		June	
	Infraction	Count	Infraction	Count	Infraction	Count
1	Alcohol/Drug Use	40	Parking Violations (POUS, Handicap, Fire Lane)	30	Parking Violations (POUS, Handicap, Fire Lane)	23
2	Parking Violations (POUS, Handicap, Fire Lane)	25	Alcohol/Drug Use	24	Smoking	16
3	Smoking	24	Homeless Encampment	19	Homeless Encampment	14
4	Homeless Encampment	23	Smoking	18	Alcohol/Drug Use	13
5	Dog Off Leash	18	Park Curfew - Juveniles	12	Sleeping	12

### Cumulative Quarterly Count – Top 5 Infractions:

- Alcohol/Drugs – 77
- Parking – 78
- Smoking – 58
- Homeless – 56
- Dog Off Leash – 18
- Park Curfew (Juveniles skipping school) – 12
- Sleeping - 12



# Marshal Dog Sweeps

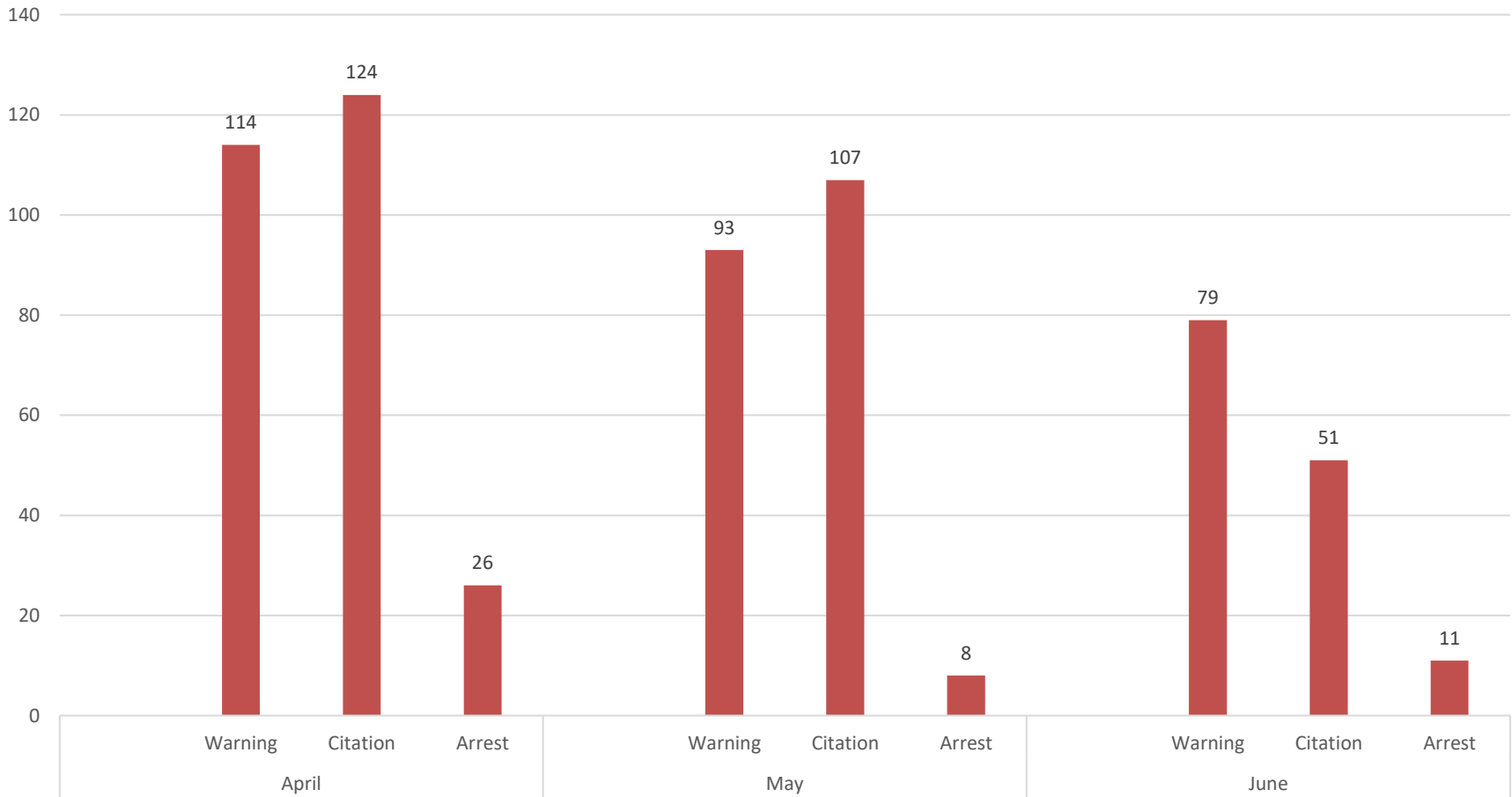
April - 28 sweeps	
Park	Citations
Bachman x 3	0
Bluff View x 2	0
Cole x 4	0
Craddock x 2	0
Exall x 2	1
Glencoe x 2	1
Griggs x 4	0
Nash Davis	3
Norbuck x 2	0
Reverchon x 4	0
White Rock Creek Trail	2
WRL	0

