

POLICE OFFICER

Organization Overview

Medina County Park District is a local and regional leader in conservation, education, and the protection of natural resources. Employees take pride in the parks, trails, programs, and community; ensure quality outdoor experiences; protect public investments; plant the forests and prairies of tomorrow; and develop the next generation of stewards. Employment with the park district is more than a job – it's an opportunity to make lives better in a fun, fulfilling team environment.

Responsibility

Under the direction of the police chief, the officer provides safety, protection, stewardship, education to the park visitor, law-enforcement services such as patrol of district properties, and other duties as assigned. This is a commissioned law-enforcement appointment with full arrest authority under Section 1545.13 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Examples of Duties

- Routine patrol of park district properties
- Respond to complaints and emergencies and conduct investigations
- Prepare written reports of investigations
- Attend all necessary training for park police staff including but not limited to firearms, self-defense, defensive driving, updates on O.P.O.T.C. requirements, and various changes in laws or rules
- Maintain daily logs of patrol activities
- Public relations with park visitors
- Write and file citations for park violations and make court appearances as necessary
- Work with maintenance staff as needed on special projects
- Provide traffic and parking control at park district events
- Work with volunteer groups
- Other duties as assigned

Distinguishing Characteristics of the Class

- Park police officers are required to have direct contact with park visitors and must have the ability to work with people in a relaxed enforcement environment
- Required to carry a firearm, be trained in the use of a shotgun, and be skilled in the use of various enforcement techniques and personal safety measures
- Must be skilled in defensive driving during emergency situations
- Officers may be confronted with deadly force situations in the performance of their duties
- Required to work varying shifts and to respond when called to duty in emergency situations
- Must be at least 21 years of age as required by state law
- Must be citizens of the United States and residents of Ohio

- Officers must be of good moral character, reputation, and financial responsibility with no conviction higher than a misdemeanor or of a crime involving turpitude
- Must be willing to submit to complete background checks prior to being hired

Necessary Knowledge, Skills, Abilities

- Proven teamwork, communication, and partnership skills, and the ability to work directly with all levels of the organization to achieve common goals
- Demonstrated emotional intelligence including self-awareness, empathy, reliability, and consistency; a proven track record of establishing and maintaining critical relationships internally and externally; demonstrated trust, integrity, and credibility
- High school diploma; minimum two-year degree with a natural resources background
- The ability to work with park visitors in various enforcement situations including issuing citations, assisting the public with complaints, education, and taking reports
- Ability to take action and make decisions in emergency and/or confrontational situations
- Basic computer operation skills

Required Physical Abilities Include the Following, But Are Not Limited To

- Must occasionally be subjected to strenuous situations in the apprehension of violators
- Must occasionally lift items weighing in excess of 50 pounds
- Work in inclement weather

Desired Training and Experience Requirements

- Any combination of training and experience that would indicate possession of the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities listed above
- A valid Ohio Peace Officer's Certificate
- One year of law-enforcement experience, preferably in a natural resources setting
- Possession of a valid Ohio motor vehicle operator's license with a good driving record
- Satisfactory fingerprint and criminal background check and drug screening