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BACKGROUND

Airports are required to identify a primary law enforcement agency to support regulatory requirements. While some airports have an airport police department, others rely on contracts or agreements with other law enforcement agencies. Because the airport is a unique environment, it requires skills and knowledge beyond those of a traditional law enforcement officer.

In addition to law enforcement, many stakeholders share the responsibility for the multiple layers of airport security. They may include contract security services, airport operations, and airport security personnel.

Law enforcement officers (LEO), as well as others that are responsible for airport security, should possess core knowledge specific to the airport environment. While some training and information is available, there is no consolidated source to assist airport operators in training and developing their personnel.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this research is to create a comprehensive training resource to assist airports of all sizes in training and developing their LEOs and others that are responsible for airport security. The document should include the following (this list is not exhaustive and is in no particular order):

Training curriculum

- Glossary of common aviation terms
- Federal regulatory requirements for airport operators
- State and local requirements for airport operators
- Overview of airport layout and facilities
- Description of airport stakeholders
- Airport business/operating/finance considerations
- Roles of various personnel involved in airport security/public safety
- Overview of additional law enforcement agencies at an airport, including their roles and coordination strategies (federal, state, and local)
- Responsibilities and expectations of LEOs in an airport setting, including community policing and customer service considerations
- Review of Airport Security Program (ASP)
- Review of Airport Emergency Plan (AEP)

- Review of terminal evacuation plan

Additional considerations

- Supervisor/command level training, including
 - Roll call/briefing guidance
 - Process for sharing updates to the ASP and AEP
 - National Incident Management System (NIMS)
 - Aviation industry associations and resources
- Recommendations for scaling the curriculum to response officer and officers that may not be permanently assigned to the airport
- Recommendations for in-service training