

1. An annual (by fiscal year) break-down of the number of law enforcement field positions in national parks by region, further comparing the total number of fulltime and seasonal law enforcement positions. We seek this annual breakdown for the ten-year period spanning FY 2005 through FY 2015;

The enclosed spreadsheet provides a response with the available data. "Off Peak Seasonals" includes staffing during the winter months while "Peak seasonals" is from the month of August. All permanent staffing numbers are from the month of August. FY15 data is from January of CY15 and May of CY15.

2. Any analysis (completed during or after calendar year 2010) of the law enforcement force levels NPS considers ideal or as a planning target; and

The Sequoia & Kings Canyon Law Enforcement Needs Assessment is provided as an example.

3. The formula or criteria NPS utilizes ,in deciding what law enforcement force levels are needed in particular parks or within a region of other subset of the national park system. .

The National Park Service utilizes the Law Enforcement Needs Assessment commonly referred to as a LENA as the risk based approach to identify and rank threats and assess agency vulnerabilities. It is a structured process that employs the results of the assessment to set priorities and distribute law enforcement resources to protect natural and cultural resources, as well as public and employee safety.

The LENA incorporates multiple considerations including the types of activities that comprise the law enforcement workload such as protection of people, protection of resources, protection of property, type of jurisdiction, cooperative assistance, visitation patterns and trends, public use, criminal activity, access and circulation patterns, community expectations, communications, technology and special needs.

Safeguards exist to ensure that all parks with a law enforcement program comply with the requirement to submit a LENA. Each year a Park Superintendent with a law enforcement program is required to submit an Annual Law Enforcement Assurance Statement. A component of this report requires the Superintendent to state if a LENA has been completed within the last three years and an explanation must be provided if it has not been performed within that time frame.

The LENA provides the planning document for risk assessment while the annual reporting provides a tracking and accountability process.