May - 18 sweeps	
Park	Citations
Bachman x 2	0
Cole x 2	0
Craddock	0
Exall	0
Glencoe	1
Griggs x 2	1
Katy Trail	0
Lake Cliff	3
Norbuck x 3	0
Reverchon	0
Turtle Creek x 2	2
WRL	0

June - 17 sweeps	
Park	Citations
Bachman x 4	0
Bluff View x 2	1
Cole	0
Glencoe	0
Griggs	0
Kiest	0
Lake Cliff x 3	0
Maria Luna	1
Norbuck x 2	0
WRL	0

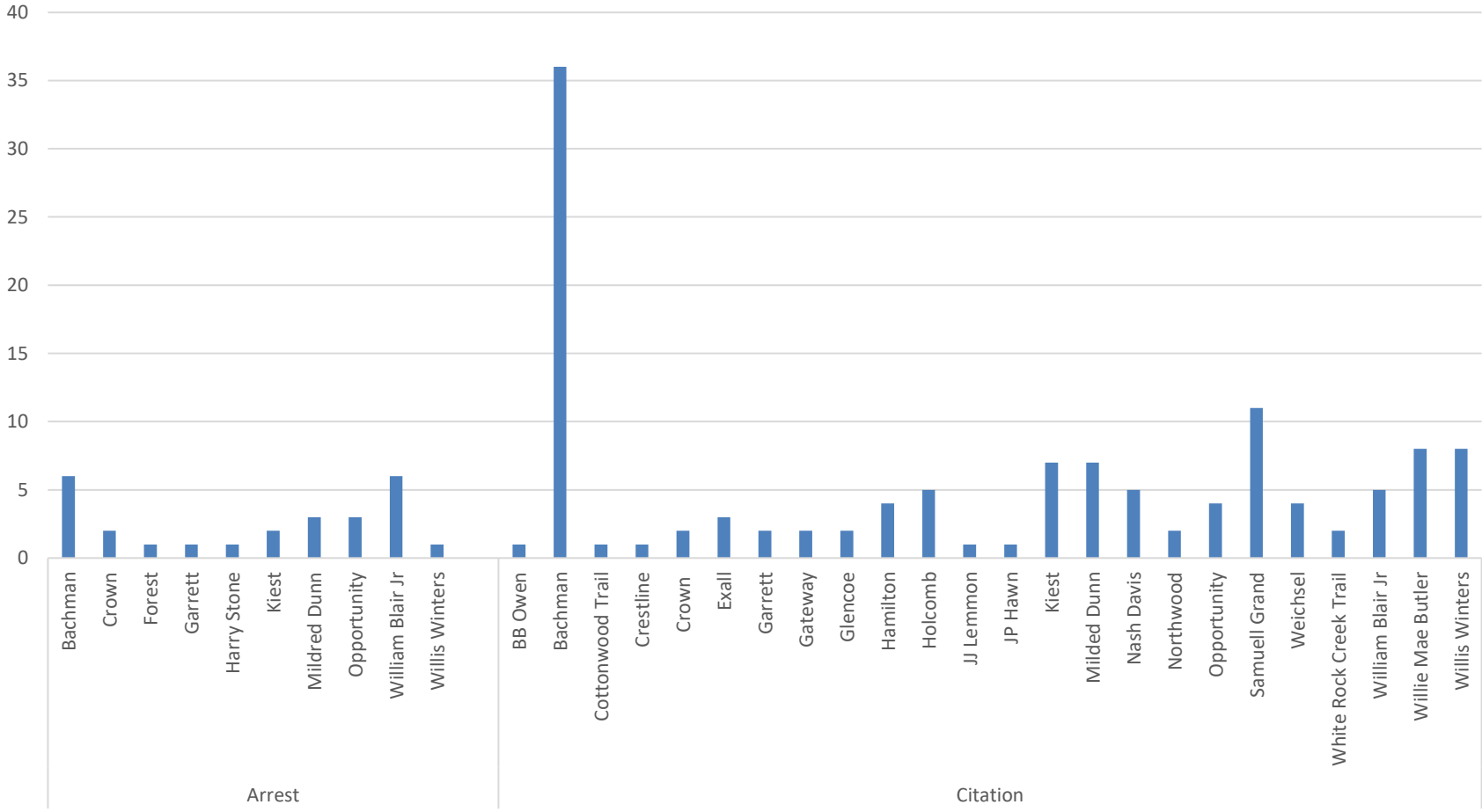
# Marshals Metrics

## Citations and