

PSAR Volunteer

Job Description

Manage the Preventative Search and Rescue (PSAR) program to educate Park visitors about potential safety hazards that may result in search and rescue (SAR) operations. The goal is to reduce the number and seriousness of search and rescues. The two areas in the park where most SARs occur are at the Dune Climb and Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive #9 Lake Michigan Overlook. In these cases, visitors put themselves in hazardous situations because of their lack of knowledge or preparation. Volunteers are posted at these two areas to educate park visitors.

The PSAR Volunteer will be provided appropriate training and equipment by the PSAR Coordinator and Park Law Enforcement. PSAR Volunteers can sign up for a specific patrol area and time or will be assigned a patrol by the PSAR Coordinator. When the patrol is complete, they report their patrol data and interactions with park visitors via the Friends web site. The PSAR Coordinator will monitor volunteers' reports to make sure they are reporting and highlight issues to SLBE Law Enforcement.

The duties of the PSAR Volunteer include:

- Patrol your assigned area and time. Educate park visitors about the hazards of the area and recommend appropriate equipment and supplies to be prepared.
- Be aware of the recreational and tourist opportunities throughout the Park and provide safe and enjoyable alternatives. Carry Park maps and other tools to assist visitors.
- Complete the PSAR Patrol Report soon after finishing your patrol.
- Contact Park Law Enforcement or 911 in case of emergency.

Required Experience

Communication skills
Ability to use e-mail and internet.

Required Training

Attend the PSAR June Training meeting

Time Commitment

4-8 hours per week in the High Season (July – August).