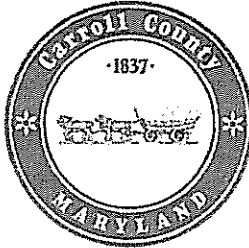


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RECREATION AND PARKS POLICY STATEMENT #06-1

To: RECREATION AND PARKS STAFF

Subject: LIGHTNING POLICY

1. Purpose

To establish a procedure for the safe removal of participants from athletic fields during severe weather occurrences and the presence of lightning

2. Background

A number of the volunteer recreation councils have developed their own independent policies regarding the presence of lightning during outdoor activities. Currently each of these policies sets a different standard or amount of time during which fields must be cleared. In addition, the Board of Education has a policy that requires all athletic fields be cleared for a period of 20 minutes upon the occurrence of lightning. Requests for a consistent, county wide policy have been communicated from the councils to the Department of Recreation & Parks.

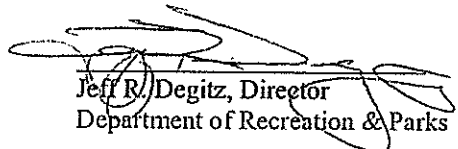
3. Action

The following policy is hereby established regarding the occurrence of lightning during Department of Recreation & Parks and recreation council outdoor activities:

- A. Effectively immediately, once lightning is observed during outdoor recreation council activities, all athletic fields must be cleared for a period of 20 minutes. If lightning is observed again, the 20 minute period of cleared fields starts over.
- B. Enforcement of this policy will be delegated to the volunteer recreation councils when staff are not present at these activities

4. Effective Date

This policy statement is effective immediately and will remain in effect until canceled or superceded.


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