



National Safe Skies Alliance

Program for Applied Research in Airport Security

Project Statement

PARAS 0042

Force Multiplier and Response Strategies for Airport Law Enforcement

Funds: Up to \$175,000
Contract Time: 12 Months
Staff Responsibility: Jessica Grizzle
Fiscal Year: 2021

The Project Statement below has been selected by the Safe Skies Oversight Committee and will be the starting point for a panel of experts to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP is expected to be available in early 2021.

Airport law enforcement agencies have a wide array of responsibilities in support of maintaining the safe and secure operation of the aviation transportation system. The range of their duties includes traditional law enforcement functions, assisting with airport security requirements, support of regulatory operations, and other related functions like traffic control and responding to customer service issues.

In addition to these tasks, the 2020 GAO report on Airport Security indicates that responding to major incidents, such as an active shooter, is the responsibility of law enforcement in accordance with the ASP, whether it be from federal, state, local, or airport authority resources. Specific requirements for such response are not mandatory in the ASP and the approaches used by airports vary based on many factors. Guidance is needed to assist with ensuring staffing, training, equipment, and procedures for tactical response are appropriate for each airport's needs.

The object of this research is to create a comprehensive resource of force multiplier and response strategies, along with the associated considerations of each, to assist law enforcement agencies in effectively and efficiently accomplishing their varying responsibilities in the airport environment.