

RESERVE PARK RANGER

Definition:

Under direction, performs duties necessary to protect park patrons, resources and properties administered by the Parks Department on a limited term basis as needed by the Parks Department; and do related work as required.

Distinguishing Characteristics

This classification is established for use by the Parks Department where extra help or limited term Park Ranger assignments are needed. Due to the limited nature of assignments incumbents with California Reserve Peace Officer Training and experience in law enforcement work will perform these duties.

Essential Functions:

- Makes periodic patrols of assigned areas for the keeping of peace and protection of life and property, may be by foot, bicycle or in a motorized vehicle (car or boat).
- Provides public assistance by responding to situations, including emergencies; investigates criminal violations; makes arrests; and makes necessary reports; collects and preserves evidence and maintains necessary records; testifies in court; and attends training classes.
- Issues citations for violation and make arrests when necessary, including transportation of suspect(s) and completion of required reports; and/or handling of evidence.
- Meets the public and gives out information in order to foster an understanding of park rules and regulations necessary to ensure peace and order are maintained.
- Collects various park fees, and makes deposits.
- Oversees assigned personnel as required, in the care of park and recreational facilities.
- Performs other related duties as required.

Employment Standards:

Graduation from high school or successful completion of the General Education Development test, indicating high school level and successful completion of a California Reserve Peace Officer P.O.S.T certified training equivalent to or greater than a Level I Reserve Officer.

Possession of a valid California Class C Driver's License, Standard First Aid and CPR Certificates.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Physical Exam: Passing of a rigid medical exam by the County is required.

Vision: Correctable to 20/20. No color deficiency or permanent/progressive eye abnormalities.

Hearing: No deficiency.

Character: Applicants must have a reputation for honesty and trustworthiness. Felony law violations will be disqualifying, and except for a limited number of minor traffic offenses, misdemeanor offenses may also be disqualifying. Must be a U.S. Citizen or a permanent resident alien who is eligible for and has applied for citizenship. Appointees will be fingerprinted and required to pass a background investigation.

Knowledge of: handling both water and land patrol vehicles; operation of law enforcement and safety equipment; safety and general law enforcement practices; general supervision techniques; collecting, receipting and accounting for money.

Ability to: establish and maintain effective working relationships with employees, the public and other agencies; think and react quickly and adapt an effective course of action; operate law enforcement and safety equipment; understand and follow oral and written directions; read, interpret and understand state and federal laws and county ordinances; keep precise records and write citations; write clear, grammatically correct and concise reports; and perform general mathematical calculations.

All Kern County employees are designated “Disaster Service Workers” through state and local laws (CA Government Code Sec. 3100-3109 and Ordinance Code Title 2-Administration, Ch. 2.66 Emergency Services.) As Disaster Service Workers, all County employees are expected to remain at work, or to report for work as soon as practicable following a significant emergency or disaster.

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