

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Vision

To ensure a park system that is safe for all to play, recreate, contemplate and celebrate.

Mission

The Minneapolis Park Police Department, in support of the mission and goals of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, is devoted to preserving and ensuring safe parks for all visitors and staff through fair and professional policing.

Values

Service Members of the Minneapolis Park Police Department believe in public service and care about the needs of the community we serve.

Community Members of the Minneapolis Park Police Department are committed to developing and maintaining positive relationships with all communities, neighborhoods and partners to proactively improve park safety and solve crime issues.

Support Members of the Minneapolis Park Police Department are dedicated to supporting the work of Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board staff so that services can safely and successfully be delivered.

Dedication Members of the Minneapolis Park Police Department are devoted to preserving and enhancing the legacy, resources and excellence of the Minneapolis park system.



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Park & Recreation Board**

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SERVE WITH PRIDE

Since 1887, members of the Minneapolis Park Police Department have been committed to ensuring safe parks, recreation centers, and recreation programs across Minneapolis.

As the independent law enforcement agency governed by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB), our first priority is making sure that we support the mission of the MPRB, in part, "to provide places and recreational opportunities for all people to gather, celebrate, contemplate and engage in activities that promote health, well-being, community, and the environment." To that end, we work closely with MPRB field staff, in every division, to ensure that crime and safety concerns are addressed holistically.

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) takes pride in knowing that although 15 percent of the City of Minneapolis consists of parklands, only two percent of all crimes occur within parks. Park Police Officers are dedicated to crime prevention, proactive patrols and follow-up investigations that all result in safe parks for residents and park visitors.

Park Police Officers and Park Patrol Agents are responsible for serving:

- 180 park properties
- 6,809 acres of parkland and water
- 49 recreation centers
- 55 miles of paved parkway
- 51 miles of walking paths and 51 miles of biking paths
- 22 million annual visits



Park Police Officers and Patrol Agents work closely together

BECOME A PARK PATROL AGENT



Park Patrol Agents are non-sworn members of the Minneapolis Park Police Department. They work to support the efforts of licensed Park Police Officers in maintaining safe and welcoming parks for all to visit.

Park Patrol Agents provide assistance to the Minneapolis Park Police with the enforcement of laws, ordinances, rules and regulations within the parks. Park Patrol Agents are scheduled up to 40 hours per week during the summer months (June, July and August). Assigned shifts vary between day and evening hours and include most weekends and holidays. During the rest of the year, Agents may be scheduled up to 28 hours per week.

The application process to become a Park Patrol Agent takes place during the spring months (usually March). Positions are posted on the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board website (www.minneapolisparcs.org) or interested candidates may contact the Park Police Department to inquire further.

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Park Agents assist with event and community outreach

Park Agents patrol park areas by foot, bicycle and motor vehicle



PARK PATROL AGENT POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES AND REQUIREMENTS

Essential Duties:

- Patrol assigned parks, beaches and recreation areas to deter criminal activity, prevent crime, provide building security and respond to emergency situations.
- Protect park patrons, staff and property.
- Support the work of MPRB staff so as to promote safe parks, safe programs and safe facilities.
- Assist in maintaining order and peace on park property.
- Professionally and effectively resolve conflicts.
- Carry out enforcement through use of verbal warnings, written citations and physical arrest.
- Enforce MPRB ordinances, rules and regulations as trained and directed.
- Enforce Minnesota law and City of Minneapolis ordinances as trained and directed.
- Check administrative use permits of park areas and facilities.
- Effectively communicate using police radio.
- Respond to emergency situations, provide first aid and request appropriate medical assistance when necessary.
- Perform administrative work in the Park Police office including, but not limited to, answering telephones, typing, filing and preparing reports.

Related Work:

- Demonstrate strong public relations on behalf of the MPRB.
- Effectively and professionally communicate in all types of situations.
- Write cohesive, accurate and complete reports.
- Safely and lawfully drive emergency vehicles.
- Attend and actively participate in community and staff meetings and trainings.
- Patrol on foot, bicycle, ATV and motor vehicle.
- Conduct traffic control.
- Lock toilets and secure facilities.
- Collect coins from MPRB meters.



Park Agents promote park safety and enforce ordinances

Training and Experience:

(position requirements at entry)

- High school diploma or equivalent and at least one year of college credits toward a degree in law enforcement, teaching, counseling or closely related field.
- One year of experience working in a closely related position in law enforcement, teaching, security, counseling or working in a role supervising children and/or adults.
- Fluency in a second language preferred.

An equivalent combination of relevant education and experience may be considered. (Four years of relevant military service may replace college and experience.)

Licensing Requirements:

(position requirements at entry)

- Must possess and continue to maintain a valid Minnesota driver's license with good driving record at time of hiring and during employment.
- Must have current First Aid and CPR certification at time of application and must retain First Aid and CPR certification during employment.



Park police officers are devoted to ensuring safe parks for all visitors

BENEFITS OF WORKING AS A PARK PATROL AGENT

Working as a Park Patrol Agent provides a chance to work in one of the most beautiful and recognized urban park systems in the U. S. Additionally, Park Patrol Agents serve in a unique role as ambassadors for the Minneapolis park system; often, they will be the only MPRB staff contact a visitor may have. Finally, Park Patrol Agents also have the opportunity to create community connections – to serve as a positive role model for youth participating in park programs.

From a law enforcement perspective, working as a Park Patrol Agent is invaluable experience. Enforcing laws and rules, responding to calls for service, and writing police reports are just a few of the skills Park Patrol Agents will develop during their employment. Countless former Park Patrol Agents have gone on to successful careers in law enforcement. The experience of working as a Park Patrol Agent is widely recognized and valued in the police community. Frequently, sworn Park Police Officers are promoted from the ranks of Park Patrol Agent.