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# <u>Section 1 - Introduction to San Andreas Parks & Wildlife</u>

# 1.1: History of San Andreas Parks & Wildlife

Before San Andreas was admitted as the thirty-first state by the U.S. Congress on September 9, 1850, it had already had more than twenty years of Spanish and Mexican Fish and Game laws in place.

In 1851, the State of San Andreas enacted its first fish and game laws dealing with Oysters.

In 1852, more laws were enacted to protect specific species such as Elk, Antelope, Deer, Quail, Waterfowl, and Salmon. At this time in history, the task of enforcing such laws was the responsibility of the local authorities.

Some twenty-one years later in 1871, the first two recorded State Game Wardens or deputies as they were known then were appointed. One to patrol the Paleto Bay area and the other to patrol the Alamo Sea area.

In 1885, the state published its first set of Fish and Game laws, and during that same year, the first Fish and Game Marine patrol was instituted and accompanied by a 46-foot vessel.

In 1907, the Game Warden force expanded to seventy-three.

In 1933, a separate Fish and Game Code was enacted thus depleting fish and game laws from the Penal Code.

The Law Enforcement Division of the Department of Fish and Wildlife is proud to be the very first State Law Enforcement Agency enacted in San Andreas for over 124 years of service.

The role of a Game Warden has evolved with the times, with the men and women serving to protect the life and property of its citizens and those who visit and enjoy San Andreas' Resources.

In 2019, San Andreas Parks & Wildlife replaced the state's Game Warden Official Title with "We hope to see you out there unless you see us first!" becomes their official motto.

Today Wildlife Officers are entrusted by the Chief Wildlife Officer of the San Andreas Parks & Wildlife, to fulfill their duties which are protecting the natural resources and all animals of San Andreas.





## 1.2: Who We Are:

Being a San Andreas Parks & Wildlife (SAPW) Officer is a great career. It offers individuals interested in law enforcement a lifetime of challenges, diverse assignments, and opportunities for professional growth and career advancement. Wildlife Officers have Statewide jurisdiction and although their primary function is to enforce Title 9, they may be called upon to enforce any of San Andreas' laws.

Wildlife Officers provide the public with hunting and fishing information and protect San Andreas' diverse resources from poaching and overuse. They are required to carry and use firearms; they usually work alone and on weekends and holidays; and often work during the night. Wildlife Officers patrol on foot, on ATV, boats, and in a variety of vehicles. They investigate reports of violations, collect and preserve evidence, write reports, and testify in court.

Wildlife Officers have assignments in both rural and urban areas of the State. They are typically assigned to and responsible for enforcing the law in a specific geographical area of the State. They enforce all Title 9 laws related to hunting, recreational and commercial fishing, trapping, pollution, falconry, and exotic animal laws.

Wildlife Officers are avid outdoorsmen/women that have a passion for the outdoors. Which heavily involves the keeping up of wildlife and constantly maintaining the State Parks and the environment. Whether it be climbing Mt. Chiliad or sailing the Alamo sea, this is our passion, it's why we are here. Whether it is down in the city or in a State Park, no wildlife call goes unanswered. We are here to protect the wildlife and natural resources of San Andreas and all who interact with it.





# 1.3: What We Do:

The Primary Mission of San Andreas Parks & Wildlife is to manage San Andreas' diverse fish, wildlife, and plant resources, and the habitats upon which they depend, for their ecological values and for their use and enjoyment by the public.

The Secondary Mission of San Andreas Parks & Wildlife is humane handling of both domestic animals and livestock that live in, travel to, or out of the state. This includes the capture of lost animals and teaching citizens proper care of both domestic animals and livestock.

# 1.4: Our Values

#### Trust

• Trust is our hallmark and foundation. Our word is our bond. Truthfulness is what the public expects from us and what we demand of ourselves. We are committed to the highest ethical standards and the highest level of performance beyond reproach.

#### **Fortitude**

• We are committed to persevering through sacrifice and adversity to do the right thing, even at personal cost. In the tradition of those who preceded us, we are confident in our ability to fairly enforce all laws, to protect life and property, and to be accountable for our actions.

#### Compassion

• Compassion is the empathy and understanding we show towards others, including our clients, colleagues, and the community. We believe that treating others with kindness and respect is essential to creating a positive and inclusive environment.

#### Professionalism

• As an elite and diverse team of highly trained, motivated men and women, we are committed to providing effective, efficient, and courteous service. We pledge to set innovative standards for others to follow.





# <u>Section 2 - Department Structure</u>

# 2.1: Chain of Command

The San Andreas Parks & Wildlife Chain of Command (CoC) is as follows.

Chief Wildlife Officer
Deputy Chief Wildlife Officer
State Wildlife Supervisor
Lead Wildlife Officer
Senior Wildlife Officer
State Wildlife Officer
Wildlife Officer
Probationary Wildlife Officer





# 2.2: Duties and Task Structure of SAPW Chain of Command

The purpose of this section is to provide an outline of what responsibilities each rank holds within the San Andreas Parks & Wildlife Chain of Command ("SAPW CoC"). This is what is expected to be completed by any and all members who hold that rank. Additional tasks outside of this outline may be assigned by SAPW Senior CoC as needed and deemed appropriate and are not covered in this section.

#### Chief Wildlife Officer

The Chief Wildlife Officer ("CWO") is the overseer of the subdivision and controls all aspects of operations. The CWO has the final say in any decision-making and can fill roles within the subdivision as he/she wishes. The CWO reports directly to the Sheriff of Blaine County and is also responsible for ensuring that there is proper communication with the Sheriff, BCSO Development Team Liaisons, the BCSO, and Other Departments Liaisons. The CWO will also ensure that the department is moving in the proper direction as a whole as well as:

- Will accept or deny applications at their discretion.
- Maintaining the SAPW Portal and Trello desk.
- Reviewing all subdivision suggestions which are submitted through Trello and handled accordingly.

# **Deputy Chief Wildlife Officer**

The Deputy Chief Wildlife Officer ("DCWO") is a direct backup of the CWO. The DCWO can control all aspects of operations and may fill any role he/she wishes and is responsible for ensuring that all Senior/Chain of Command members are fit for their position and are performing their jobs in the proper manner. They will assist the Chief Wildlife Officer in maintaining the subdivision. The DCWO will also act on behalf of the CWO in his absence as well as:

- Assist the CWO with the management of the Trello to ensure efficient operation and flow.
- Overseeing the operation of transfers out of the subdivision.
- Overseeing the roster management and changes are done in a timely and efficient manner by the State Wildlife Supervisor.

# State Wildlife Supervisor(s)

The State Wildlife Supervisor (SWS) is in charge of Managing the Roster and ensuring all Lead Wildlife Officers are completing their jobs as necessary. The SWS is responsible for:

• Mentoring the Lead Wildlife Officer(s) and below by helping guide them to solutions for any questions they may have on their duties.





- Conducting inactivity checks and informing the Deputy Chief Wildlife Officer on those which do not respond.
- Ensuring that both the SAPW Vehicle Structure and the SAPW EUP Policy are up to date.
- Reviewing and assigning applications in a timely manner.

# Lead Wildlife Officer(s)

The Lead Wildlife Officer (LWO) is the first supervisory step in the SAPW CoC and is the overseer of the Patrols of Parks & Wildlife. The LWO may issue warnings or strikes, and take complaints. The LWO is also responsible for:

- Handle roster updates.
- Reviewing Applications and suggestions in a timely manner.
- Review San Andreas Parks & Wildlife Civilian Ride-Along Waiver of Liability Forms weekly.
- Ensure that the Trello is operating efficiently by moving suggestion cards.

# Senior Wildlife Officer(s)

Senior Wildlife Officers (SWO) are considered some of the most experienced Wildlife Officers. SWOs can answer most questions that the ranks below them may have. The SWO is also responsible for:

- Conducting and ensuring the training for newly approved SAPW Applicants is done in a timely manner.
- Senior Wildlife Officers must complete at least one training under the supervision of a Lead Wildlife
   Officer or higher.
- Attend a sit in and Have a evaluation conducted before hosting basic trainings
- Ensuring that Probationary Wildlife Officers are receiving basic training.
- Conducting FTO Ride-Alongs in a timely manner.

# State Wildlife Officer(s)

State Wildlife Officers are the next step up from Wildlife Officers. State Wildlife Officers patrol the parks and wilderness and act as Law Enforcement protecting wildlife and upholding laws. This is the first rank at which a member of SAPW may become an FTO, and be allowed to conduct training and ride-alongs.

# Wildlife Officer(s)





Wildlife Officers are fairly new members of SAPW and are to patrol the parks and wilderness, act as Law Enforcement protecting wildlife and upholding laws and responding to Animal Control Calls once training has been completed.

## **Probationary Wildlife Officer(s)**

Probationary Wildlife Officers are new members of SAPW and are to patrol the parks and wilderness, act as Law Enforcement protecting wildlife and upholding laws and responding to Animal Control Calls once training has been completed.

# Section 3 - SAPW Conduct

# 3.1: Wildlife Officer's Conduct

Wildlife Officers should remember that they are the direct reflection of the Chief Wildlife Officer and must uphold an image for all San Andreas' citizens to emulate. Wildlife Officers shall always act professionally and deal with situations accordingly, either by morals and values or by enforcing the San Andreas Law. Wildlife Officers will be professional and will exercise patience and discretion. This does not mean that you should act in an ill manner and belittle any citizen you come into contact with and must exercise discretion

# 3.2 SAPW Supervisor Procedures

In addition to protecting the parks, San Andreas Parks and Wildlife Supervisors are responsible for ensuring all parks officers are following parks procedures and preserving our parks' values.

