

Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District

Ranger Position Description

(Full-Time, Hourly, Non-Exempt)

(\$43,680 – \$62,400 per year depending on experience)

Classification

Under the direction of the Chief Ranger, the Ranger maintains park safety and security, protects and serves park visitors, protects Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District property and natural resources, and enforces park regulations and state laws. The Ranger position is a fully sworn law enforcement officer position. The Ranger executes daily operations of the Ranger Department in accordance with directives of the Chief Ranger.

Essential Duties, Knowledge, and Abilities

- Enforce park rules in accordance with the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District Park Rules and Regulations as well as applicable state and local laws.
- Patrol and lock park areas and trails by motor vehicle, bicycle, and foot.
- Ensure clean and safe use of parks for all patrons.
- Communicate with the general public in regards to law enforcement and the protection of resources in Allen County.
- Assist with the implementation, updating, and maintenance of risk management plan.
- Participate in training, recruiting, and orienting additional law enforcement personnel, as required.
- Complete accurate and detailed criminal incident reports.
- Perform accurate record keeping, chain of evidence procedures, etc.
- Maintain professional working relationships with staff, volunteers, and other agency personnel.
- Deal with all members of the general public in a professional and courteous manner. Attend community and other meetings as assigned.
- Develop or adopt new techniques to improve the effectiveness in the discharge of primary law enforcement obligations of the Ranger Department.
- All other duties as assigned by the Chief Ranger.

Qualifications

- A minimum Associate Degree in Law Enforcement/Natural Resources or equivalent experience.
- Must be certified through OPOTA and maintain certification/training each year.
- Interested in the mission and core values of the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District, and willingness to convey support for that mission to the public.
- Thorough understanding of the criminal justice system, Park District Rules and Regulations, Chapter 1545 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), local and state laws (criminal and wildlife).
- Knowledge of modern office equipment including Computers, Internet, GPS, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.)
- Knowledge of ecosystems in Ohio, particularly Allen County, and the management issues surrounding them.



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- Must maintain the highest ethical standards of professional and personal conduct and present a professional law enforcement appearance.
- Must demonstrate trust, openness, reliability, integrity, and credibility.
- Demonstrate interpersonal skills including conflict resolution, team building, problem solving and the ability to relate to all people.
- Employee must be at least 21 years of age with a clean felony record.
- Must be able to pass a pre-employment background check, drug test and other relevant screenings prior to assuming job duties.

Certificates or Licenses

- Ohio Peace Officer Certification. (OPOTA)
- A valid Ohio Driver's License in combination with a good driving record.
- Current certification in First Aid and CPR

Special Requirements

- Physical demands are essential to successful performance of job duties
 - Ability to pass the OPOTA fitness standards annually.
 - Exposure to a broad range of outdoor weather conditions, including wet, windy and/or humid conditions and temperatures below 32 degrees and above 100 degrees for periods of more than an hour.
 - Ability to stoop, stand, or sit for long periods.
 - Ability to carry 50 pounds for long distances.
- Ability to read, write, and speak the English language in a fluent and effective manner.
- Knowledge and experience in operation and maintenance of equipment, vehicles, etc.
- Ability to work weekends, evenings, and night shift as necessary.
- Ability to work special events, festivals, and community events that span long hours.
- Vacation time regardless of the time of year, shall be scheduled so as not to interfere or coincide with special events, additional responsibilities, etc.



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