Arrests



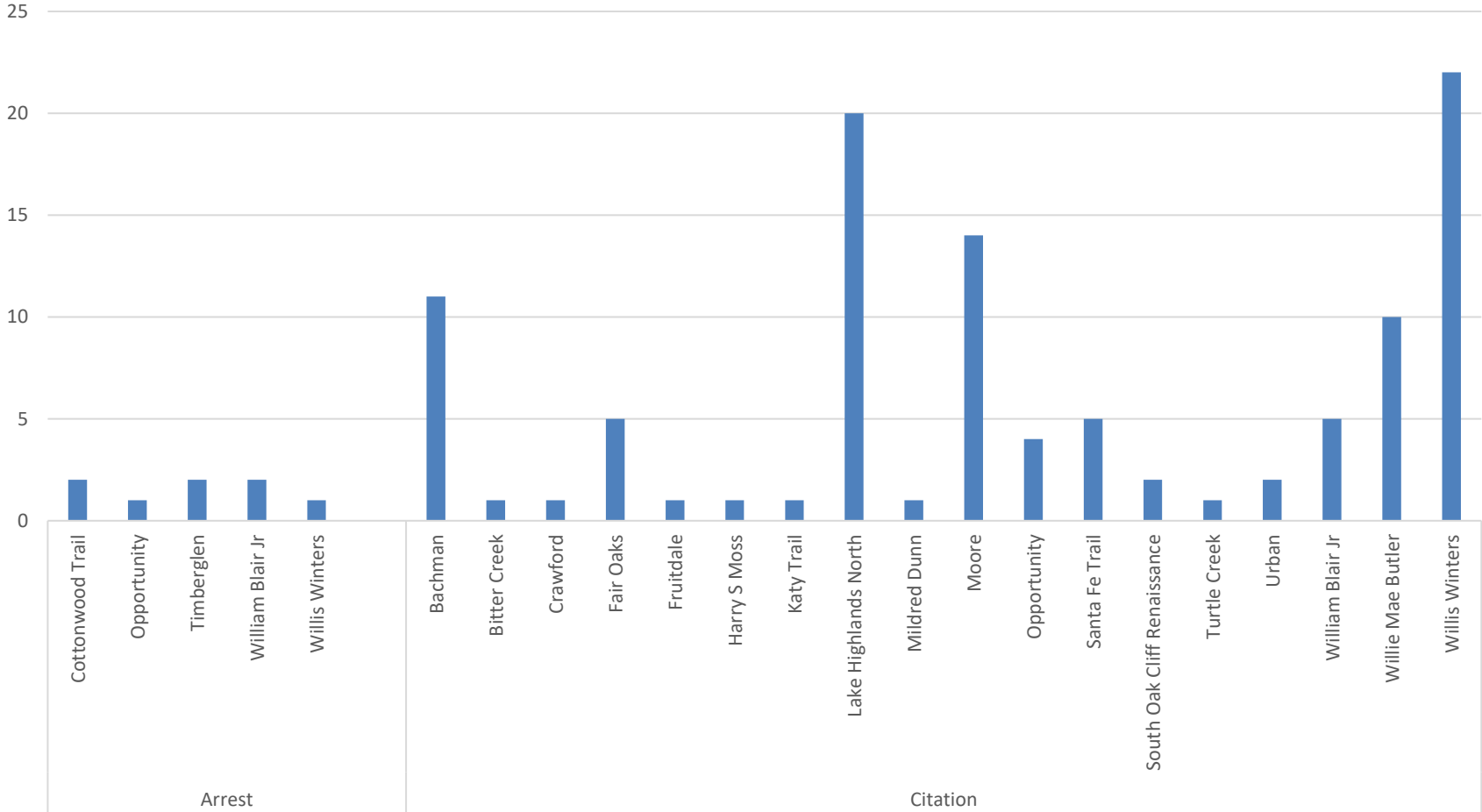
# Marshals Criminal Activity

April 2023



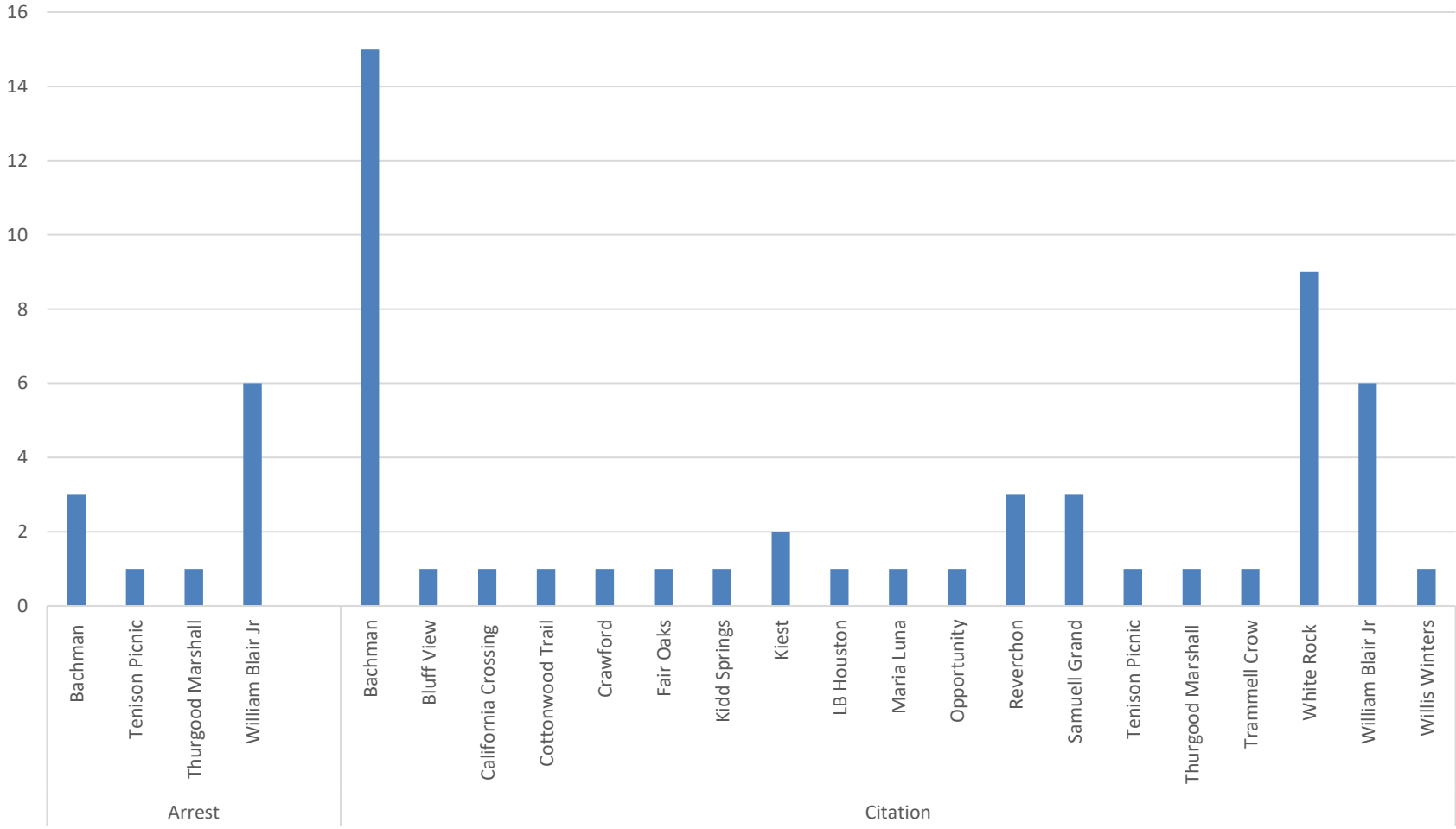
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May 2023



