GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs law enforcement flight operations and administrative work. Work involves overseeing, directing, and coordinating aircraft activities. Supervises the work of others. Works under minimal supervision, with extensive latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Oversees, directs, and coordinates aircraft activities.

Develops and implements policies and procedures to ensure the safe and effective utilization of personnel, aircraft, and equipment.

Develops and recommends methods for performing piloting duties.

Plans, develops, and manages a section’s budget; establishes priorities and workforce requirements; and authorizes expenditures.

Evaluates new technology and equipment innovations for cost-effectiveness, potential utilization, and applicability to law enforcement activities.

Analyzes proposed and enacted legislation to determine ramifications and costs.

Revises standards for measurement of performance effectiveness and work volume and recommends legislation or policy changes needed for effective operation and utilization of personnel.

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

Operates airplanes or helicopters in a safe and professional manner.

Supervises the work of others.

Performs related work as assigned.
GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Experience in piloting airplanes and helicopters and successful completion of the Department of Public Safety Training Academy. Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major coursework in a field relevant to assignment is generally preferred. Experience and education may be substituted for one another.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of police techniques, procedures, and methodologies; of state and federal statutes, rules, and regulations pertaining to traffic and criminal law enforcement; of Federal Aviation Administration rules, regulations, policies, and procedures; of piloting techniques, navigation, safety, and maintenance; and of budgetary planning and preparation.

Skill in piloting airplanes or helicopters and in using a computer and applicable software.

Ability to evaluate technical data; to detect deficiencies in procedures and activities; to make practical, realistic, and efficient recommendations for improvement; to prepare reports; to communicate effectively; and to supervise the work of others.

REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION, OR LICENSURE

Must be certified as a Texas peace officer by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and as a pilot by the Federal Aviation Administration. Must possess a valid driver’s license.