



Enriching Lives & Connecting Communities

Law Enforcement –Rangers

Safety and Security
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Policy Statement

The Richland County Recreation Commission has established Regulations, to provide for the safe and peaceful use of Commission property and parks by the public; for the educational and recreational benefit and enjoyment of the public; and for the protection and preservation of the property, facilities and natural resources of the Commission.

1. AUTHORITY

- 1.1 Act Number 873 of 1960 of the South Carolina General Assembly {Section 5, No. 8} authorizes the Commission to “prescribe rules and regulations governing the use of the facilities”. See Facility Use Policy No. 8015 (RCRC Administrative Manual) and Facility User – Code of Conduct Policy No. 14025 (RCRC Administrative Manual).
- 1.2 The Executive Director is the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Commission, responsible for the day to day administrative and managerial functions of the Commission in accordance with policies and procedures adopted by the Board. The Executive Director is responsible for Business, Affairs, Property, Facilities and other duties imposed by the Commission, all of which are subject to the direction of the Commission. (County Recreation Commission By-Laws: Article 5 Section 5).

2. RANGERS

- 2.1 Rangers are responsible and have authority for carrying out the protection of a variety of properties, such as, but not limited to, undeveloped park land, neighborhood parks, community recreation centers, administrative facilities, aquatic facilities, historical sites, athletic fields and hiker/biker trails.
- 2.2 Rangers serve in partnership with the community law enforcement and other divisions of the Commission in order to provide a safe and secure environment, protect life and property, and identify and assist local authorities in the apprehension of violators.



2.3 Crowd Control –Rangers in conjunction with local authorities are responsible for crowd control at major events and in coordination with the Event Coordinator and Director of Safety and Security. During athletic events, the Richland County Recreation Commission may require the presence of security in addition to or other than RCRC Rangers and emergency medical personnel. The requirement of such additional or other services is at the discretion of the Executive Director or his designee. All such services must be arranged by the league or entity using the facility and any costs incurred for these services must be paid by the league or entity using the facility. If it is determined that these services are necessary, the Commission will require written confirmation of such arrangements in advance.

3. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

3.1 Violations of the rules and regulations governing use of RCRC property and facilities including, but not limited to, Code of Conduct set forth among the provisions of the Facility Use Policy No. 8015 (RCRC Administrative Manual) and Facility User – Code of Conduct Policy No.14025 (RCRC Administrative Manual) and other applicable RCRC policies will result in action by Commission Staff which may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Verbal warning
- Notification of Parent/Guardian/Next of Kin
- Suspension from Commission programs, activities and/or facilities
- Liability for any damage to the property or facilities of the Richland County Recreation Commission or the property and facilities of others resulting from acts of the participant, either solely or in concert with others
- Civil Citations/Traffic Citations by local authorities
- Criminal prosecution under the laws of the State of South Carolina

ADOPTED BY RICHLAND COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION BOARD

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APPROVED: 
J. Marie Green, Chair

For more information about this policy, contact the Safety and Security Department.

