



# New York State Park Police Standard Operating Procedures

## **Our Mission & Background**

Committed to Protecting NY State Parks and its Patrons Park Police officers are highly trained specialists, dedicated to preserving the peace associated with a park environment. State Park Police officers are permanent, full-time Police Officer positions, and appointment to the position is made after a competitive process that includes a New York State Civil Service exam. The New York State Park Police began as a patrol force in 1885 at Niagara Falls State Park, the oldest state park in the country. As the State Park system grew, so did the need for police services, and by 1973 State Park Police officers were on patrol in every park region across New York

## **Expectations**

While patrolling as a Park Police Officer, you must keep in mind that you are also a New York State Law Enforcement Officer, and not just a park ranger as some might see you as. You are expected to patrol state parks, beaches, nature reserves, as well as surrounding jurisdictions, or more rural municipal jurisdictions as a State Police Officer. In simple terms: As a highway patrol officer, you are expected to patrol highways, but are allowed to go into small towns or other areas to patrol, same goes for park police and state parks.

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### **Jurisdictions**

The State Park Police are primarily responsible for patrolling State Parks, Beaches, nature reserves, and other touristic wildlife areas. Although, the State Park Police also serve as State Troopers in a sense, in real life Park Police Officers often run radar on major roadways, and respond to calls like burglaries, disturbances, and anything a normal police officer would respond to. State Park Police are not just responsible for patrolling the parks, a foundational and sacred duty of a peace officer is to preserve life, the New York State Park Police are keepers of this duty. If there is high activity in the parks, your main priority should be to patrol the park, if not; then you are permitted to run radar, or patrol in smaller more rural jurisdictions.

Syracuse Jurisdictions: The park police should not be patrolling the streets of Syracuse, besides the Vespucci beach area. This is due to Syracuse having a more staffed police force than north syracuse, or camillus.

If the AOP is in Grapeseed/Roxwood, your primary duty should be to patrol Roxwood, and the forested areas there.

Although you have the permission to patrol state-wide, doesn't mean you should neglect your duty of patrolling state parks, and wildlife tourist areas.

The New York State Park Police, are State Police Officers. Simple.





## **Event Safety**

As a Park Police Officer, you may get assigned to event safety. State Parks in New York often host a variety of events for public relations, and it is your job to provide safety to these events. These events may range from a Fourth of July Party, to random summer field days. Some useful tactics to keep your community safe are the following: Always keep a lookout for any possible threat, keep in mind the face and appearance of suspicious individuals, get to an elevated position, above the crowd. Your presence at said events should be known as a peace officer, you should not drive an unmarked car, and should always publicize yourself.

### Common Phenomenon

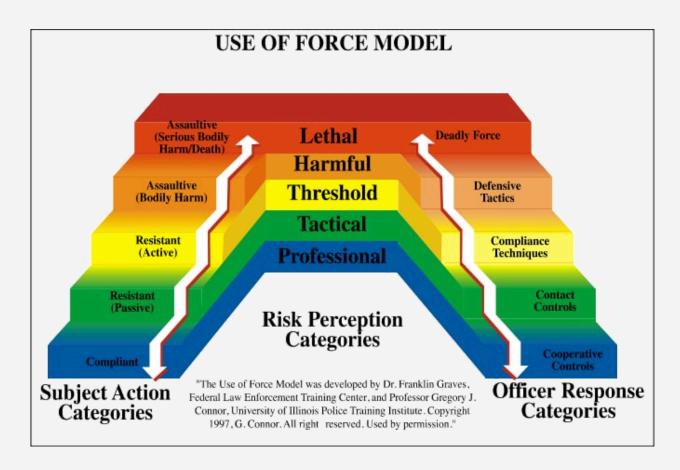
As a Park Police Officer, individuals may become non-compliant and start to record you. It is not illegal to record, as long as you are on public property. Remember, you are a Public Servant and should be expected to be on the internet. If the suspect is in fact breaking the law, act like the camera is not there and continue how you would if there was no camera in the first place. Do not be shocked when people start to record, it will just serve as more evidence in court.

Intoxicated Individuals, its a given during large gatherings.. Someone is going to become intoxicated. In a State Park, you can either A: Ask them to leave the park, or B: Arrest them for Public Intoxication. Make sure to do a field sobriety test if you are unsure if they are intoxicated or not. If someone is intoxicated but minding to themselves, and their party. You may leave them alone, but if they are obnoxious, this is when you should confront them.





## Use of Force Continuum:



Park Police Officers are expected to abide by this continuum.

