

Communication from Public

Name: Peter
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Comments for Public Posting: Hello all, My name is Peter Delgadillo, and I am a local resident of El Sereno as well as a long time public servant for the City of Los Angeles. I am a peace officer Park Ranger with the LA Recs and Parks Dept. and a former LAPD officer. Attached is a letter The Rangers worked on to better clarify to our communities, who and what we are and provide an explanation on why it is paramount that we finally be armed. This is not a new concept, but it is crucial as the Pak Ranger rebuild and grow. We need our Rangers to be able to safely and effectively do the job we are tasked to do. We are certified Wildland Firefighters, and we would not go and fight the brush fires in our parks if we did not have the proper tools/equipment and training to do so. We would not respond to a medical call sand not have our medical bag, oxygen tank, AED, and Narcan, and utilizing our training when treating a patient. We would not respond to a stuck hiker call on a cliff without taking our assigned rope gear to created a lowering system to safely send a ranger down to the hiker and bring them safely up, but yet we are tasked and expected to conduct law enforcement duties, (such as responding to robbery in progress, domestic violence, fights, brandishing fire arms or knives, battery, traffic stops, building searches, and the list goes on), without the specific tool of a firearm. I am recovering from a surgery for my right shoulder an abrasion and human bite puncture wound to my left arm, wile involved with taking an individual into custody. I did not know at the time that he had a warrant for “Assault with a deadly weapon”, I did not know that he had a long criminal history or resisting arrest, I did not know that he had a knife in his pocket, and I did not know that he had illegal narcotics on his person. This person fought desperately to get away from me causing me harm. Our Job is dangerous an being alone in locations where there is no specific address, it is very dangerous. Your LA city Park Rangers are the only agency to send it’s officers to the LAPD police academy and have them return the tool (firearm) that they had trained with for the last 6 and a half months, and are expected to conduct law enforcement duties safely and effectively. All law enforcement agencies adhere to CA Assembly Bill 392 Ch. 170 (peace officer authority to use deadly force) and we follow LAPD Special Order No. 5 (LAPD Use of Force Policy). Respectfully, Peter Delgadillo

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