

# City of Newport Beach Park Patrol Program



**Parks  
Make  
Life  
Better!**

City of Newport Beach Recreation &  
Senior Services Department



# General Information

- 2 Full-Time and 3 Part-Time Officers
- Focus on education and voluntary compliance with rules/regulations in our 64 parks and 12 facilities
- Officers report to RSS Dept. and check in by radio with the Police Dept. at start/end of shifts



# General Information



- We solve Problems!
- Officers work 7 days a week and Special Events as assigned
- Point of contact for community as issues arise in the field
- Serve as a deterrent with constant presence in our parks
- Collaborative approach with community

# Equipment



- Clearly marked official uniforms/badges
- Cell phones
- Pepper Spray
- Flash Lights
- AED's/First Aid Kits
- Marked Patrol Vehicles with light bars
- Digital Camera
- Fire Extinguishers
- Parking and Administrative Citations

# Main Areas of Focus-Fields



- Monitor heavily used athletic fields for conflicts, damage, and un-permitted use
- Prevent vehicles from being driven onto fields
- Report field damage
- Close fields and Buck Gully on rainy days
- Confirm that **WU1** field lights are shut off after use
- Prevent golfing in parks and on fields
- Report broken equipment and any safety hazards

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WU1

and Buck Gully?

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# City Facilities



- Monitor un-staffed buildings for security and compliance with rules/regulations
- Prevent un-permitted/unscheduled use
- Check facility after use to ensure it was left in a clean/safe condition
- Buck Gully: Patrol trails for illegal activity, dogs, motorized vehicles, etc., close trails during rain for public safety

# Picnic and Park Areas



- Remind groups about rules/regulations, park hours, monitor use of amplified sound, enforce no alcohol in parks
- Solve conflicts when two groups want to use the same area
- Prevent commercial activity in public parks (such as private tennis lessons)
- Advise/educate dog owners about leash laws and proper clean-up after pets
- Address homeless issues
- Prevent Skateboarding on park benches, walls, picnic tables, etc.
- Inspect and ensure proper clean-up of park areas after scheduled and unscheduled use

# Citation Authority



- Officer's can issue parking and administrative citations
- Focus is on education and warnings first
- Citations issued as a last resort and only when compliance can't be obtained, previous warnings were issued, or public safety issues are present

# Special Events



- Monitor permitted special events in parks and on beaches. Enforce permit conditions.
- Discover/enforce non-permitted weddings, surf contests, etc.
- Assist with City planned special events.
- Enforce amplified sound rules and regulations.
- Enforce alcohol restrictions.

# Vandalism



- Prevent vandalism of parks, facilities, and other public property by providing frequent patrols and establishing a visual uniformed City staff presence.
- Inspect parks and facilities daily for graffiti and other damage and report information to proper Departments.
- Document vandalism and damage by taking digital photographs and reports and providing information to the Police Department.

# Reports

- Daily field activity reports which include all patrol activities and notes regarding any incidents, problems, or issues
- Monthly report compiled by Lead Officer which includes number of public contacts and type of issues/requests received during that month
- Example:

## Patrol Checks

34 with youth sports groups  
337 field related issues/checks  
25 park/picnic reservation issues/checks  
124 community center issues/checks  
345 playground issues/checks

## Public Contacts

240 Education  
49 Alcohol  
131 dog related

# Contact Information

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