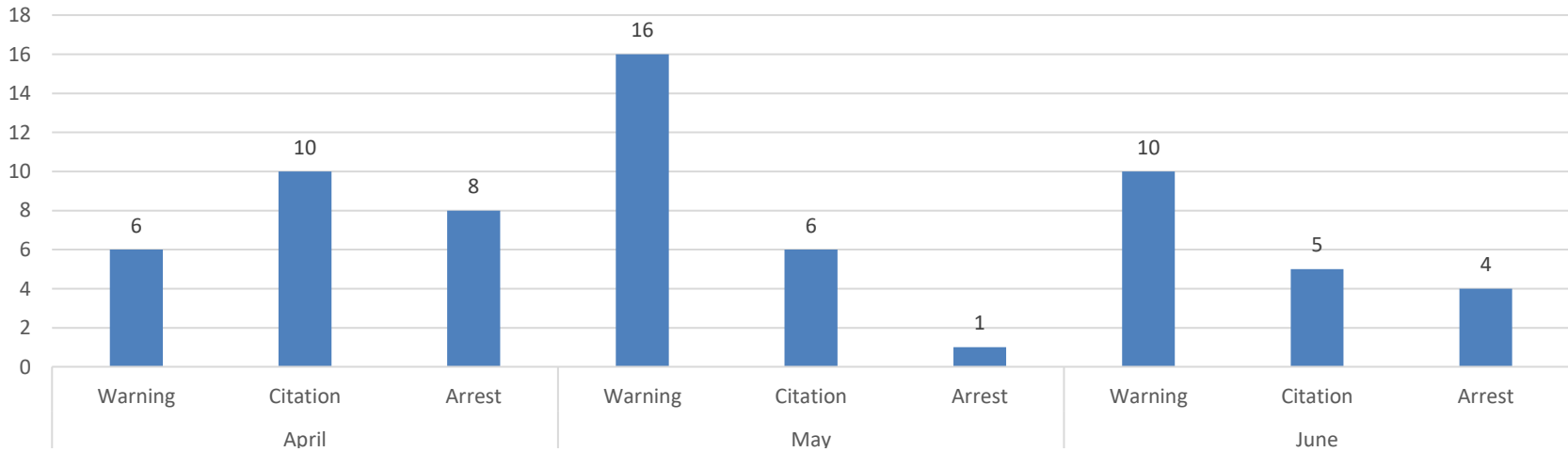
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June 2023