The classification: Threshold is for when the suspect is running away, or resisting arrest without violence. You may use a taser in this class, if said suspect is fleeing on-foot.

The classification: Harmful. You are expected to use tools like your taser, baton, etc, and for Lethal: Your firearm.





## Off Road Vehicle Guidelines

- Do not act unprofessional while using an offroad unit.
- Do not go high rates of speed unless it is a life threatening scenario.
- Do not do wheelies on the dirtbike this also includes anything with both wheels off the ground.
- You must have a certification to run an offroad unit unless you have permission from command.
- Please use common sense when activating offroad units. In other words make sure it matches the scenario you are in.
- Use your best discretion when going off trails for the most part stay on the trails with offroad units.





## Restricted Fishing & Hunting Areas, and Hunting Seasons.

Restricted areas for fishing are as follows; Tatavian Mountains (401), Vinewood hills lake (713), Lago Zancudo (1003).

Restricted areas for hunting are as follows; 90 Feet of any Public roadway, Tatavian Mountains (401), Lago Zancudo (1003), Murrieta Oil Fields (55), San Chianski Mountains (962), Ron Alternate Wind Farms (725), Senora National Park (725), Grand Senora Desert (725), Redwoods Lights track(938), City limits of Los Santos (713-99).

#### Deer Seasons

Hunters can pursue white-tailed deer during regular and archery seasons, as well as the muzzleloader season.

Planning a vacation or trip? Find out future big game hunting season dates. To determine which hunting implements are allowed in your area, please see Big Game Legal Hunting Implements.

#### Black Bear Seasons

New York State has bear populations in the Adirondacks, Catskills, and Appalachian Hills and Plateau regions. There are early, regular, muzzleloader, and archery seasons for black bear.

#### Wild Turkey Seasons

New York State has both spring and fall turkey hunting seasons and a youth turkey hunt for junior hunters (ages 12-15). During the spring, the season is open in all of upstate New York (north of the Bronx) and hunting hours are 1/2-hour

before sunrise to noon. The fall season is divided in to six season zones and fall hunting hours are sunrise to sunset.

#### Waterfowl Seasons

Hunters in pursuit of ducks, mergansers, geese, and brant can view dates and bag limits for waterfowl seasons and a special youth waterfowl hunt.

All New York waterfowl hunters are required to register annually for the Harvest Information Program (HIP).

Hunting season dates are not finalized until federal regulations are adopted in late summer. Be sure to check the final regulations before going hunting.

#### Migratory Game Bird Seasons

View dates, bag limits, and special regulations for woodcock, crow, rail, snipe, and gallinule seasons.

Migratory bird hunters must register with the Harvest Information Program (HIP) for all species except crow.

A federal migratory bird hunting stamp is not needed for woodcock, crow, rail, snipe, or gallinule.

#### **Small Game Seasons**

"Small game" includes upland game birds such as grouse, pheasants and quail, small game mammals such as squirrels, rabbits and hare, as well as some frogs and turtles. To view the dates, season zones, and bag limits for these species, visit the Small Game Seasons page.

#### **Furbearer Seasons**

To hunt furbearers, you need to possess a resident or non-resident hunting license. To view season dates, season zones, and bag limits, visit the furbearer hunting seasons page.

People interested in trapping opportunities for these species must obtain a separate trapping license.





# **Ranking Structure**

Commissioner

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Captain

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Sergeant

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SUPERVISOR RANKS

Senior Officer

Λ

Officer

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Probationary

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Recruit

**OFFICER RANKS** 

Please follow the chain of command if you have any issues, if a Sergeant cannot handle it, go to a captain, vice versa.

# **Uniform Spawn Codes**

## **EUP- NYSPP Class A only uniform NYSPP has**

Class A: MP PED (If you use Ped customization its +1) Mask- 121

**Upper Body (Choice of individual)** 

Lower Body- 25 (Texture 4)

Shoes-25

Scarfs and Chains- 171

Shirt Accessory- 212 (Texture 2)

Body Armor- 61

Badges Logos- (Based on rank in NYSP)

Shirt Overlay and Jackets- 200 (Texture 7)

Hat-13 (Texture 3)

All props must be realistic!!

Class C: MP PED (If you use Ped customization its +1)

Mask- 121

Upper Body (Choice of Individual)

Lower Body- 25 (Texture 4)

Shoes-25

Scarfs and Chains- 171

Shirt Accessory- 212 (Texture 2)

Body Armor- 61

Badges and Logos- (Based on rank in NYSP)

Shirt Overlay and Jackets- 190 (Texture 7)

Hat- 13 (Texture 3)





# **Ending Segment**

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