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Creating a Collaborative Future for Open Space Rangers

Developing a Regional Ranger Association
in the Rocky Mountains

Introductions



Workshop Agenda

- Why a Ranger Association?
- Existing Associations and Resources
- Break-out Sessions
- Group Summary
- Next Steps
- Closing



Why a Ranger Association?

Why is this a good idea?

- Training Opportunities
- Information Sharing
- Inter-Agency Cooperation
- Professional Standards
- Legal Defense
- Legislation



Existing Associations and Resources

Park Rangers Association of California

- “To promote the best interest of uniformed park personnel; to establish statewide professional communication for rangers and park agencies; to educate governmental agencies and public as to the role of the park ranger”



Park Rangers Association of California

Purpose of PRAC

- Established in 1976 as a volunteer, non-profit organization.
- To promote the best interest of park professionals.
- To provide an open forum for sharing experiences, ideas, information, and training.
- To provide Rangers with a voice in directing policy and the management of parks and natural resources.
- Establish a statewide professional standard for Rangers through certification, legislation and interagency cooperation.

Park Rangers Association of California

Services Provided

- Quarterly newsletter
- Annual Conference
- Shared training opportunities
- Member and Agency directory and contact info
- Scholarships
- Job Postings
- Medal of Honor and Award of Valor

Park Rangers Association of California

Park Ranger Training and Standards

- Statewide/Region wide standards for Park Rangers.
 - Minimum skills needed to for the professional Park Ranger.
 - Individual agencies may require more or less than the PRAC standards given.
- Basic training and standards in;
 - Interpretation
 - Maintenance and Operations
 - Resource Management
 - Fire Management
 - Emergency Medical Services
 - Law Enforcement



Park Law Enforcement Association

Improving Law Enforcement, Visitor Protection and Park Operation Services through Professional Development



Park Law Enforcement Association

Purpose of PLEA

- *Improve law enforcement, visitor protection and park operation services through professional development to assure a better quality of life and leisure opportunities and experiences in local, state and national park and recreation areas.*
- Established Organization since 1979

Park Law Enforcement Association

About PLEA

- Bylaws and other legal documents already in place
- Linked webpage services
- National networking with other park professionals
 - Group email system for info sharing
- Affordable Individual and Agency pricing
- Turnkey: Have an organization without creating from scratch.
 - Webpage/Bylaws/ Incorporation/ Branding/ Marketing/ Logos

Park Law Enforcement Association

Services Provided

- Membership from all 50 states- State Affiliates
- North American Rep for IRF is the PLEA president
- Illinois/ Ohio/ Florida/ Tennessee/ California and many more
- Affiliates operate under there own autonomy and can be a state or regional
- Sponsors/scholarships
- Life Insurance
- Accessible to fed/ state/ and local agencies
- Job Posting for your agency nationwide

International Ranger Federation



Who Is A Ranger?

The IRF defines a Ranger as the person involved in the practical protection and preservation of all aspects of wild areas, historical and cultural sites. Rangers provide recreational opportunities and interpretation of sites while providing links between local communities, protected areas and area administration.



International Ranger Federation

About the IRF

- Founded on 31 July 1992 in Peak National Park in the UK.
- Provide a global forum for Rangers from around the world to share their successes and failures in protecting the world's natural heritage
- Promote the exchange of information and technology from countries in which protected area management enjoys broad public and government support, to countries in which it is less supported.

International Ranger Federation

More about the IRF

- The official body representing rangers around the world
- The International Ranger Federation membership base is made up of:
 - 1) Existing Ranger Associations,
 - 2) Ranger Associations that are currently being formed, and
 - 3) Conservation organizations and individuals who are involved in conservation.

International Ranger Federation

Services Provided

- **Ranger Toolkit**
 - The Ranger Toolkit is a collection of documents and links to websites of relevance to rangers and the work that they do.
- Quarterly Newsletters from Executive Committee.
- Actively promote and support the formation of Ranger Associations around the world to ensure Rangers are more adequately supported and represented.

Thin Green Line

- Charity Arm of IRF.
- Solely dedicated to providing Rangers worldwide with the assistance they deserve and need.
- Delivers much needed support to Rangers, with a wide range of effective programs worldwide – from Kenya to Tanzania, Costa Rica to Guatemala, Thailand to Indonesia, and in many, many more places around the globe.
- In the sad circumstance of a Ranger losing his or her life in the line of duty, TTGLF helps to ensure the widows and families are looked after into the future.



Breakout Session

Next Steps

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 6th 2019 at 0900

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