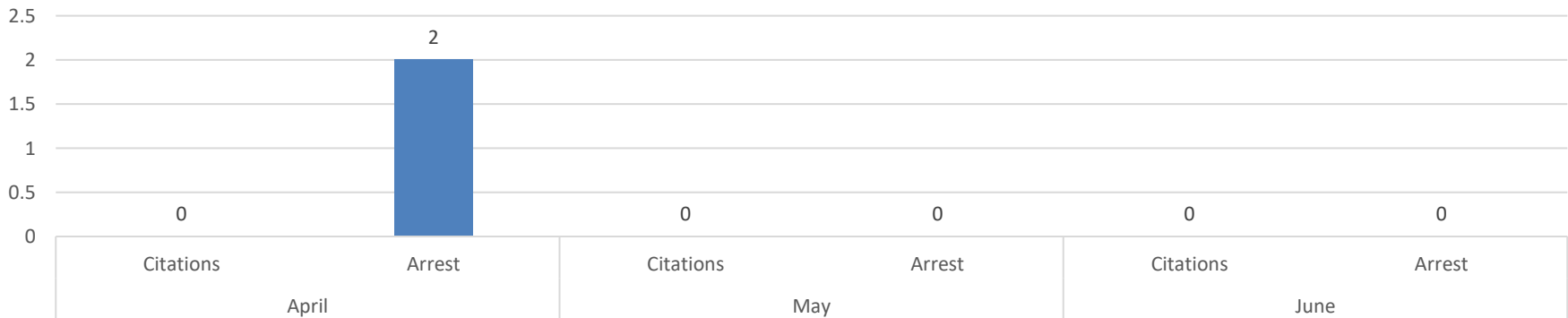


# Park Violations (9:00 pm – 11:00 pm)

Marshals



Dallas Police

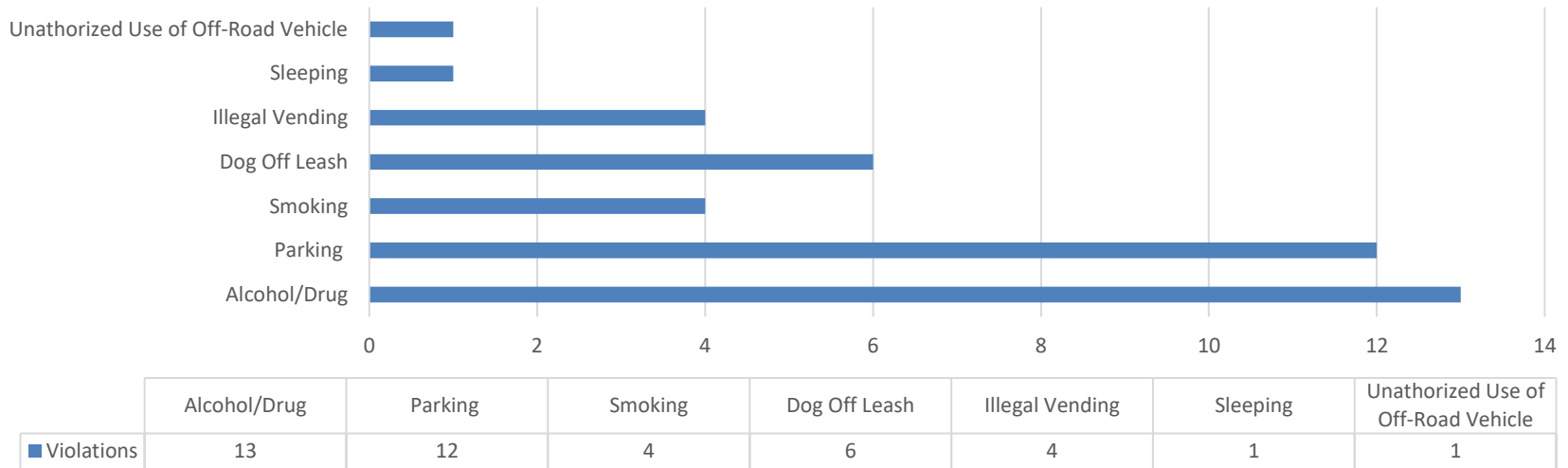


# Holiday Weekend Safety Strategies

- Enhanced patrols for targeted parks with higher number of incidents on major holidays
- Operations Plan developed by Dallas Marshals Office
- Rotated deputy patrols across additional targeted parks

# Easter Incidents

## Violations



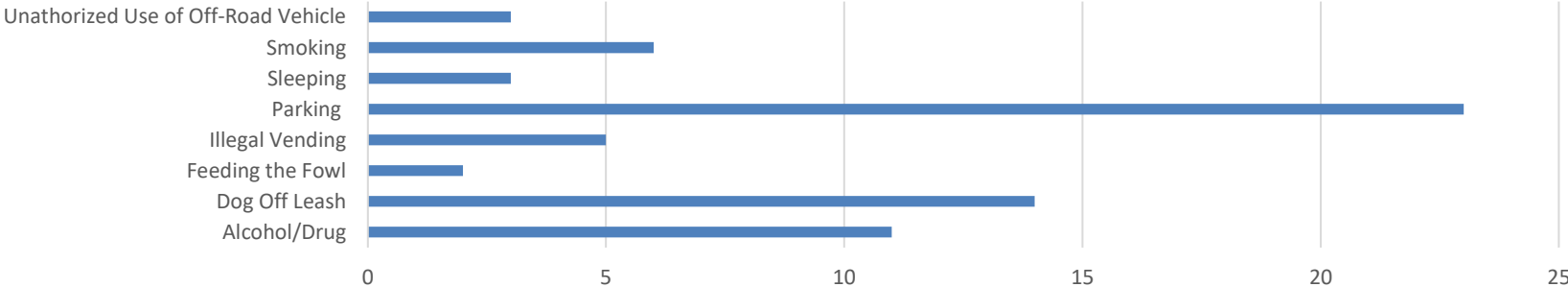
## Citations

Park Site	Alcohol/Drugs	Parking	Smoking
Bachman	4	2	---
Kiest	2	1	---
Mildred Dunn	2	---	1
Samuell Grand	5	1	5



