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Milwaukee Sentinel Journal Misrepresents Sheriff's Park Patrols



Milwaukee, WI – Ernie Franzen and the Milwaukee Sentinel Journal newspaper known for their Politifact stories that knit-pick data put out by any elected official, (especially those who lean conservative), and exploit any error or discrepancy to accuse the official of either misleading or outright lying, have been caught up in their own web.

In an October 24 story filed by the Sentinel Journal's Steve Schultze, he refers to the MCSO's "4,365 hours in Park Patrols" as representing "...the time of deputies fully dedicated to Parks Patrols." He uses this number even though it was clear at that hearing that this number was not an accounting of all MCSO activities related to parks patrol. That figure was merely one facet of that complex operation. It was made clear both to the committee and to media that a supplemental report would be filed with the committee, which Schultze even references, stating that the MCSO "...would provide a full tally next week."

That didn't stop Franzen and his editorial board pals from using an Abele press release created before the hearing even took place, and repeating the figure two days later on Sunday, October 27, when they wrote of our deputies that, "Certainly, numbers provided by Sheriff (Clarke) to Abele suggest that his department did not step up patrols in the parks and aren't spending time...on such patrols."

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That is an outright lie and Franzen and the editorial board should know it. First, because Abele has never asked for a number from me...the county board has. Moreover, it's merely a parroting of the position put out by County Executive Abele and his aide Raisa Koltun on several occasions. We have swatted down that lie with our recorded data, using numbers we can't make up or twist to our purposes. The numbers are from our Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) reports, and the county's payroll report.

Throughout this process, Sentinel Journal writers sit at committee but too often never cite our true data. They run with what Abele and Koltun put out to support their agenda. The reason they run whatever Abele wants is because they are so heavily invested in Abele that they have lost any objective view of the lies he puts out. Their "hear it, print it" approach to what Abele says is embarrassing. Their newspaper has lost all sense of independence and journalistic integrity by having a liberal political bias. When Ernie Franzen's lips move you can hear Abele's whiney voice.

I have attached our data that shows that my Targeted Enforcement Unit (TEU) deputies, those officers funded by the county to patrol the parks system, spent a total of just over 50,000 hours patrolling and policing Milwaukee County Parks in 2013: More than 36,000 hours of straight-time, supplemented by more than 13,000 hours of overtime. That effort, an almost 300% increase over the 12,000+ hours expended in 2011, is what the county board is rightly considering when determining public policy related to our parks system.

With MPD response times increasing, homicides up 21% and violent crime up 22%, why would Ernie Franzen and the Sentinel Journal think that it is good public policy to have Milwaukee Police officers cruise county parks when we are already there? They are already understaffed, facing furloughs and begging the state for more money to put more officers on the street.

By the way, these response times come from the Sentinel Journal. Watch for Sentinel Journal collusion with Chief Flynn to put out new figures soon that show better results. I know this game. Flynn is the same guy who got caught cooking the books on crime data in a rare piece of journalism by the same newspaper. Don't trust his data. As they say, fool me once, shame on you, fool me twice shame on me.

Ernie Franzen and the Sentinel Journal get a 'pants on fire' for this editor-a-lie.

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2013 PARK PATROL ACTIVITY

30 OCTOBER 2013

Last year, the County Board approved the funding of park patrol to remain with the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office with the condition that the Sheriff's Office would commit the funded resources to the patrolling of county parks.

This analysis was prepared in response to the misunderstanding that the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office has "only" spent 4,385 labor hours in 2013 patrolling county parks. It should be noted that this number, as testified to in Judiciary Committee testimony, is not a comprehensive statement of MCSO activities. Rather, it is a "new" metric, a way to understand what the MCSO does different than traditional policing in attending to Milwaukee County Park: It is unassigned, high-visibility patrolling hours in Parks (excepting the Lakefront) in 2013...and even then, it is only YTD through the Courthouse Fire, when dispatch tracking of those hours was lost in the switch to Waukesha Sheriff Dispatch.

This number was never intended to represent cumulative time spent on the park enforcement activity, nor the actual worked by officers in then many, many activities that make up Park enforcement. This metric was placed on the dashboard to monitor reporting accuracy and a Parks deputy's self-directed vs. directed patrol time.

In clarification, the following table shows Park Patrol enforcement activities through October 12 for the year to date comparisons of 2012 and 2013.

Category	2012	2013	% Change
Straight Time Hours Worked	11,145.5	36,629.2	228.6%
Overtime Hours Worked	1,506.2	13,631.2	
Total Hours Worked	12,651.7	50,260.4	297.2%
CAD Activity (Enforcement Actions)	3,585	15,315	327.2%
Average Activity / Week	87	398	357.5%



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By the Numbers: Milwaukee Police Response Times Since 2005 (2005-2010 inclusive)

Source: Journal Sentinel Interactive Database*

2010 (Most Recent) MPD Response Times:

Category: Violent

Crime Sample Average Response Time % Change in Response Time from 2005 to 2010

Armed Robbery 2000+ - 17 Min 55 Sec - Up 46%

Strong-Arm Robbery 1100+ - 30 Min 05 Sec - Up 94%

Battery 16,000+ - 27 Min 23 Sec - Up 45%

Sexual Assault 800+ - 51 Min 22 Sec - Up 58%

Category: Nonviolent

Crime Sample Average Response Time % Change 2005-2010

Theft 10,000+ - 1 Hour 10 Min 37 - Sec Up 72%

Stolen Vehicle 2000+ - 1 Hour 16 Min 16 Sec - Up 46%

Illegal Entry 12,100+ - 59 Min 56 Sec - Up 71%

*<http://www.jsonline.com/watchdog/126286388.html>

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