Parks And Wildlife Supervisor should only be called as the "10-71" in the case that it is regarding the Title 9 penal code. This is done to ensure that units are getting the most knowledgeable person for this area of San Andreas' penal code.

Parks And Wildlife Supervisor are defined as that of someone who holds the rank of Lead Wildlife Officer + this unit should not attach to the call unless specifically called upon by another BCSO 10-71 on scene or by a Parks And Wildlife unit on scene.





# 3.3: Promotions

Promotions are conducted once a month. To be considered eligible for a promotion within SAPW, you must meet the hour requirements of **seven (7) hours** and must have been a part of the subdivision for at least **fourteen (14 days)**. The SAPW Chief reserves the right to deny any promotion if they feel necessary.

To be considered eligible for promotion to Senior Wildlife Officer, you must have completed all certifications and must be a certified FTO.

If you receive any sustained 10-90 or 10-93 you may not be eligible for a promotion.

# 3.4: Disciplinary Actions

The Safe Streets Bureau, San Andreas Parks & Wildlife, and Traffic Safety Division have established a clear, uniform disciplinary framework to address violations of its standards and protocols. This includes a range of measures, from verbal warnings for minor, first-time offenses to more severe actions such as retraining, demotion, or even termination for significant or repeated violations. Each disciplinary action is considered carefully, considering the nature of the violation and the member's history within the division. Depending on the severity of the incident, the Blaine County Sheriff's Office Chain of Command and/or Blaine County Sheriff's Office Internal Affairs will be notified and additional disciplinary action may be issued. These disciplinary actions may be appealed, the appeal letter must be submitted to the head of the appropriate subdivision. The letter of appeal must be submitted within seven days of receiving discipline.

Verbal Warning - A verbal Warning is the lowest tier of disciplinary action that is able to be received. Verbal Warnings serve as a notice that a member's behavior and/or performance fall below reasonable standards set by the division and must be corrected with reasonable actions. Verbal Warnings can be issued for any minor violation deemed a violation of division standards, policies or procedures, or for any other reason deemed necessary by the division Chain of Command.

Corrective Training - Corrective Training may be issued by the division Chain of Command when a member demonstrates a lack of knowledge or competence in their duties that is deemed to be unsatisfactory by the division Chain of Command. A member may be required to perform a Corrective Training for any areas that the division Chain of Command deems necessary, up to and including recompletion of the division Basic Training.

Suspension - A Suspension is a significant disciplinary action that may be issued by division Chain of Command if a member's behavior and/or performance falls significantly below reasonable standards. A Suspension may be issued for any significant violation deemed a violation of division standards, policies or procedures, for repeated offenses sustained by the member, or for any other reason deemed necessary by the





division Chain of Command. A Suspension may be issued in conjunction with a Demotion or a Corrective Training as deemed necessary by the division Chain of Command. Suspensions may only be issued by the division Command.

Demotion - A Demotion is a serious disciplinary action that may be issued by division Chain of Command if a member's behaviors or actions are deemed unsuitable for their current rank. A member that is subject to a Demotion will be reduced in rank, losing the responsibilities and privileges associated with their former position. Demotions are typically reserved for severe or repeated infractions, and may be issued in conjunction with a Suspension or a Corrective Training as deemed necessary by the division Chain of Command. Demotions may only be issued by the division Command.

Termination - A Termination is the most serious disciplinary action that may be issued by the division Chain of Command. A member may be terminated from the division for severe violations in division standards, policies or procedures, for repeated offenses sustained by the member, severe behavioral issues, or for any other reason deemed necessary by the division. Terminations may only be issued by the division Command.

The Chief Wildlife Officer reserves the right to remove a Wildlife Officer at any time without the approval of the BCSO Command Staff or the Sheriff of BCSO.

If a Wildlife Officer is removed from SAPW for failure to adhere to Policies, Rules, and Regulations outlined by MidwestRP, they may reapply after 30 days.

The SAPW Chain of Command (CoC) members are here to support you and ensure you are performing your duties effectively. Maintaining proper performance is essential to the smooth operation of SAPW. Mistakes are a part of learning, and we encourage growth through constructive feedback and disciplinary processes.

There are multiple levels of disciplinary action that may be taken if you are found to be negligent in your duties or in violation of this SOP. These disciplinary measures are consistent with those outlined in the SOP and will be applied as necessary to uphold the integrity and standards of SAPW.

# 3.5: Activity Requirement

The San Andreas Parks & Wildlife Subdivision is committed to providing service to the environment, wildlife, and citizens of the state. As such, Wildlife Officers are required to perform a minimum of **three (3) hours** of patrol duty in a **thirty (30)-day** cycle to be considered active. Wildlife Officers that hold the rank of Lead Wildlife Officer or higher are required to perform a minimum of three (3) hours of patrol duty per thirty (30)-day cycle.

Inactivity Strikes: Inactivity Strikes will be issued to full-time Wildlife Officers who fail to meet this requirement. Three (3) Inactivity Strikes will result in removal from SAPW. However, one (1) Inactivity Strike will be removed if the full-time Wildlife Officer completes a minimum of three (3) hours of patrol duty within a thirty (30)-day cycle.





**Recruits:** All recruits must undergo training within **forty-five** (45) days of joining the subdivision. Failure to do so may result in the removal of the recruit from the subdivision. However, Parks Command may grant an exemption to this rule if deemed necessary.

Note: This rule does not apply if the officer is on LOA (Leave of Absence).

To be considered active and be eligible for promotions, Wildlife Officers need to patrol at least 7 hours each promotion cycle (30 Days). Your SAPW Patrol Hours also count towards the BCSO Activity Requirement. If a Wildlife Officer is removed due to inactivity, they may reapply in 30 days.

# Section 4 - Uniform and Equipment

# 4.1: Uniforms

SAPW Officers pride themselves in their distinct uniforms. SAPW Officers are permitted to Class A - C Uniforms. Winter / Rain Jackets should be utilized weather permitting. Other uniforms, including but not limited to the ATV, Dive, and Marine Uniforms should only be utilized while active as those specific units.

# 4.1.1: Supervisor Insignia

As SAPW is an independent state-wide agency that is administered through the BCSO, SAPW has specific guidelines as to who may wear supervisor rank insignia.

Any supervisors who are in the BCSO Chain of Command may choose to wear their assigned rank insignia on their SAPW uniforms. This includes External Supervisors. Whilst it is not a requirement to wear rank insignia it is recommended and it must be noted that supervisors can only use the rank insignia assigned based on their BCSO rank.

This policy shall **NOT** permit any member ranks within SAPW to wear any sort of rank insignia/pins.

This policy shall NOT be construed as relieving/taking away supervisory power/duties from ANY supervisor, **REGARDLESS** of their position within SAPW. Supervisors must follow the policies outlined in section 3.2 SAPW Chain Of Command Supervisor Procedures.





# 4.2: Weapon Structure

SAPW Officers have a lot of tools to help them on the job and most are vital to others. Clean, function check, and ensure you are equipped with the following tools to assist you in ending your patrol safely:

- Combat Pistol (45 Rounds)
- Attachment: Flashlight
- Heavy Pistol (45 Rounds)
- Attachment Flashlight
- Carbine Rifle (120 Rounds)
- Attachment: Flashlight, Grip & Scope
- Pump Shotgun (30 Rounds)
- Attachment: Flashlight
- Tranquilizer Gun (RP: Sniper Rifle) (3 Cartridges/darts).
- Attachment: Suppressor
- Tint: Orange
- Hunting Rifle (RP: Marksman Rifle) (10x.308 Win)
- Flare Gun (5 Rounds)
- Baton
- Knife
- Crowbar
- Flashlight
- Road Flare (5 Flares)
- Fire Extinguisher (100 PSI)
- Jerry Can (5 Gallons)
- Taser
- Beanbag (if certified)

# 4.3: SAPW Officer's Specialized Equipment

Wildlife Officers carry other various pieces of equipment to assist with our everyday Fish & Wildlife/Domesticated Animal/Livestock tasks as well as our Law Enforcement tasks.

• Body Worn Cameras - They record audio and video of the interaction(s) between our Wildlife Officers and the public to gather video evidence at crime scenes and to provide Wildlife Officer and/or accountability of San Andreas citizens and their guests. Ensure you are recording while on a call or any interaction with any animal or citizen.





- Chartplotter/GPS These devices are used for navigation and provide Wildlife Officers with global positioning, heading, speed, and charts or "maps" of the area they are patrolling. These devices compare the chart "picture" of the layout of the land with real-time images provided by radar to navigate safely. Utilize them on the boat, ATV, bicycle, and/or on foot.
- SAPW Issued Laptops/iFruit Tablets/iFruit Phones Every Wildlife Officer is issued a laptop, iFruit Tablet, and an iFruit Phone with connectivity to the department's internet and various mobile applications. These devices use various software and mobile applications to access, send, and/or store information crucial to the enforcement of the state's laws and the prosecution of those who violate them. Use them to make your job easier, you are patrolling in your office, the great outdoors.
- Pocket Cop Application This is utilized to access the Criminal Justice Information System data sources to include local, state, and the National Crime Information Center. This app gives the Wildlife Officers a quick snapshot of whom or what they are encountering, whether they are wanted, and whether there is any criminal history or if they have a valid hunting, fishing, and/or boating license. It is highly encouraged to utilize the app when you are unable to reach your MDT, which may be for 90% of your calls.

# 4.4: Vehicle Structure and Equipment

Wildlife Officers patrol utilizing various vehicles from the available fleet. No matter if you are patrolling farmlands to the rugged terrain of Mount Chiliad and the waters in between, make sure you have all the equipment stocked before leaving the driveway of the station. To ensure you are following the SAPW Vehicle Structure, it can be found on the SAPW Portal.

