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HOUSTON PARKS AND RECREATION RELEASES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF PARKS & RECREATION EMPLOYEE

On Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at approximately 11:20 am, an electrocution incident involving a Houston Parks and Recreation Department employee occurred. The Houston Fire Department responded to an EMS call to Melrose Park, 1001 Canino Road. Upon arrival, HFD found the employee to be deceased. An investigation regarding the incident is still underway.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department employee, Jorge Osorio, was 64 years of age. He was a licensed electrician and had been with the department for two years.

"My prayers are with Jorge Osorio's family and co-workers, and I ask all Houstonians to keep them in your prayers. The City of Houston will always remember his service and dedication to our community," said Mayor Sylvester Turner.

"Our hearts are heavy today at the parks department. We mourn the loss of our co-worker, Jorge Osorio. Words cannot express the sadness and grief we are all feeling at this time," said Kenneth Allen, Director Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "Jorge was a skilled and hard-working person who worked in our Facilities Management and Development division. He was committed to improving the city for everyone visiting Houston parks. I offer my deepest condolences to his family and friends for their loss."

Osorio is survived by his mother and sister.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages 382 parks and over 39,501 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all ages and abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit www.houstonparks.org.