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## **COUNTY POLICE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SEASONAL PARK RANGERS**

The Westchester County Department of Public Safety is accepting applications for Seasonal Park Rangers to patrol county parks this summer.

The uniformed park rangers work under the supervision of county police officers to maintain a safe and enjoyable atmosphere in the county's parks. SPRs are called upon to assist park users, provide information on park rules and procedures, help in searches for lost children, perform basic first aid on occasion and make regular security checks of buildings and facilities.

First-time park rangers are paid \$14 hourly. The rate of pay rises in subsequent summers of service.

Park Rangers must be high school graduates, at least 19 years of age and possess a valid New York State driver's license by the time of appointment. An applicant may be 18 years of age if he or she is a member of a Law Enforcement Explorer's Post with a police agency in Westchester.

Upon acceptance, candidates are required to attend a two-week training program at the Westchester County Police Academy.

"This is an excellent opportunity for young men and women interested in a law-enforcement career to gain valuable experience," Public Safety Commissioner Thomas Belfiore said. "Many police officers in Westchester received their first exposure to law enforcement by working as a seasonal park ranger."

Applications, which are due by Feb. 27, are available online at the Department of Public Safety's website: <http://www.westchestergov.com/ps/>

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