# Memorial Day Weekend Incidents

## Violations



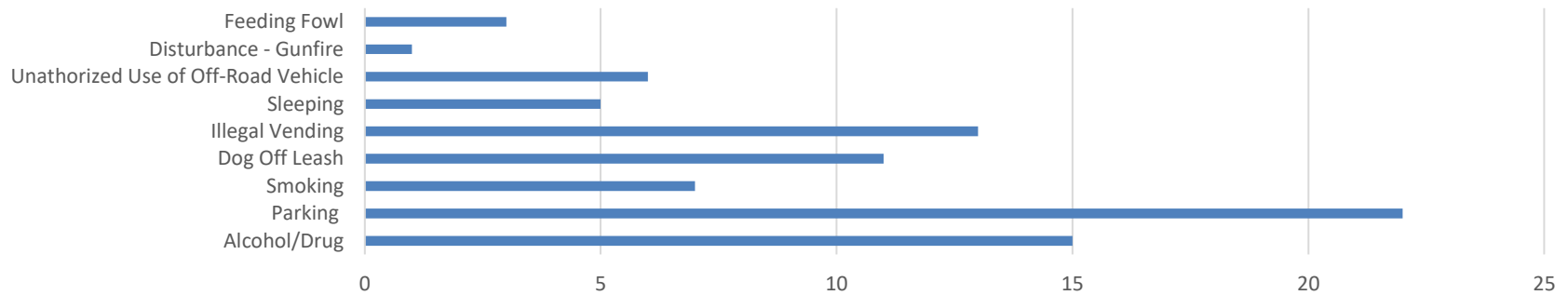
	Alcohol/Drug	Dog Off Leash	Feeding the Fowl	Illegal Vending	Parking	Sleeping	Smoking	Unauthorized Use of Off-Road Vehicle
Series1	11	14	2	5	23	3	6	3

## Citations

Park Site	Alcohol/ Drugs	Parking	Dogs Off Leash
Bachman	2	1	---
Griggs	---	1	---
Katy Trail	---	---	1
Turtle Creek	---	---	1
White Rock Lake	---	4	---

# 4<sup>th</sup> of July Weekend Incidents

## Violations



	Alcohol/Drug	Parking	Smoking	Dog Off Leash	Illegal Vending	Sleeping	Unauthorized Use of Off-Road Vehicle	Disturbance - Gunfire	Feeding Fowl
Series1	15	22	7	11	13	5	6	1	3

## Citations

Park Site	Alcohol/Drugs	Parking	Illegal Vending
Bachman	4	---	2
Beckley Saner	1	---	---
Martin Weiss	2	---	---
Trammel Crow	---	2	---
William Blair Jr	4	2	---

## Arrests

Park Site	Alcohol/Drugs	Parking	Disturbance - Gunfire
Cottonwood Trail	1	---	---
Danieldale	---	1	---
Mildred Dunn	1	---	---
Pueblo	---	---	2
Trammel Crow	---	1	---
William Blair Jr	1	---	---

# Special Events Coverage

## April and May 2023

- Park in the Woods – Branching Out
- Casa View Elementary – Career Day
- Keep South Dallas Beautiful – William Blair Jr
- Kensington – Branching Out
- John Q Adams Elementary – Career Day
- Oak Cliff Earth Day – Lake Cliff
- RP Brooks – Branching Out
- Cochran Park – Ribbon Cutting
- It's My Park Day – Multiple Locations
- Good Shepard Episcopal School – Conservation Project – Walnut Hill
- Esperanza / Bukhair Elementary School Community Event – Cottonwood Park
- Bark in the Park – Exall





# Special Events Coverage

## May and June 2023

- Little Egypt Dedication
- Reverchon – Ballfield groundbreaking
- Keep South Dallas Beautiful – Deerpath
- Keep South Dallas Beautiful – Crawford
- Nash/Davis – Park Ranger outreach program
- Forest/Audelia – groundbreaking
- Kidd Springs – Japanese Garden – ribbon cutting



# Marshals & Dallas Police Updates

- Marshal David Pughes
- Chief Rick Watson



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