

AIRPORT POLICE OFFICER I/II

Definition:

Under supervision, patrols County airports; monitors operations; provides security, safety, and emergency assistance when needed; provides armed response capability during passenger screening by Federal Transportation Administration personnel in response to threats by terrorists or others attempting to perform hostile acts against aircraft, passengers, or airport property; provides information to the public in the performance of routine duties. This position requires incumbents to carry a firearm.

Distinguishing Characteristics:

- I. This is the entry level in the flexible Airport Police Officer classification series. Incumbents perform the essential functions under close supervision. Promotion to the Airport Police Officer II level is based on the availability of positions with greater levels of responsibility, recommendation of the department head and approval of the Director of Personnel.
- II. This is the journey level and incumbents perform the essential functions under general supervision. Incumbents are expected to possess a sound understanding of County, State, and Federal rules and regulations related to the performance of assigned job duties. Level II incumbents may serve as a lead officer at the Director's discretion.

Essential Functions:

- Conducts airfield inspections including perimeter inspections, field checks, and facilities inspections for hazardous situations.
- Provides armed security during passenger screening by the Transportation Security Administration and responds to conflicts or threats identified prior to boarding commercial aircraft.
- Monitors various activities of commuter airlines, hangar owner/renters, leasing tenants, FAA, and the general public.
- Monitors airfield security.
- Arrests individuals for violations of Federal Aviation Administration, Transportation Security Administration, State, or local laws and regulations.
- Maintains familiarity with Federal, State, and local aviation rules and regulations;
- Issues Notices to Airmen (NOTAMs).

- Enforces vehicle parking lot regulations and issues warnings, citations, or notices of violations.
- Investigates and prepares reports related to incidents of theft, accidents, vandalism, personal injury, or suspicious/unusual activity, as well as other related reports.
- Implements and maintains FAA/TSA aviation security level changes.
- Responds to a variety of emergencies.
- Operates handheld radios and other related communications equipment and maintains radio inventory.
- Serves as lead officer as assigned by the Director.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

Employment Standards:

I: High School Diploma, G.E.D. or equivalent. Experience working at a general aviation, military or commercial service airport or an on-airport aviation business is preferred.

AND

Successful completion of an introductory course of training prescribed by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) as described in Penal Code Section 832 (arrest and firearms training).

II: In addition to above, one year of paid experience equivalent to Airport Police Officer I. Promotion to Level II is subject to the recommendation of the department head and approval by the Director of Personnel.

Additional Requirements

Both Levels:

Successful completion of an introductory course of training prescribed by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) as described in Penal Code Section 832.1 (aviation security) within 90 days of the date of employment. Failure to complete the required training will result in termination of employment.

Physical Requirements:

- Physical Exam: Passing of a medical exam by the County is required.
- Vision: Correctable to 20/20. No color deficiency or permanent/progressive eye abnormalities.
- Hearing: No deficiency.
- Character: Applicants must have a reputation for honesty and trustworthiness. Felony law violations will be disqualifying, and except for a limited number of minor traffic offenses, misdemeanor offenses may also be disqualifying. Must be a U. S. Citizen or a permanent resident alien who is eligible for and has applied for citizenship. Appointees will be fingerprinted and required to pass an extensive background investigation.

Knowledge of: County ordinances and State and Federal codes governing airport operations; security regulations; basic law enforcement principles and techniques; operation of communication equipment used in the course of the work, such as radios, telephone, and related systems; and report writing methods and practices.

Ability to: Maintain the security of building and grounds; understand and apply various rules and regulations; prepare legible, correct, and accurate reports; interact with the public; communicate using radio transmitting and receiving equipment; and establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with other law enforcement agencies.

All Kern County employees are designated “Disaster Service Workers” through state and local laws (CA Government Code Sec. 3100-3109 and Ordinance Code Title 2-Administration, Ch. 2.66 Emergency Services.) As Disaster Service Workers, all County employees are expected to remain at work, or to report for work as soon as practicable following a significant emergency or disaster.