Your License Plate Policy is found here, please ensure you have proper plates.

- Front and rear in-car radar, Radar Tuning Forks, Arbitrator 360° HD\*
- MDT, In-car Radio
- Safety Glasses/ Goggles
- Traffic Wand, Traffic Vest, Rain Jacket
- Plate Carrier, Two extra sets of handcuffs
- Extra Ammo and Taser Cartridges
- Extra portable radio (In case your primary one breaks or runs out of battery)
- Extra flashlight
- Penal Code, Reports, Notepad, Ticket Book
- PBT (Preliminary Breath Tester), Drug Kit, Narcan
- Thermal Blankets (Winter)
- Spike Strip (Stop Sticks)
- Crime Scene Tape, Camera, Tape Recorder, Evidence Kit, Evidence Bags, Disposable Shoe Covers
- Animal Traps, Net and Pole
- Live animal transportable cages and baiting kits, Animal Carcass Bags (S, M, L, XL)
- Soil/Water sample kit
- Fire Extinguisher
- 4 Cones, 2 Road Barriers





- 4 Road Flares
- Floor Jack, Spare Tire
- BLS Jump Bag
- AED
- Spare AED Pads
- Trauma Shears
- Razor
- Pen Light
- Ring Cutter
- Tweezers
- Nitrile Gloves
- Safety Glasses
- Bandaids
- Pressure Bandages
- Gauze Pads
- Trauma Dressing
- Burn Sheet
- Medical Tape
- Eye Wash
- Hand Sanitizer
- Cold Packs
- Warm Packs
- Emergency Blankets
- $\blacksquare$  Splints (S, M, L)
- **■** Tourniquets
- OB Kit
- Bag Valve Mask (BVM) (S, M, L)
- Nasal Cannula x2
- C-Collars
- Stabilization Foam Block
- Oxygen (O2) Cylinder
- Burn sheet
- Trauma Dressing
- Triangular Bandages
- Post Mortem Kit

\*San Andreas Parks & Wildlife has an in-car video and audio capture system called, "Arbitrator 360° HD", created by Panasonic. This system features a total of 5 cameras in the following places: Front windshield, right side rear window, left side rear window, back window, and the prisoner cage area. This camera captures both on patrol video/audio and motion. The cameras shut off two hours after the car has been turned off.





# 4.4.2: Search and rescue equipment

Search and rescue certified officers are equipped with additional experiment to ensure safety and ability to rescue those who need help.

- Full finger Leather Gloves
- Safety Glasses/ Goggles
- Steel toed boots/shoes
- Reflective vest
- Harness
- Locking carabiner
- Personal Tethering System
- Rappel or belay device
- Helmet
- Friction Hitch
- Full finger Leather Gloves
- Rope/extra rope
- Tagline
- Anchor Kit
- Thermal Imaging Camera (T.I.C)
- Tripod
- Scoop / Basket
- Headlamps
- Additional batteries
- Foldable scene lighting.
- Night Vision Helmet
- Additional water
- Dry goods, eg: granola bars, crackers, nuts and dried fruits (Be aware of allergies before public use)
- Small tents/gazebo
- Whistle
- 5 additional Road flares and 5 additional rounds for flare gun

# 4.5: Specialized Medicine

Wildlife Officers are given a set of specialized medicines to assist the animals in need by sedating them if the need arises. This list of medicines can do many things, from sedatives to pain relief. These drugs can be found in a locked compartment in the wildlife officer's vehicle. For a better overview of the dosages of these specialized medicines. Wildlife officers have three ways in which they can administer these drugs, through needle injection into the animal's skin/vein or by dart, wildlife officers can use their dart gun to inject the drug from a distance if the animal presents unwanted behavior or safety issues and finally wildlife officers can use a tablet variant and sneak it into some general purpose animal feed.





# 4.5.1: Safety procedures

Wildlife officers will have to take into account the animal behavior at all times and result with the safest and best option for both civilians and the animal in question. This means wildlife officers should not result in the biggest drug and straight to the dart gun. This policy was created to give our wildlife officers the option to treat the animal with fairness and integrity to ensure it's kept alive and safe during the incident.

Name Of Medication	When to use:	Amount of dosage	
Acepromazine	Used as a sedative	1.5mg (max 3mg)	
Xylazine	Used as a sedative	2mg (max 4mg)	
Ketamine	Used as a Heavy sedative	IOmg (max 20mg)	
Carprofen	Used as a pain relief (anti-inflammatory)	2mg (max 4mg)	
Meloxicam	Used as a pain relief (main focus to reduce swelling and stiffness)	7.5mg (max 15mg)	
Aspirin	Used as a pain relief (anti-inflammatory)	5mg (max 10mg)	





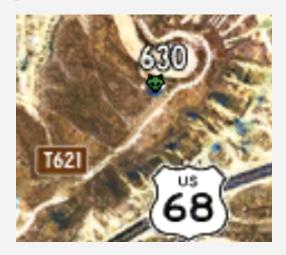
# Section 5 - SAPW Stations

# **5.1: SAPW Station Locations**





There are 3 (three) locations, marked with a green wolf head, which will be used for going on and off duty as well as dropping off injured animals or to get an animal medical attention. The Maine Office or Southern, SAPW Station (Beaver Bush) is located at 477 off of Baytree Canyon Road. The Northern SAPW Station is the one located near the 1005 Great Ocean Highway near Paleto Bay. The Central SAPW Station is located at 630 just south of Sandy Shores Airfield up on the hill.







# <u>Section 6 - Patrolling Procedures</u>

# 6.1: <u>Laws</u>

Wildlife Officers utilize the Full Penal Code, as it covers more than the shortened version you may find on your MDT. Go to "Title 9. Fish and Game" in order to find the resources, you will need to enforce the law. Everyone must have a license present while hunting/fishing, NO EXCEPTIONS, and must have in their possession a permit/tag for the animal they are going to keep or harvest.

No person may hunt, bait, lure, or attempt to hunt, capture, or lure any of the following animals:

- Cat
- Chicken hawk
- Cormorant
- Cow
- Dog
- Dolphins
- Eagles
- Monkey
- Seagull
- Sharks
- Stingrays
- Whale

# 6.2: Responsibilities

While San Andreas Parks & Wildlife is a subdivision of the Blaine County Sheriff's Office, we do have statewide jurisdiction and can enforce civil and traffic laws throughout. If you're in Los Santos Jurisdiction you must call an LSPD officer for anything Traffic or Civil Related. With that in mind, some of our responsibilities include:

- Wildlife/Domesticated/Livestock Removal.
- Roadkill Removal.
- Enforcement of Hunting, Fishing, Maritime, and Domesticated Animal/Livestock Laws.
- Combating Poaching/destruction of natural resources.
- Traffic Enforcement to reduce Wildlife Loss and persons in the State Parks or wilderness.
- Frequent patrolling of State Parks and enforcing laws for Trespassing on State Property
- Educating the public on different animal species and the laws pertaining to them.
- Issuance of Hunting and Fishing licenses, permits, and/or tags.
- Setting up "Fake" wildlife near roadways as bait to see if hunters will illegally hunt from their vehicle/roadway.





- Providing additional guidance and knowledge on outdoor safety and fire safety to the public.
- Cleaning/clearing harmful waste within our jurisdiction, especially concerning wildlife.
- Collaborating with San Andreas Fire & Rescue to implement fire prevention tactics.
- Installing new and improved information board leaflets and maps around the state parks.

# 6.2.1: Airport Responsibilities

Officers of **San Andreas Parks & Wildlife** holding the rank of **Wildlife Officer** or higher have duties critical to aviation safety.

The primary responsibilities of SAPW on airfields include:

- **Wildlife Hazard Management:** Protecting the aviation community by addressing and mitigating wildlife-related hazards at airport facilities.
- Wildlife Strike Response: Coordinating with the LSPD Air Operations Division to respond effectively to wildlife strikes and related incidents.

**Adherence to Policies and Procedures:** Following all operational protocols, including the **CAA Contract**, to ensure the safety and efficiency of airport operations.

# 6.3: Jurisdiction/Self Attaching

San Andreas State Wildlife Officers have Statewide jurisdiction when it comes to Animal and Environmental Related Calls. The State Wildlife Officers do have the ability to enforce Civil and Traffic Laws when the need arises.

Wildlife Officers may attach themselves as necessary to any call within their primary jurisdiction. This includes:

- Harmony
- Senora National Park (Grand Senora Desert)
- Chianski Mountain Range
- Chiliad Mountain Range
- Raton Canyon
- Cassidy Trail
- Zancudo Trail
- Zancudo Mountain Range
- Paleto Forest
- Tongva Valley
- Tongva Hills
- Great Chaparral
- Palomino Highlands
- Mount Josiah
- Tataviam Mountains





- Land Act Reservoir
- Mount Gordo
- Procopio Beach
- Mount Haan
- Vinewood National Forest
- Alamo Sea
- The waters surrounding the state of San Andreas

# THE JURISDICTION/SELF ATTACHING MAP IS LOCATED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE\*

#### **JURISDICTION/SELF ATTACHING MAP**

# **Primary Zone**

Understand that as a Wildlife Officer, you might be the only LEO for miles, and 9 out of 10 times you may face armed individuals. Never be afraid to call for additional units from the jurisdictional zone you are in, but remember they do not have the same off-roading capabilities as you, so response times may be elongated.

#### Color coded patrol areas

**Red:** May not actively patrol, may only respond to calls in red zones if it is related to Title IX or animal control duties. May respond for mutual aid if there is an officer down or if requested by units/dispatch. May not enforce traffic laws within this zone, however, if in transit from one patrol area to another, stops for suspicion of DUI, and reckless driving may be made, but a backup unit from the local agency must be requested.

