

**Priority Area:**

Increase Citizen Safety

**Goal/Objective:**

Address crime and vandalism issues on city properties.

**Strategy 14 – Create Park Security position in Parks Department to provide additional security of park properties.****Action Steps:**

- a. Research other communities on job responsibilities of position.
- b. Determine if this will be full-time or part-time position.
- c. Develop job description for position City of Joplin.

**Resources Required:**

1. No funding required for vehicle or equipment since this position would operate after park maintenance day staff, can use their vehicle and equipment.
2. Funding for 2.0 FTE position.

**Total Plan Cost:**

Total Additional FTE: 2.0

One-Time Costs: \$2,000

Staffing Annual Costs: \$107,000

Program Annual Costs: \$5,000

**Desired Benefit/Outcome:**

- Provides the ability to secure restrooms and other park amenities once parks are closed to the public.
- Provides a sense of security when public can visually see city personnel in the parks.
- Provides the ability for shared information and education of our parks to the residents when visiting our parks.
- The liaison between the Parks Department and Police Department.

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*“Sometimes it doesn't feel safe to use the parks or take a walk in the neighborhood because of random individuals wondering through who are high, or at least acting like it.” – Listening Tour Respondent*