

Desired Conditions Expected of Properly Managed Law Enforcement Assets

II. Parks As Refuge and Locus for Learning and Contemplation

- a. Social science surveys indicate that 90% of visitors experience a feeling of safety consistent with an escape from daily societal pressures. They agree with the statement that this Park is a place of great tranquility allowing soulful re-creation. Less than 5% of visitors report observing incidents of anti-social behavior which shocks them from their otherwise tranquil Park experience.
- b. Surveys also indicate that 99% of visitors experience the atmosphere of safety and tranquility when appreciating the interpretive media, view sheds and Park facilities.
- c. Pro-active strategies ensure that crimes against persons are rare events. When they occur, law enforcement response is rapid vigorous and unremitting. Thorough investigations lead to arrests above the national norms. The response, while bringing the perpetrators to justice, primarily restores the sense of safety necessary to appreciate the Park experience for both the victims and others who learn of the events.
- d. Pro-active strategies ensure that crimes against property, especially Park resources, are unusual events. When they occur, law enforcement response is rapid and diligent. Thorough investigations lead to arrests at or above the national norms. The response restores the sense of safety necessary to appreciate the Park experience.
- e. Incidents of antisocial behavior such as public drunkenness, disorderly conduct, and fighting are significantly lower than the national average. When they occur they are generally detected before the impact on the visitor experience is significant. Law enforcement response rapidly restores an atmosphere of tranquility.
- f. Visitor experience on the Park's primary recreation resource, the Skyline Drive, is almost always consistent with a safe, relaxing and enjoyable tour. The incidence of stressful driving behavior typically associated with the modern world is significantly below the national norm. Incidents likely to disrupt a park experience are mitigated consistent with law enforcement standards.

g. Recurring incidents that affect any of the above conditions are reacted to promptly. Protection employees lead the development of solutions that bring all Park disciplines to bear to restore desired standards.