Yellow: These areas contain parks, and may be actively patrolled by SAPW, however, SAPW may not self attach to calls generated by other agencies. SAPW Officers are encouraged to patrol these areas to ensure the security of the parks and deter crime, and check fishing/hunting licenses if applicable to the area. Some areas, like Lake Vinewood, should also be routinely stocked with fish to allow for recreational fishing. If acting on a non Title IX crime within this zone, the local law enforcement agency responsible for this area must also be requested for backup. Stationary Radar is also prohibited in yellow patrol zones.

**Green:** Areas that are green SAPW Officers are encouraged to actively patrol, check hunting/fishing licenses within, and may self attach within these zones. However, SAPW officers must exercise your best judgment





when choosing to self attach. If a wildlife officer is found to be repeatedly self attaching to calls where it is unnecessary, they may have their self attachment privileges revoked. It is reminded that additional officer presence may escalate the scene, and attachment is always at the discretion of dispatch and the primary officer or supervisor on scene. If told to detach by the primary or any supervisor, the SAPW unit \*Must\* Detach.

#### **SAPW Major Patrol Zones**

#### Zone I BC

The Blaine County Patrol area, or SAPW Patrol Zone I, has an unlimited number of SAPW officers who may be active. Zone I primarily contains most National and State Level Parks SAPW is responsible for.

#### Zone 2 LS

The Los Santos Patrol Area, or SAPW Patrol Zone 2, contains the Los Santos Metro Parks and State Level parks within the Los Santos area, in addition, Zone 2 contains the Murrieta Oil Fields, which is patrolled by SAPW to ensure that the environmental impact of the site is kept to a minimum. As SAPW is also the State's Animal Control agency, SAPW is in the city to be available for any Animal Control related situation, and to enforce fishing regulations within Los Santos County at the various beaches and water fronts. Before and during patrol in Zone 2, SAPW Officers must be in compliance with Section 6.3.1: "Patrolling in LSPD Jurisdiction" of the SAPW SOP.



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#### Link to stand alone 2022 Patrol Map Policy

\*The Jurisdiction/Self Attaching Map is only to be used as a reference and does not usurp the list provided in section 6.3.

# 6.3.1: Patrolling in LSPD Jurisdiction

San Andreas Parks and Wildlife can patrol within the Los Santos Police Department's Jurisdiction. With that said, we must respect their jurisdiction. Up to 2 (two) Parks & Wildlife units may patrol south of the Blaine County Sheriff's Office jurisdiction as long as there are at least 2 (two) active Parks & Wildlife units active in the county. The following should be observed to ensure mutual respect between BCSO and LSPD.

- If there are 2 (two) whiskey units in the city, they must be spread out from each other.
- The primary objective in this jurisdiction is to reduce call time for Title 9 related calls in the city.
- Whiskey units can be attached to any call via Dispatch or LSPD Supervisor and must break off upon request.
- Whiskey units will not self-attach to any call in the city limits that is not Title 9 related.
- SAPW will not actively patrol in the inner city of LSPD Jurisdiction (EX: Grove Street, Downtown, Vinewood ETC.)
- Any Title 6 violation requires the LSPD Port Authority to be called in to assist.
- If SAPW initiates a stop for any crime not related to Title 9, LSPD must be requested for jurisdictional purposes, and it will be at the discretion of the responding officer on who will take primary of the call.
- While in the jurisdiction of LSPD, SAPW will respect all LSPD officers and LSPD Supervisors.
- The CWO and the DCWO reserve the right to restrict or put a hold on SAPW patrolling within City limits.

# 6.4: Patrolling as Off Highway Vehicles

SAPW units have access to a large variety of vehicles to assist with patrol. From A bicycle, Off road vehicles, and even the marines vessels. Being safe while patrolling is the utmost priority.





# 6.4.1: Patrolling as a Bicycle Unit

The purpose of the Parks and Wildlife Bicycle Unit is to help Parks and Wildlife officers safely and effectively accomplish our responsibilities and values. Bicycle Units are able to reach areas of treacherous terrain that otherwise would not be serviceable by vehicle. Many of the National Trails and Parks are designed with pedestrian and bicycle traffic in mind. Large trucks and ATV's are disruptive to the park's environment as well as the citizens and tourists of San Andreas. The Bicycle Unit is able to patrol the San Andreas Parks and Wildlifes jurisdiction in a safe, quiet, and environmentally friendly fashion.

## Patrolling as a Bicycle Unit Operations

To deploy for a bicycle patrol, you must pick up a bicycle from the wildlife office and load into the back of your vehicle and ensure it is tied down correctly. Bicycles should not exceed 15 MPH when pedestrians are present on sidewalks/trails. On roadways bicycles are not to exceed the posted speed limit. Bicycles are not intended for use on interstates or highways. Officers should ensure that they are comfortable with their speed and not exit their comfort zone. Respond to a call safely and do not become one. If dispatched to a call outside of the area you are patrolling in, you are to return to your vehicle and load your bicycle and respond. Inclimate weather can affect bicycle safety conditions, ensure the conditions you are in are safe, if not, return to your patrol vehicle.

- Bicycles are meant to be tools and you may take them on trails, dirt roads, beaches, and sidewalks.
- Bicycles aren't meant to exceed 15 mph when pedestrians are present on sidewalks/trails.
- On roadways, bicycles are not to exceed the posted speed limit.
- Bicycles may never be used on interstates or highways.
- You MUST wear proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):
- Helmet
- Goggles/glasses
- GLOVES ARE OPTIONAL, BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

#### **Patrol Areas:**

The following areas are suggested patrol areas. The postal is an approximate location of trails/nature areas, please stay within those regions.

- Procorpio Beach 1039
- Senora National Park 645
- Mount Gordo Trails T706
- Chiliad Wilderness Trails T909
- Paleto Logging area/trails 1009





- Paleto Cove 1007
- Raton Canyon T1006

## **Attaching Bikes to Vehicles**

Attaching the bike to the back of the vehicle is permitted for regular patrol, but it is limited to **85 MPH**, and the bike must be secured tightly with ratchet straps. Engaging in a vehicle pursuit with the bike attached is prohibited, as the bike can become loose and pose a hazard.

#### **Motor Vehicle Contact:**

If you need to interact with a driver of a motor vehicle that is on a trail or is in a wilderness area you may flag them down and make contact with them. Ensure to notify dispatch of your interaction.

If engaged with a person who flees in a vehicle, refer to the Pursuit Policy.

## **Pursuit Policy:**

A bicycle unit may not attach to ANY motor vehicle pursuits.

- Bicycle units may only engage in vehicle pursuits (10-80's) with other bicycles.
  - A bicycle unit must break off from the pursuit if:
    - The pursuit enters a major interstate or highway.
    - Conditions are generally unsafe.
    - You, as the officer, do not feel comfortable continuing the pursuit.
- Bicycle units may engage in foot pursuits (10-70's).
  - A bicycle unit must break off from the pursuit or dismount their bicycle if:
    - The pursuit enters a major interstate or highway.
    - Conditions are generally unsafe.
    - You, as the officer, do not feel comfortable continuing the pursuit.

# **Bicycle Uniform**

Bicycle Unit operators must wear a bicycle helmet whenever in operation of a bicycle.

# **Bicycle Equipment**

All bicycles are equipped with the following:

- A white front facing light, and a red rear facing light.
- Water bottle and bottle holder.
- Chartplotter/GPS.





- Department issued iPhone with access to criminal database and CAD.
- Bicycle bag on rear fender contains the following:
- Flare Gun
- Ticket Book
- Tire Patch Kit
- First Aid Kit
- Gauze
- Field Dressing
- Gloves
- Pocket CPR mask
- Band-Aids
- Narcan
- Neosporin
- Sanitary Wipes
- Super Glue
- Portable Tire Pump

## Weapon Structure

When on bicycle patrol units **ONLY** have access to the tools below.

- Combat Pistol (Attachments: Flashlight)
- Taser (Stun Gun)
- Telescoping Baton
- Knife
- Flashlight
- When units return to their patrol vehicles, they regain their full weapons loadout outlined in

# **Weapon Discharge Policy:**

Units on bicycles are never to deploy their taser from their bicycle.

Units on bicycles are never to perform any melee style attacks from their bicycles:

Units on bicycles are not to discharge their firearms from their bicycles.





# 6.4.2: Patrolling as an ATV Unit

Wildlife Officers may need to cross rugged terrain, steep and narrow places that their truck, even in 4-wheel drive, may not take them and for that, we are equipped with All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs). For Wildlife Officer safety, you must ensure you adhere to the following:

- ATVs are meant to be tools, and you may take this and only this vehicle heavily off-road.
- ATVs aren't meant to exceed 50 mph unless approved by a State Wildlife Supervisor +.
- Do not Bring the ATV on any Paved Roadway, State Route, Highway, etc unless absolutely necessary.
- You MUST wear the ATV proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):
- Helmet
- Goggles
- GLOVES ARE OPTIONAL, BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

# 6.4.3: Patrolling as an UTV Unit

Wildlife Officers may need to cross rugged terrain, steep and narrow places that their truck, even in 4-wheel drive, may not take them and require the use of Utility Task Vehicles (UTVs). These UTVs are versatile and carry the necessary equipment and generally can go places where most off-road capable vehicles cannot. For Wildlife Officer safety, you must adhere to the following:

- The UTV and UTV trailer are only to be towed during activation or when returning to the station from activation.
- Conducting a traffic stop or responding to calls unrelated to the UTV's purpose is not permitted with the UTV and/or trailer attached to the vehicle.
- The UTV shall not exceed 50MPH on any paved or unpaved road.
- The UTV shall not be used on any public highway/roadway, etc. That exceeds the speed limit of 60 MPH unless absolutely necessary.
- You may also transport small animals such as birds, dogs, etc using the cage provided. You may not, however, transport large animals, (deer, boar, etc.)
- The UTV is \*not\* equipped with radar/traffic enforcement equipment and may only be used to conduct traffic stops in extreme circumstances, such as vehicles operating off the highway in a place a regular vehicle cannot get to extremely reckless drivers or suspected DUIs.





