

## **PURPOSE OF THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK POLICE**

To provide a courteous and efficient park police force in which all officers will maintain a high standard of integrity and ethics in their relationships with the public and other employees, in the discharge of their public safety and security responsibilities.

To protect and conserve the properties, scenery, natural and historical objects, and wildlife therein and the activities of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. To provide for the enjoyment of the same in such a manner and by such a means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations

## **OATH OF OFFICE**

### **MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK POLICE**

I do solemnly swear and affirm that I support and defend the Constitution of the United States and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the State of Maryland and support the Constitution and laws thereof and that I will support the Charters and laws of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, and that I will, to the best of my skill and judgement, diligently, faithfully, and without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of Park Police officer for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter.

**STATUTE GOVERNING THE**  
**MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK POLICE**

Maryland Code, Land Use, Division II - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Title 17 - Powers and Property, Subtitle 3 - Park Police.

The Commission may appoint whatever park police officers as may be necessary to provide protection for the Commission's activities and property. In connection with the responsibility to provide that prevention, it is the responsibility of the park police to prevent crime, apprehend criminals, enforce the criminal and motor vehicle laws of the State, endorse park regulations and perform whatever other related duties as are imposed by the Commission. They have concurrent general police jurisdiction with the Montgomery and Prince George's County police with the parks and other areas and within buildings under the jurisdiction of the Commission, and that portion of all roads and sidewalks immediately adjacent to any property under the jurisdiction of the Commission. They possess all the powers and authority vested by existing law in the Montgomery County and Prince George's police; but they are responsible to and under the supervision of the Commission and shall exercise supervisory jurisdiction over the park system. They shall have whatever jurisdiction off park property that may be provided by any reciprocal agreement entered into pursuant to 2-105 of the Criminal Procedure Article. The Montgomery and Prince George's County police have the same general police jurisdiction and responsibility for the apprehension of criminals and detection of crime within the parks and other areas and buildings under the Commission's jurisdiction as they have elsewhere in their respective counties. (MD Land Use 17.304)