



Improving the Quality & Safety of Oakland Parks

Mission

The mission of **Oakland Volunteer Park Patrol (OVPP)** is to improve the quality and safety of City parks. OVPP participants will be given special training to assist park users, support emergency responders, and report park issues to the proper City of Oakland agencies. OVPP, established in Dimond Canyon and Joaquin Miller Park, is a pilot program for a potential citywide, volunteer park patrol effort.

Duties

Volunteers in the OVPP program will walk, jog, or ride through designated parks and trails monitoring park use and condition. Patrol volunteers will engage in the following activities:

- **Conduct general or special patrols** in designated parks; volunteers will provide maps, information about trail conditions, and help park users understand park rules and regulations.
- **Report maintenance issues** on trails or at other park facilities to Oakland Public Works
- **Report medical, fire, or other emergencies** to the appropriate dispatch unit; OVPP may be asked to assist in search and rescue functions as directed by officials.
- **Provide additional support** at special events such as walkathons, races, concerts, holiday events, and work expositions, as requested by City staff.
- **Commit to at least 4 hours per month**; volunteers will be asked to fill out a short, online form after each patrol.
- **Lead by example**; unless directed otherwise by emergency personnel for a specific incident, park patrol volunteers will follow all park rules and guidelines for their chosen activity.

Volunteers will be required to provide their own safety equipment (smart phones, bicycles, helmets, sturdy shoes, appropriate clothing, etc.) which must be in good working condition and free of defects. An OVPP jersey will be provided.

Eligibility Criteria

- Possess comprehensive knowledge of Joaquin Miller Park and/or Dimond Canyon Park, including the locations of facilities and layout of the trail system.
- Be at least 18 years old
- Agree to an OPD background check and oral interview
- Complete the OVPP training course

"Oakland Volunteer Park Patrol allows park enthusiasts to take an active role in welcoming visitors and keeping our parks safe and accessible. Please consider joining us to help create vibrant and healthy park communities." –Annie Campbell Washington, Vice Mayor and Oakland City Councilmember, District 4

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