Additionally, Wildlife Officers may utilize the UTV for general patrol usage some areas may require the use of traveling on paved roads, however ,Wildlife Officers shall remain on unpaved roads or travel on the side where possible in the following areas:

- Cassidy Trail
- Chiliad Mountain Range
- Mount Gordo
- Senora National Park
- Vespucci Beach

# 6.4.4: Patrolling as a Boat Unit & Jetski

The SAPW Boating Unit has the responsibility of keeping boaters and fishermen safe daily. We strive to maintain a peaceful environment for those who are having fun out on the waters of San Andreas, while also keeping the environment safe. Below in this standard operating procedure is how the Parks & Wildlife Boat Unit operates.

These guidelines have been created to ensure continued equality, safety, and professionalism throughout the operations of the boat unit. All Wildlife Officers need to have knowledge of the Boat Unit SOP and certification before patrolling as one. Failure to abide by the SOP will result in disciplinary actions.

#### **Our Purpose**

It is the mission of the Parks & Wildlife Boat Unit to enforce marine laws and Title 9 of the State of San Andreas penal code. This mission will be executed to the highest level of courtesy, commitment, integrity, and professionalism. It is also important to provide services to the citizens of San Andreas.

# **Boating Operations**

There can only be 7 (seven) Parks & Wildlife boats launched at one time. When going 10-8 as a boat unit you are to call in pertaining to the watercraft you are operating, such as, "1055, I will be 10-41, 10-8 as active Parks & Wildlife Boat Unit now known as "Romeo (1,2,3, ect)" Make sure you advise of any other units you have on board, even if they are not a SAPW Officer.

# **Towing a Boat for Activations**

Boats on trailers are to be towed only during activations or when returning from an activation.

Conducting a traffic stop or responding to another call unrelated to marine-related matters is not permitted with a boat and trailer attached to the vehicle.

# **Boating Equipment**





Included on SAPW Marine Vessels is a number of equipment which may be used by parks and wildlife officers during their patrol. This list of equipment is as follows:

#### **Defender:**

- Radio (x2)
- Clipboard/Notepad
- San Andreas State Map
- 5 Personal Flotation Devices
- Flare Gun 5 additional flares
- Ipad/MDT
- AED
- Flashlights (x2)
- Large Ice Cooler & Water Tank
- BLS Medical Bag
- Trauma Bag
- SAPW Dive Suits, + O2 Systems (x3)
- Side Scan Sonar
- 2x Throwbags
- Safety Blankets (x2)
- Life Preserver (Ring)
- Anchor
- Rowing paddles
- Fire extinguisher
- Marine ropes
- Boat bumpers
- Additional water
- Dry goods, e.g., granola bars, crackers, nuts, and dried fruits (Be aware of allergies before consumption).

#### S&R Rhib:

- Radio (x2)
- Clipboard/Notepad
- San Andreas State Map
- 2 Personal Flotation Devices
- Flare Gun 5 additional flares
- Ipad/MDT
- AED
- Flashlights (x2)
- Small Ice Cooler
- BLS Medical Bag
- Trauma Bag
- SAPW Dive Suits, + O<sub>2</sub> Systems (x<sub>3</sub>)
- Side Scan Sonar
- Ix Throwbag
- Safety Blankets (x2)
- Life Preserver (Ring)





- Anchor
- rowing paddles
- Fire extinguisher
- Marine ropes
- boat bumpers
- Additional water
- Dry goods, e.g., granola bars, crackers, nuts, and dried fruits (Be aware of allergies before consumption).

#### **Zodiac Rescue Boat -**

- Anchor
- rowing paddles
- Fire extinguisher
- Marine ropes
- Additional equipment can be brought on board from patrol vehicles like BLS bag, etc.

(Please note the weight of the equipment brought on to the small boat)

#### **Marine Traffic Stops**

Marine Traffic Stops can be conducted if and when a boater is not following the Fish & Game laws (Title 9). To conduct a watercraft/vessel stop, you are to get behind a moving watercraft/vessel or pull to the side of a stationary watercraft/vessel you are trying to stop. If the operator of the watercraft/vessel does not see your lights or hear your sirens within 20 seconds, you are to pull beside them in the safest way possible and signal the boat to stop. Once the operator has come to a stop and puts the boat in idle, notify the driver to turn off the engine and tie yourself to their watercraft/vessel. You may then ask for the driver's license and boat registration. You will check the name in the local database, once you have done this and if you are in LSPD Port Authority's jurisdiction, you must request that dispatch attach that unit to your call.

• You may board a water vessel that you have stopped if there is reasonable suspicion or probable cause to believe that Title 9 and violations have occurred.

#### **Marine Pursuits**

If you attempt to pull over a watercraft/vessel and the operator decides to pursue it, you may pursue them. However, you must maintain a safe distance. Marine units are prohibited from taking jumps with their boat at any time. You may request additional LEO units that can respond to the body of water where the pursuit is taking place. You will coordinate with LEO units on land if the watercraft/vessel appears to head toward land to abandon their watercraft/vessel. If available, request an AIR unit assist, but keep in mind that ASU operates via Visual Flight Rules so they may not be available to respond if the weather is foggy or unsafe.

#### **Jetski**





All SAPW Wildlife Officers of the wildlife officer Rank or higher may utilize the Jetski. Jet Ski Unit can get into locations where a normal boat unit would be unable to get into due to the shallow waters, rapids, or dangerous waters and ETC. for a large vessel. If a larger vessel entered these waters it would damage the boat putting the unit at risk of sinking and or getting stuck.

#### Operation of the jetski

Jet Skis must be launched from a dock that is officially authorized to hold SAPW boats, such as Sandy shores and Marina and Paleto bay dock, and the jet skis must be taken to the area needed. If conducting a general patrol, the jetski may only be used in the Alamo Sea and other inland waterways. Inclimate weather can affect Jetski safety conditions, ensure the conditions you are in are safe, if not, return to your patrol vehicle. Jet skis shall under no circumstances operate during nighttime hours, or during thunderstorms or other severe weather.

#### <u>**Ietski Uniform**</u>

While patrolling as Jetski units <u>MUST</u> at all times have a lifejacket, helmet, and goggles on at all times to drive the vessel.

## Jetski Equipment & Weapon Structure

The jetski has limited storage found in front of the handle bars. The nose of the jetski flips up, opening towards the nose of the jetski. The accessibility to patrol tools are limited due to space and limited to what is on the duty belt. The following equipment is found:

- Air horn
- 3x 6' Ropes
- Life jacket for each operating passenger.
- A Coast Guard-approved B-I fire extinguisher.
- An approved sound-signaling device such as a whistle or air horn
- Flare Gun
- An emergency engine cutoff lanyard attached to the operator
- Equipment under the seat contains the following:
- Combat Pistol (Attachments: Flashlight)
- Taser (Stun Gun)
- Baton
- Knife
- Flashlight
  - First Aid Kit
    - Gauze
    - Field Dressing
    - Gloves





- Pocket CPR mask
- Band-Aids
- Narcan
- Neosporin
- Sanitary Wipes
- Portable Water Pump
- Super Glue

When units return to their patrol vehicles, they regain their full weapons loadout.

## <u>Jurisdiction</u>

The State Parks & Wildlife Boat Unit has Statewide Jurisdiction to enforce Fish & Game Laws.

# **MARINE JURISDICTION MAP**



FOR A FULL VIEW OF THE MAP CLICK HERE





#### 6.5: <u>Towing Policy</u>

San Andreas Parks and Wildlife Officers are required to follow San Andreas Parks and Wildlife towing policy. This policy is based on the towing capacity of the vehicles within the SAPW fleet and the size and weight of our boats and other equipment, while maintaining safety.

Vehicle	Towing capability	UTV Trailer with any UTV	26 Ft Zodiac (S&R RHIB)	29 FT Defender
2014 Dodge Ram 2500	YES	YES	YES	YES
2019 Chevy Tahoe	YES	YES	YES	NO
2018 Ford F-150	YES	YES	YES	YES
2021 Chevy Tahoe	NO	NO	NO	NO
2018 Dodge Charger	NO	NO	NO	NO

# 6.6: Plate Policy

#### **Land Vehicles:**

When active in any Land Vehicle patrol, your plate must include SAPW or PW, followed by your community number. Ex: PW 1055

#### All-Terrain-Vehicle):

If you're on an active ATV or UTV patrol, your plate should also display SAPW or PW, followed by your community number.

# 6.8: <u>10-12 Alpha</u>

The San Andreas Parks and Wildlife (SAPW) offers wildlife officers the opportunity to participate in a 10-12 alpha, which allows them to operate in separate vehicles when they join a union group. This brings several advantages, including enhanced patrolling capabilities and the establishment of a more effective and secure





environment during duty hours. Under the 10-12 alpha, wildlife officers are authorized to utilize the following vehicles:

- SAPW ATV/UTV
- SAPW Boats
- SAPW Patrol Vehicles

It is important to note that this policy should not be misused or abused by any wildlife officer, as such actions may result in removal from the IO-I2 alpha and could lead to disciplinary actions. It is essential to uphold the integrity and purpose of this initiative for the benefit of wildlife officers and SAPW. Furthermore, please be aware that only 2 (two) IO-I2 alpha Patrol vehicles are allowed at any given time, with the exception of the SAPW COC (Chain of Command), which is exempt from this restriction.

