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BACKGROUND

Law enforcement agencies at airports have a wide array of responsibilities in support of maintaining the safe and secure operation of airports. The range of their duties includes traditional law enforcement functions, assisting with airport security requirements, support of regulatory operations, tactical response to major incidents, and other related functions like traffic control and responding to customer service issues.

Considering the multitude of responsibilities of airport law enforcement and the varying resource levels among airports, a comprehensive resource of force multiplier strategies is needed to ensure that law enforcement operations are efficient and effective, and to help agencies implement staffing, training, equipment, procedures, and tactical response strategies that are appropriate for each airport's needs. Strategies and alternatives should be provided for airports of all sizes and governance models.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this research is to create a comprehensive resource of force multiplier strategies to assist law enforcement agencies of all sizes in effectively and efficiently accomplishing their varying responsibilities in the airport environment. The resulting document should include strategies, practices, and considerations for the following:

- Mutual aid agreements
- Crime prevention and response for common airport incidents (vehicle theft, baggage theft, contraband, etc.)
- Response to airline calls for assistance
- Managing and reducing criminal activity at airport-owned adjacent properties
- Leveraging civilian and stakeholder partnerships, where appropriate
- Leveraging technology, where appropriate
- Staffing models and opportunities for staff augmentation
- Optimizing resources for staff coverage and mobility
- Reconciling law enforcement and customer service priorities
- Tactical response planning, including equipment and other resource needs, for events such as active assailants, riots, planned and unplanned demonstrations/protests, etc.
- Law enforcement inclusion in airport-wide contingency planning
- Impact of airport governance models (i.e., city owned, airport authority, or state owned)

The resulting guidance should offer strategies for airports of all sizes and resources levels.