GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs highly advanced (senior-level) aviation work. Work involves planning and coordinating aeronautical operations, operating aircraft, and providing air transport services for passengers and cargo. May supervise the work of others. Works under minimal supervision, with extensive latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Directs activities of the aircraft operations unit.

Oversees the administration of directives related to pilot proficiency, safety, inspection and maintenance procedures, and aircraft utilization reporting requirements as required by Federal Aviation Administration and state regulations.

Coordinates and files flight plans with flight service station.

Evaluates technological and equipment innovations for cost-effectiveness, potential utilization, and applicability to activities.

Establishes and maintains liaison with other governmental and law enforcement agencies.

Operates aircraft to transport passengers and designated goods.

Operates radio equipment aboard airplanes.

Obtains weather data and interprets data based on flight plans.

Evacuates victims of natural disasters.

Inspects condition of aircraft for defects and malfunctions, recommends repairs, secures bids, and maintains log books and records pertaining to repair and operation of aircraft.

May analyze proposed and enacted legislation and testify before legislative committees.

May supervise the work of others.

Performs related work as assigned.
GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Experience in piloting single- and multi-engine fixed-wing aircraft. Graduation from a standard senior high school or equivalent is generally preferred. Experience and education may be substituted for one another.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of principles of aircraft operation, inspection, and maintenance; of navigation and instrument flight equipment; of first aid and rescue operations; and of aircraft capabilities and application to law enforcement activities.

Skill in the use of aircraft radio, navigation devices, and instrument flight equipment and in the operation of aircraft equipment.

Ability to manage aircraft operations and activities; to direct, schedule, and plan flights; to inspect and operate aircraft in adverse weather conditions; to maintain aircraft and other equipment; to prepare log books and reports; to communicate effectively; and to supervise the work of others.

REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION, OR LICENSURE

Requires a commercial pilot’s license, a multi-engine and instrument rating issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, or a second-class medical certificate issued under Part 67 of Federal Aviation Administration regulations.