

PARK POLICE OFFICER

PURPOSE AND NATURE OF WORK

This is responsible security work involved with patrolling city recreational parks and centers. Incumbents are responsible for enforcing park rules and regulations and city ordinances to ensure the safety of participants and to protect city property from intentional abuse or vandalism. Employees of this class work under the direction of the Chief of Park Police.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK (Note: These examples are intended only to illustrate the various types of work performed by incumbents in this class. All of the duties performed by any one incumbent may not be listed, nor does any incumbent necessarily perform all of these duties.)

Patrols parks and recreational areas; enforces park rules and related city ordinances; prevents theft and vandalism. Issues parking violation tickets and on occasion makes arrests, if necessary, in order to protect the safety of park participants and facilities. Directs traffic; investigates traffic accidents and other civil incidents occurring on recreational property; files reports with and/or calls local police for additional assistance. Provides information regarding the recreational facilities to park participants. Assists with crowd control and general patrol for special athletic and recreational functions. Incumbents work some evenings, weekends, and holidays.

Performs related work as required.

NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS

Knowledge of the location of all city-parish parks and recreational facilities.

Knowledge of rules, regulations, and city ordinances that pertain to recreational programs and facilities.

Ability to deal with people in a courteous but firm manner.

Ability to effectively handle problem situations in a safe and efficient manner.

Ability and willingness to work an evening shift or after regular working hours.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with superiors, other employees, local and state law enforcement personnel, and the general public.

DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Graduation from high school, supplemented by some law enforcement training, or some experience in public relations; or any equivalent combination of training and experience.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENT

Possession of the appropriate class driver's license, as required by the State of Louisiana and Police Academy certification within one year of employment.