



National Safe Skies Alliance

Program for Applied Research in Airport Security

Project Statement

PARAS 0055 Staffing Models for Airport Law Enforcement

Funds: Up to \$225,000
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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 2023.

Airport operators with a security program under 49 CFR § 1542.103(a) or (b) must provide law enforcement personnel in the number and manner adequate to support its security program and each system for screening persons and accessible property. This requirement may be met through a dedicated airport law enforcement agency or through a contractual agreement with a municipal, county, or state law enforcement agency. Typical law enforcement staffing models for states and municipalities rely on population, geographic area and crime rates that do not account for airport specific considerations, such as airport building layout, number of checkpoints, size of airport property, agreements with federal partners, participation in FAR 139 responsibilities, mutual aid availability, customer service aspects, etc.

The objective of this research is to create airport-specific law enforcement staffing models to help airports assess their individual needs and determine staffing requirements. Since every airport has unique circumstances, the resulting guidance should provide various staffing models and associated considerations for each to allow airports to determine which approach is right for them.