

## POL.A.06.06 - Enforcement of Park & Facility Rules

The effective management of Park District parks and facilities is a complex responsibility, due in part to the number and diversity of visitors and recreational opportunities present at these public spaces. While members of the Village of Oak Park Police Department are authorized to execute law enforcement functions, all Park District employees have an obligation to support these efforts by educating and informing the public of laws, rules, regulations, and policies, enforcing Park District rules and regulations, and deterring unlawful activities.

The following efforts increase the public's compliance with laws, rules, regulations, and policies and should be utilized by staff, when appropriate:

- a. Staff Presence allows for the observation of activities, grounds, and facilities, while making employees more readily available to visitors.
- b. Patron Interaction allows employees to inform and educate the public as to rules, as well as reasons for the rules.
- c. Signage serves to make visitors aware of site rules and regulations.
- d. Proper Maintenance & Cleanliness increases the likelihood that visitors will hold a greater appreciation for parks and facilities and will exercise a higher degree of care and respect for the rules.
- e. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design prevents negative behavior through physical design of parks and facilities incorporating four principles: natural access control, natural surveillance, territoriality, and maintenance.