# 6.9: Catiter

General Patrol Usage: During a patrol Wildlife officers may utilize their department issued smartphone/tablet to ensure that there are no posts regarding illegal activity being carried out within State Parks or any illegal hunting or poaching throughout San Andreas. Wildlife Officers may not at any time engage in any conversations through Catiter and may only monitor posts. Wildlife Officers may utilize the official San Andreas Parks and Wildlife Catiter. Using the official tag "SAPWOfficial". To post on Catiter you must be of the rank Wildlife Officer or higher. All posts created/posted by Wildlife Officers must be professional and not portray the San Andreas Parks & Wildlife in a negative manner. Wildlife Officers may not post more than once within 15 minutes and must use their best judgment when posting. Failure to follow this policy will result in disciplinary action.

The following example messages are to be used while utilizing the Catiter app. Any messages not stated within this section must be approved by a member of SAPW CoC.

- The San Andreas Parks & Wildlife Division is currently available for any queries or concerns you may have about our various State Parks and beauty locations!
- We are currently available at our headquarters at 632 (or SO2) for any license queries or purchases!
- Our State Parks are now closed and will reopen at 5AM!
- Our State Parks will remain OPEN until 10:30PM tonight!





- PSA: (PARK NAME) will be closed for an undisclosed amount of time. We will keep you updated with any information.
- PSA: (PARK NAME) is now REOPEN!
- Hunt safe or go home.
- Safety first, hunting second.
- Be safe to hunt safely.
- Don't forget your safety gear or you will be a deer!
- Safety on, hunt on!
- The only hunting trip that counts is a safe hunting trip.

Wildlife Investigations: Whilst active as Wildlife Investigations you may utilize Catiter in an attempt to gain knowledge on and/or use it to their advantage to stop illegal activity within San Andreas State Parks and other natural resources throughout the state. Investigations units may use alternative handles while on Catiter instead of the official handle in an attempt to find the location of the offender and take them down on any valid offenses. At no time may investigators abuse their privilege to use Catiter to any extent and the privilege may be taken away on a case by case basis. Wildlife Investigators must use their best judgment while posting and not get themselves involved in arguments on the platform. Failure to follow this policy will result in disciplinary action.

# <u>Section 7 - Division Incentives</u>

#### 7.1: Golden Deer:

This award goes to the parks and wildlife officer that shows the most compassion for their job. You can have 100 hours or 5 hours to earn this award as long as you get along well with the other members and love to help civilians and animals.

(Open structure)

(Can only win Ix in a row)

**Reward:** 7 days of unmarked vehicle structure.





#### 7.2: Top Patroller:

This incentive is awarded to those who put in those additional hours to show their true dedication to the subdivision.

( You may only use vehicles with in your structure )

(Can only win 2x in a row)

**Reward:** 5 days of unmarked vehicle structure.

#### **7.2:** Photo of the Cycle:

This is awarded to those who provide the most outstanding photo showcasing the subdivision in its most purest form.

( You may only use vehicles with in your structure )

(Can only win 2x in a row)

**Rewards:** 48 hours of unmarked vehicle structure.

# **Section 8 - Plain Clothed Operations**

The San Andreas Parks & Wildlife's responsibility is to protect the Natural Resources and to provide Justice to anyone who neglects others from or destroys any Natural Resources (environmental/animals) the State of San Andreas has to offer. Doing so sometimes requires our officers to work in a lower profile capacity. Members of SAPW Investigations and Parks & Wildlife COC may operate in plainclothes in compliance with their respective policies.wd

# 8.1 Chain of Command:

- I. Must hold the rank of Lead Wildlife or higher.
- 2. SAPW Badge must be visible at all times on their person, whether around the neck, on shirt, belt, or holster
- 3. No gang-affiliated or inappropriate clothing. No overly revealing clothing will be allowed. This includes tops such as spaghetti strap tank tops or swimsuits. You should be dressing for the environment you are in.
- 4. Sidearms must be visible, unless wearing a jacket that would realistically cover the firearm. (such as suit jackets or long coats)
- 5. Can wear plain clothes on patrol.





# **8.2 Investigations Policy:**

- I. Must hold the rank of Wildlife Investigator or higher.
- 2. SAPW Badge must be visible at all times on their person, whether around the neck, on shirt, belt, or holster
- 3. No gang-affiliated or inappropriate clothing. No overly revealing clothing will be allowed. This includes tops such as spaghetti strap tank tops or swimsuits. You should be dressing for the environment you are in.
- 4. Sidearms must be visible, unless wearing a jacket that would realistically cover the firearm. (such as suit jackets or long coats)
- 5. Can only wear plain clothes if active as Parks & Wildlife investigations and is participating in a wildlife investigation.
- 6. Must be approved by SAPW Chain of Command

# Section 9 - Hall Of Fame

The San Andreas Parks And Wildlife Hall of Fame was created to Honor our previous members who made huge strides while working for the San Andreas Parks And Wildlife. Anybody is able to be inducted into the Hall Of Fame, however to achieve this you need to have worked extremely hard for the Parks And Wildlife Subdivision over your time in the midwest.

There is no set criteria to how someone can be inducted into the Hall of Fame as this is up to the current SAPW Chain of Command, If they feel someone deserves to be inducted into the hall of fame when they leave our subdivision or even during their time in our subdivision. If someone would like to induct a member or previous member of Parks and Wildlife into the Hall Of Fame, then a CoC vote must be held.

The hall of fame can be found on the Parks and wildlife portal <u>here</u>. We thank every single person in the San Andreas Parks And Wildlife Hall of Fame for the service which they gave to our subdivision and for helping us to be where we are today.

# Section 10 - Arrests, Searches, and Warrants

Once a uniformed San Andreas Parks & Wildlife Officer has obtained enough probable cause/evidence to make an arrest or to search a person or property, they may do so and must conduct the arrest/search legally. However, if the area/location to make an arrest/search is too risky or dangerous not only to the SAPW Officer but the person(s) in question, they will submit for an arrest/search warrant and will attempt to make an arrest or search at a later date.





If a Plain Clothed Wildlife Officer is conducting an investigation and has obtained enough probable cause/evidence to make an arrest or to search a person, property, area, or location, they will have to submit for an arrest/search warrant and will attempt to make an arrest or search at a later date.

When executing warrants, the primary Wildlife Officer will have at a minimum I (one) unit to serve as back up and at a minimum one (I) Wildlife Officer must be in a marked uniform. If a Wildlife Officer is plain-clothed, they will wear a SAPW Baseball Cap and clearly display their badge while the warrant is being executed and until the scene is clear.

If the area/location to make an arrest is too risky or dangerous not only to the SAPW Officer but the person(s) in question, the primary Wildlife Officer will make the determination to execute the warrant at a later date, request assistance from additional SAPW Officers on patrol or request assistance from BCSO ACE first, SAHP SBI or LSPD SWAT

# Section II - Responding to Calls and Signal II

Responding to calls appropriately is of paramount importance. Some calls require a higher level of response than others that a Wildlife unit may receive or be attached to. The response policy is based on BCSO's response policy in the BCSO SOP 7.07.

Appropriate responses

#### Code 1:

- Dead animals
- Lost and stray animals
- Routine animal check
- We promptly address reports related to deceased, stray, or lost animals, as well as calls related to our duties where neither human nor animal life is in danger, such as routine animal checkups. By attending to these calls, we contribute to maintaining a safe and healthy environment for both wildlife and the community.

#### Code 2:

- Critically injured animals
- Dead animals blocking a major area or road (max responding speed: 75 MPH)
- Calls involving critically injured animals require our immediate intervention and specialized care. We understand the critical nature of these cases and respond with the urgency and expertise required to provide necessary medical assistance.

#### Code 3:

- Situations where human life is actively in danger
- Rabbit disease animals running around populated areas





# Section 12 - Field Training Officer (FTO) Procedures

The mission of the Park's And Wildlife Field Training Office is to make sure that the new recruits and current members learning new aspects of our subdivision receive their training or ride-alongs in a timely manner and to the highest possible standards, in order to ensure that the new members are as knowledgeable as possible.

The San Andreas Parks And Wildlife Training Officers will be held to a far higher standard than the majority of the San Andreas Parks And Wildlife Officers.

## 12.1.1: FTO Requirements

A Parks & Wildlife Officer must hold the rank of State Wildlife Officer + in order to apply to be in the SAPW FTO Program and be in good standing with all COC.

## 12.1.2: FTO Expectations

When a State Wildlife Officer joins the SAPW FTO program they will be held to a far higher standard than other SAPW units. They will be expected to act mature and professional when conducting ride along's and any reports of failure to do so will result in an investigation. If the reports are found to be true the unit may be required to redo their evaluation or removal from the FTO program may occur.

It must be noted as well that if deemed necessary by SAPW COC further investigation is conducted by BCSO COC. Disciplinary may occur after the incident has occurred which may be from a member of staff who was present or by BCSO Internal Affairs.

# 12.1.3: Application Process

When applying to become an FTO must ensure to read all documents provided to best understand the position and the way to operate as a SAPW officer.

The State Wildlife Officer will then submit an application <u>here</u> and wait until they receive a response from a member of SAPW COC once they have been accepted they will automatically be able to complete stages however they must be certified by completing a sit in and an evaluation before being cleared to completing trainings.

