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Park Rangers Nico McAfee (left) and Vicente Harrison patrol the downtown waterfront. Portland Parks and Recreation started the ranger program in 2010 replacing private security. The outreach has expanded with the hiring a more diverse workforce. Rangers carry only one weapon, pepper spray, so if a situation grows out of control, they call police.

## The Parks have Eyes

New rangers are  
also ambassadors

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They may wear a badge and uniform, ride through downtown on bikes and hand out stickers to kids,

but they're not cops.

Meet the Portland's Park Rangers: eyes and ears of city parks.

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Portland is improving security at its city parks with a team of forest green-clad park rangers who act not only as eyes and ears for the community and the police, but as city ambassadors to assist and build relationships with people in the neighborhoods they serve. Pictured on the job at Chapman Square, downtown, are Park Ranger Security Manager Art Hendricks (left) and Park Ranger Supervisor Hasan Antharee.