



## Recognizing City Employees: City of Chula Vista Park Rangers

Chula Vista Park Rangers are known for maintaining the ecological balance of the City's parks. But the division does much more than the public may know.

"The Park Rangers' dedication to maintaining the safety, health, and beauty of Chula Vista's parks ensures our community remains accessible and enjoyable for all residents," said Chula Vista Park Ranger Program Manager Sam Alzubaidi. "Not only do we protect the local environment and ecosystem in Chula Vista, but we foster a sense of connection within our community."



The Chula Vista Park Rangers have been a division within the City government since 2013. Alzubaidi has been instrumental in leading the development of the division, as well as programming that benefits City safety.

Ranger duties include a range of responsibilities aimed at ensuring the safety, cleanliness, and overall operation of the park facilities and biodiversity. Daily duties include enforcing specific regulations, assisting visitors, conducting patrols for security, and maintaining park amenities. The Rangers are also involved in cleaning park restrooms, replacing supplies, removing trash and graffiti, issuing parking citations, and upholding

reservation agreements. Rangers work throughout the park hours from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day, as well as before and after the parks are open to the public.

Chula Vista Park Rangers also collaborate with local law enforcement and community engagement initiatives to ensure public safety. Rangers are also an integral part of the City's Homeless Outreach Team, an initiative that Alzubaidi helped spearhead to aid unhoused individuals in Chula Vista. In 2014, Alzubaidi established Operation Pride, an initiative focused on enhancing the cleanliness of parks in the City. Rangers work to collect misplaced shopping carts, clean up various open spaces including sewers, parks, streets, and other areas and collaborate with different City departments to achieve these goals.



The Rangers also recently launched a new Junior Ranger Program. Open to youth ages 5 to 15 years old, the program is aimed at fostering interest in local nature conservation, and environmental education. Junior Rangers participate in various activities such as nature hikes, wildlife observation, and conservation projects. Rangers ensure that the City remains accessible and safe to the community, and they play a crucial role in preserving the beauty of the City.

"Building up the Chula Vista Park Ranger division has been an immense privilege," said Alzubaidi. "Helping to preserve Chula Vista's legacy and educate on local biodiversity is what inspires myself and my team to come to work every day."

Interested in joining the team? Learn more by visiting the [Chula Vista Park Rangers job postings online](#).

