

# HOWARD COUNTY PARK RANGER RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM

The Ride-Along program promotes a better understanding of the challenges, risks and rewards of the Park Ranger's role in the community and the Park.

## Ride-Along Goals are:

- 1 Provide an opportunity for citizens to get to know their Park Rangers.
- 2 Educate the community about the responsibilities of Park Rangers.
- 3 Provide an opportunity for Park Rangers to get to know their community.

## What do Howard County Park Rangers do?

Howard County Park Rangers primary purpose is to provide information, public assistance and education for park patrons on issues regarding natural resource protection. Their secondary purpose is to enforce Parkland Rules and Regulations, animal control and parking regulations. They patrol seven days a week, using marked patrol vehicles, ATVs, bicycles and on foot.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Issue citations for infractions against parkland rules and regulations and local ordinances.
- Resolves permit disputes.
- Responsible for the tracking and reporting of ranger duties and activities.
- Provides information and education to park patrons on issues related to park amenities, wildlife issues and programs.
- Responsible for security at special events and other programs.
- Provides emergency situation management.
- Assists with and supervises volunteer and community service groups in enhancements and clean-up projects.
- Incident report writing.