## 12.1.4: <u>Training Procedures & Certifications</u>

SAPW FTOs are responsible for training all other officers for the variety of certifications that are offered within SAPW.





#### **Basic Training**

SAPW FTO's most prominently conducted training will be the Basic Parks & Wildlife training that will go over everything the recruit needs to know about before patrolling as a general unit. This training includes two Emergency Vehicle Operations Courses (EVOC) the FTO must evaluate the driving of the probationary. This can take up to about an hour and a half.

#### **Dive Certification**

This training will be for any Wildlife Probationary + and will be conducted by an SAPW FTO this training will certify the trainee in diving and will take around 30 minutes to an hour.

#### **Mobile Command Center Certification**

The Mobile Command Center Certification is an advanced training program available to State Wildlife Officers and higher ranks. This program will be conducted in the state by certified FTO Wildlife Officers. The course covers various aspects of command center operations. Upon completing the certification, officers will possess the knowledge and skills necessary to lead a command center in any situation. The Mobile Command Center can also be deployed for S&R operations and to support subdivisions requiring a command center, such as for TSD and SSB operations.

#### **Investigations Certification**

San Andreas Parks And Wildlife Investigations certification is available to wildlife officers who hold the rank of State Wildlife Officer +. Investigations certified officers are able to conduct investigations which involve the Title 9 penal code. The investigations' certification has its own SOP which can be found on the portal or here. To join the Investigations' certification, you must file an Investigations Interest Form, which can be found <a href="here">here</a>. In order to be certified in the Investigations' certification, you must attend an in-server training.

#### Search & Rescue Certification

Wildlife officers holding the rank of Wildlife Officer + can obtain the San Andreas Parks and Wildlife Search and Rescue Certification. Certified officers are not only trained for safety but also for efficiency during search and rescue operations, whether working independently or in collaboration with neighboring agencies. This certification enhances their capabilities and ensures the best performance in diverse situations.





# 12.2: FTO Ride-Along Procedures

Phase ride-alongs will be conducted by SAPW Field Training Officers. You should familiarize yourself with the following so that you may start your Phase Ride-Along on time. When a new recruit joins SAPW and has completed the mandatory training they will then be required to complete I phase ride along which takes around I hour if completed to a proper and high standard.

- SAPW <u>Vehicle Structure</u>.
- SAPW <u>Uniform Policy</u>.
- SAPW <u>Self Attaching Policy</u>.
- <u>Title IX</u> of the San Andreas Penal Code

#### You will be trained on the following:

- How to investigate Firearm Discharges and Hunting Scenes.
- How to validate Firearms and Ownership.
- How to validate a Hunting or Fishing License, and check Tags.
- How to identify the different species of San Andreas.
- How to check if the game is of proper size and gender.
- How to spot "Wanton Waste" or "Sports Hunting".
- How to do an animal pickup investigation.
- Proper Offroading Techniques
- Self Attaching
- Self Roleplay

After which you will be issued a short exam consisting of general SAPW Questions. After which the FTO will contact SAPW COC to retrieve your score. You are given two chances to pass the exam before you will have to repeat your phase.

The Full Phase Outline Can Be Found Here

Finally the FTO must ensure that the Recruit completes the <u>Mandatory Feedback Form</u>, they must also ensure to file the mandatory Phase Ride Along Report form. Failure to file these forms may result in a member of SAPW COC reaching out and informing them of the mistake, if it continues the Field Training Officer may be removed from the program.

# 12.3: Probationary Wildlife Officer Ride Along Procedure

San Andreas Parks and Wildlife Officers who have not complete their stage Ride Along for SAPW but have completed their training for SAPW will be able to ride along with another San Andreas Parks and Wildlife Officer as long as they hold the rank of Wildlife Officer + this allows Probationary Wildlife Officers to learn more about Parks And Wildlife before they complete their own ride along to become cleared to patrol solo.





# 12.4: FTO Activity Requirements

The Parks and Wildlife Officers will also have to comply with activity requirements when possible this is to ensure that we have a sufficient amount of FTO's to complete recruits training and certifications in an acceptable time frame.

With this in mind SAPW COC asks that all FTO's complete at least I Training's or Ride Alongs per month in order to keep the members flowing through the Park's & Wildlife Subdivision. If these requirements are not met FTO's may be subject to inactivity strikes at the end of a full month cycle. If they receive 3 strikes then they will be removed from the SAPW FTO program.

## 12.5: FTO Incentives

#### **Promotion Eligibility**

The first incentive for SAPW FTO's is the ability to rank up to Senior Wildlife Officer which not only unlocks more incentives for them to use but also allows them to use new vehicles which no other units in SAPW are able to use.

#### **Vehicle Structure**

When a SAPW FTO becomes a Senior Wildlife Officer they will also unlock the ability to use slicktop on all vehicles in their structure. Refer to the SAPW Vehicle Structure for more information.

#### **EUP Structure**

Finally once an SAPW FTO reaches the rank of Senior Wildlife Officer they will also be able to use jeans while on patrol as long as they are wearing the class B or C uniform. Refer to the EUP for more.

#### **BCSO Patrol Log Incentive**

The Blaine County Sheriff's Office has allowed units who are a part of the Field Training Office program to loghours while conducting any SAPW training. However, trainers must follow these requirements:

Must choose the option under subdivision which states "trainings." State the name of the subdivision Link to announced training Members who attended training

All of the above must be present for the hours logged to be counted towards activity.





# Section 13 - San Andreas Parks and Wildlife Investigations

# 13.01 Parks & Wildlife Investigations Mission Statement

The Parks & Wildlife investigations unit is tasked with the responsibility of using their knowledge of investigating to help Deputies and Parks and Wildlife units when a Title 9 violation has occurred. This gives us enough cause for investigating beyond the initial scene. They may also be called to work alongside other investigative agencies to help with cases that may take place in the more remote areas of San Andreas.

# 13.02 - Investigations Rank Structure/Duties

The Parks & Wildlife Rank Structure and Duties are as follows:

#### **Investigation Command**

- Strictly SAPW Command
- ❖ Oversees the operations of SAPW Investigations as a whole.
- **Ensures** the Case Roster is up-to-date with the most recent information.
- ❖ Communicate with Lead Investigators about ongoing cases.

#### Lead Investigator

- ♦ Must be a Lead Wildlife Officer Complete the Investigations' certification for new Wildlife Investigators by conducting training for State Wildlife Officers +
- Serve as a liaison between investigations and SAPW Command by submitting bi-weekly reports of case progress to be used in counting the department's stats. Ensuring that the SAPW Investigations division runs smoothly
- ❖ May actively patrol as investigations.





#### Wildlife Investigator

- ❖ Must be a State Wildlife Officer +
- Must be in good standing with SAPW COC.
- Must have completed investigations certification training done by an SAPW FTO or higher.
- **Complete cases assigned to them in a timely and efficient manner.**
- ❖ May only activate when an SAPW Investigator is requested.

## 13.03 - Patrolling Procedures

When patrolling or activated as a wildlife investigator, you will still be required to identify as a Wildlife unit. However, you may inform dispatch that you are active as a Wildlife Investigator. The Investigation's plate must be in accordance with the BCSO Unmarked Plate Policy found <a href="here">here</a>. Wildlife Investigators should only be patrolling as an active investigator when you are working/starting a case or participating in an SAPW(I) operation. Investigations COC may actively patrol at any time you find enough evidence to start a case, you will be **REQUIRED** to fill out a Wildlife Case Form, this will help us track where a case is at and be sure that we are not wasting valuable wildlife resources.

# 13.04 - When to Activate SAPWI

SAPWI is the primary investigative agency for all Title IX infractions, and will be required to be notified of any crimes related to Title IX, and will be activated to respond and investigate. Some examples of Title IX crimes are poaching, Animal Cruelty, Animal Fighting, Animal Neglect, etc. SAPWI will also respond to and assist local law enforcement agencies with any crime that occurs within the boundaries of any park that SAPW has jurisdiction over. SAPWI may also respond to calls outside the parks if requested by another department's investigators for manpower, or if no other investigator is available, however in this instance, SAPWI will only process the scene and forward the case file to the respective agency with jurisdiction over that area.

# 13.05 - Investigations Vehicle Layout

While activated as a Parks and Wildlife investigation's unit you will follow the vehicle layout which goes as follows: The wildlife officer who is activated as SAPWI will be able to use any vehicle which is in their main SAPW rank, and they will also be able to use these vehicles unmarked as long as they follow all BCSO extra guidelines and the BCSO plate policy found <a href="here">here</a>. If you are unsure of what vehicles you are able to use please refer to the vehicle structure located <a href="here">here</a>.





Additionally, all specialized SAPW vehicles such as UTVs, ATVs, or boats, are still at your disposal.

## 13.06 - EUP Structure

All Parks and Wildlife investigation units must adhere to the San Andreas Parks & Wildlife Plain Clothes policy found <a href="here">here</a>, This policy states that a unit's attire should be considered as "Business Casual", There are a few rules with what the uniform can/can't have so make sure to familiarize yourself with the Plain Clothes Uniform. You must also make sure you are aware of the differences between a general SAPWI patrol uniform and the uniform that a UC or Undercover Officer has to follow. Reference section for further.

