

New York State Park Police Candidate Top Ten Questions

1. Who are the State Park Police?

State Park Police Officers are permanent, full-time armed Police Officers who work for the NY State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation's Division of Law Enforcement. See further NYSPP information <https://parks.ny.gov/employment/park-police/default.aspx>

2. Do the State Park Police only have jurisdiction in the parks?

The State Park Police have statewide jurisdiction and are not limited to only the parks.

3. How many Park Police Officers are there statewide?

There are approximately 250 sworn members.

4. What kind of emergency calls do the State Park Police handle?

The park police respond to a wide range of emergency calls within the parks and outside the parks. Some Zones are 911 dispatched and could be requested to respond to any type of call.

5. What is the State Park Police Academy like?

The State Park Police Academy is located in a very rural setting in Albany County at [16 Camp Cass Rd., Rensselaerville, NY 12147](#). The academy is a 27 week long military style residential academy, similar to military boot camp. It is characterized by paramilitary drills, daily inspections, intense physical demands, discipline, and rigorous training. Recruits typically report to the academy each Sunday evening for the work week, and then return home for the weekend.



6. Where would I be assigned after completion of the Academy?

Upon completion of the New York State Park Police Academy, officers are assigned where the Agency's greatest need for staffing is; typically, downstate in the Hudson Valley District and Long Island Metro District, to the Palisades, New York City, or Long Island Zones. Most Officers that graduate from the Academy will be sent to one of these locations.



7. How long will I be downstate?

Depends on many variables such as Academies, retirements and funding. Upstate Zones are more difficult to transfer back to. Under normal hiring patterns a new officer can expect to spend at least a year or more downstate.

8. How do I get back home?

Transfers are done by seniority, typically once a year based on the needs of the Division.

9. What shifts would I work once I become a Police Officer?

The New York State Park Police is a 24 hour, 7 days a week department. Shift assignments are selected by seniority. Typically, a new Police Officer will be assigned to work weekends and holidays, working afternoon and midnight shifts, and can expect to do so for most of their careers.

10. What is the starting pay for a State Park Police Officer?

Currently the Park Police starting salary is \$55,170.