



East Bay Regional Park District
Department of Public Safety
Fire & Lifeguard Service



EBRPD FIRE & LIFEGUARD SERVICE MISSION STATEMENT

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EBRPD PUBLIC SAFETY VISION

Protect the East Bay's parklands, resources and experiences for all generations.

EBRPD PUBLIC SAFETY MISSION

Committed to serve, protect and promote a safe and pleasant park experience, while preserving the integrity of the vital natural and cultural resources of the East Bay.

EBRPD FIRE & LIFEGUARD SERVICES MISSION

Prevent, respond, control, and minimize the impacts of fire, medical, and other emergencies which occur within and adjacent to District parklands. Strive to provide the highest levels of professional emergency services, remain fiscally responsible, provide for the safety of personnel and promote the overall mission of the Regional Parks.

Fire Rescue Services:

- Fire Suppression
 - The Department's expert personnel use current technology and modern equipment to safely and aggressively suppress wildland structure and other fires occurring within and adjacent to the parks to protect park visitors and minimize the negative impacts of wildfire on parklands and adjacent properties
- Emergency Medical Services:
 - The Department provides appropriate and timely emergency medical services response to visitors and employees in District parklands and the many unique recreational environments not efficiently served by local responders.
- Hazardous Materials:
 - The Department assesses, contains, controls and coordinates the safe and responsible disposal of hazardous materials located on the parklands. Fire Service minimizes the impacts of hazardous material incidents on natural resources and provides for the safety of park visitors, the public, and District employees.



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- Search and Rescue:
 - The Department expertly and proficiently manages, coordinates and executes search and rescue operations for persons lost, injured or missing within or adjacent to District parklands.
- Fire Prevention:
 - The Department promotes public education programs and aggressively investigates the origin of each fire to reduce the incidence and potential impacts of human-caused wildfires.
- Interagency Coordination:
 - The Department actively cooperates with fire, rescue and EMS agencies in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties and participates in the California Master Mutual Aid Plan.
- Fuels Management
 - The Department applies the skills, knowledge and expertise to successfully carry out an increasingly complex and expanding program of fuels management to reduce the potential for unacceptably severe wildfires and promote healthy forest habitats within the District's parklands.

Lifeguard Services:

- Prevention
 - Department personnel prevent dangerous situations from developing in designated swimming areas and swimming special events and maintain public trust through constant vigilance and courteous competent treatment of visitors.
- Search and Rescue
 - The Department develops and maintains resources to expertly manage and execute search and rescue operations for persons lost or in danger of drowning at park swimming areas.
- Emergency Medical Services
 - The Department provides appropriate and timely emergency medical service response at a basic life support level to the District's lifeguarded swimming areas.



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- Training
 - The Department provides District-wide training and certification in emergency medical services and infection control and community education on safe swimming and boating.
- Aquatic Programs
 - The Department provides a full range of swimming lessons and a junior lifeguard program and facilitates access by low income and diverse communities through outreach and securing grants.

REVISION DATES

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