## 13.07 - Investigation Officer's Equipment

While activated as a wildlife investigations unit, you will be able to retrieve the following equipment from either their vehicle or on their persons:

- All BCSO Mandated Equipment will be present.
- 4x Boxes of Evidence Bags (Resealable)
- 4x Boxes of Evidence Pro Bags (Non-Resealable)
- Assorted Animal Body Bags
- 2x 50M "DO NOT CROSS" tape
- 150x Evidence Marking Tags
- 2x 10z Plastic Jars
- 2x 20z Plastic Jars
- 2x Black Marker Pens
- 2x Ballpoint Pens
- 5x Pairs Of Blue Nitric Gloves
- 2x N95 Respirators
- 2x Pack Of Bacterial Resistant Wipes
- Ix Scale
- Ix Scissors
- 2x Steel Tweezer
- 4x Plastic Tweezer
- Ix 100' Tape Measurer
- 4x Packages of AA Batteries (4 each)
- Ix Drug Tester Kit
- Ix Gun Residue Kit (Pick's Up On A 12-Hour Timeframe)
- Ix Fingerprint Retrieval Kit Includes magnetic black powder, lifting tape, brush, and scanner.





## 13.08 - Reporting Procedures/Warrant Submission

When you are assigned a case within the investigations' certification you must attain a certain reporting procedure in order to maintain a smooth and fast way of working on our cases, It goes as follows:

- I. Before you submit a case and consider it a closed case, you must make sure you have correctly achieved the following. First, you need to make sure that you have a prime suspect as to who yourself and other investigation units believe may have committed the crime. You must then gather as much evidence as possible to make sure you are able to place the suspect at the scene of the crime. Once this has been accomplished, you will be able to mark the case as completed if the suspect has already been processed through the County DOC system. If the suspect is still outstanding, then you need to move on to the next step.
- 2. This step involves submitting your case to the Justice Department. In order for this to be done, you will need to make sure that you have all of the above, and then you must use the following guideline to ensure you correctly place a warrant for approval through the justice department's system. This document is able to be found here.

# 13.09 - Operations

The Parks and Wildlife investigations unit come with the ability to host a number of operations, these include but are not limited to:

Anti-Poaching Operations - An anti-poaching operation is used when there is someone over Catiter showing off the illegal poaching of animals in state-owned land or for any other reason that it may be considered poaching. Usually, the investigations unit will lead a group of SAPWI units or normal SAPW patrol units to try and catch the criminal in the act of poaching. If they gather enough evidence, they will then be able to arrest the individual using the Title 9 infractions in the penal code.

Poaching Decoy Operation - A Decoy is a fake animal that is used to help catch poachers in the act. They can be placed near roads or trails while Wildlife officers watch from a safe distance. These decoy operations are commonly used to catch night hunters, or those who attempt to hunt by shooting from their vehicle, or from public roads/ways.

Title IX Sting Operations - Title 9 sting operations are any sort of operations that can be originated using Title IX penal codes as a workaround they will be useful in finding any person in the public who is willing to break these penal codes and will work to defend against any wrong-doers in the great state of San Andreas.





# 13.10 - Disciplinary Action

If any member activated as SAPWI is spotted to be breaking SAPW SOP or BCSO SOP then members are encouraged to make an Internal Affairs report, If a BCSO Supervisor or a SAPW Supervisor notices any behavior then they are able to talk to the unit about it and if further action is needed they may follow the correct procedures and conduct them, Any BCSO 10-71 and SAPW 10-71 reserve the right to send a unit off-duty as SAPWI however if the SAPW 10-71 is not a BCSO 10-71 then they are unable to send the unit off duty as BCSO If this much action is taken then that same unit must make an IA Report or inform a BCSO 10-71 so that the issue is dealt with.

# 14: Deputy Informational & Civilian Ride-Along Procedures

## 14.1.1: Deputy Informational Ride-Along Procedures

It can sometimes be difficult to understand what the San Andreas Parks & Wildlife subdivision does while on patrol from reading through our documentation. Also, sometimes it can be difficult to choose between the two subdivisions when deciding which one to sign up with. Deputies seeking further information or experience within the Parks & Wildlife decision, to help them better understand what they would be doing and to help them decide if they want to join us, are allowed to participate in <u>informational Ride-Alongs</u> with San Andreas Parks & Wildlife Officers.

# 14.1.2:Qualifications

In order to be qualified to do an informational ride-along with a Wildlife Officer. You must be the rank of Probationary Deputy or higher. The deputy must not have any 10-90s or 10-93s in the past 30 days.

## 14.1.3: Ride Along Procedures

During the informational ride-along, a deputy will patrol with a SAPW Wildlife Officer or higher. This is an observational ride-along. Deputies may participate in a scene **BUT MAY NOT** at any time take command of the scene. This also includes the use of CAD and Communication.

The only time that the deputy may take over as Scene Command/CAD and Communication is if one of the following were to arise:

The SAPW Officer conducting the informational ride-along is severely injured by wildlife and/or a subject and cannot mentally and physically maintain control of the scene.





There are no other SAPW Officers on the scene if the SAPW Officer conducting the informational ride-along is severely injured by wildlife and/or a subject and cannot mentally and physically maintain control of a scene.

During the informational ride-along the deputy will not be allowed to drive or ride on any All Terrain Vehicle (ATV). However, they may ride as a passenger in the UTVs. Additionally, the deputy may ride as a passenger with the Wildlife Officer onboard SAPW vessels, however they <u>MUST</u> be provided with an SAPW life jacket and must wear it at all times.

# 14.1.4: Use of Force Policy

The deputy will adhere to the department's Use of Force Policy if an SAPW Officer is attacked by wildlife and/or subject and the deputy must request for additional 10-32's, 10-71's and 10-52's.

At no point will the deputy engage to kill, injure or to put down wildlife unless an SAPW Officer orders him/her to or if the deputy feels that the life of citizens/visitors of San Andreas, the SAPW Officer or his/her own life is threatened.

# 14.1.5: Ride-along Uniform and Equipment

The deputy will wear the BCSO issued uniform. Deputies will never wear any SAPW uniform item(s) during or after the informational ride-along, unless they become a member of the subdivision. The deputy will carry only BCSO department issued equipment.

## 14.1.6: How to schedule an Informational Ride Along

The deputy will contact any San Andreas Parks & Wildlife Officer to set up a day and time to conduct the Informational Ride Along.

For more information and/or if you are interested in joining the San Andreas Parks & Wildlife Subdivision you may follow the provided link: <u>SAPW.org</u>

# 14.2: Procedures of Civilian Ride-Along





Civilians may want to know the inner workings of the San Andreas Parks & Wildlife. With that, we offer a Ride-Along for them, whether it is to teach, recruit, or to build relations with the citizens of San Andreas. Wildlife Officers will not take a civilian on a boat, ATV, bicycle, plain-clothed patrol, call, or operation without State Wildlife Supervisor + approval.

- All requests submitted to the San Andreas Parks & Wildlife will be reviewed by a member of SAPW COC weekly. Here is the link for the <u>SAPW Civilian Ride-Along Waiver of</u> <u>Liability</u>.
- 2. Applicants (character) must be at least 18 years of age.
- 3. A criminal record check will be completed.
- The results of the criminal record check and the prior written approval from the Senior CoC will determine the applicant's eligibility to participate in the Ride-Along Program.
- 4. Automatic Disqualifications:
  - Felony(s) on record.
  - Egregious amount of Title 9 Infractions.

(If eligible) The applicant will select the Wildlife Officer that they desire to ride with. Once approved, they will be put on an approved list that gets updated and re-background checked every week for any disqualifications.

# 13.2.1: Rules of Conduct for the Civilian

- I. You shall not carry any weapon of any kind while participating in the program.
- 2. The Wildlife Officer with whom you ride will be happy to discuss duties and responsibilities so far as time permits. In the event of an emergency you must immediately and without question comply with any order or directions given to you by the Wildlife Officer or any other member of SAPW.
- 3. You are not to leave the patrol vehicle at the scene of any Law Enforcement/First Responder activity without first obtaining permission from the Wildlife Officer.
- 4. The duration of the ride is at the discretion of the Wildlife Officer.
- 5. You may record or take photos in any PUBLIC environment. If in a private home or property you may NOT record or take photos unless expressed permission is given by owners.
- 6. You will be required to present a neat and clean appearance and wear appropriate outdoor-like attire. Casual clothing such as polo shirts, blue jeans without holes, and close-toed shoes are acceptable.





- 7. Any Wildlife Officer having difficulty with a Ride-Along participant will immediately notify a SAPW supervisor. The supervisor will decide if the Ride-Along participant can be assigned to another Wildlife Officer to complete the Ride-Along or if the Ride-Along should be terminated.
- 9. Participants in the Ride-Along Program will not enter any residence or structure during the execution of a search or arrest warrant or any forced entry into a structure. The Ride-Along participant will remain in the patrol vehicle during any such entry. This does not prohibit the participant from accompanying the Wildlife Officer on calls when the Wildlife Officer is invited into a residence, business, or other structure.
- Io. Wildlife Officers are prohibited, while in the company of a Ride-Along participant, from placing the Ride-Along participant in a situation which may compromise the participant and/or the Wildlife Officer's safety. If Wildlife Officers engage in such activities, they will leave the Ride-Along participant at a safe location to be picked up at a later time or by another Wildlife Officer.
- II. Ride-Along participants will not interfere with investigations in any way by conversing with victims, suspects, or witnesses, handling evidence or equipment, or participating in any enforcement activity unless directed to do so by the Wildlife Officer.
- 12. Any off duty law enforcement, First Responder, or Dispatcher personnel approved as a Ride-Along participant will be treated as a civilian, and all procedures governing the program will apply.

# Section 15 - Joining Process

To apply, you can apply by using this <u>link</u>. After review by Parks & Wildlife CoC, you will be notified of your acceptance status. If you are accepted into Parks & Wildlife you will start at the rank of Probationary Wildlife Officer and will be trained on how to become a proficient and knowledgeable Wildlife Officer. After you have successfully passed your training, phase, and open book exam you will officially be signed off to patrol on your own.

"We hope to see you out there unless you see us first!"





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