

Lead Transportation Security Officer

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Transportation Security Administration

TSA Success Profile

What Are The Major Functions Of The Lead Transportation Security Officer?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Handling Personnel Issues ▪ Managing Screening Operations ▪ Manages Staff Performance ▪ Maintaining Equipment ▪ Documenting ▪ Conducting Screening Operations ▪ Coordinating and Collaborating Across Functions ▪ Coaching and Developing Others ▪ Certifications

What Are Some Of The Job Challenges?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Working with dangerous and/or "asterisked" (e.g., firearms) or situations ▪ Keeping up with mandates/changes to SOPs ▪ Managing conflict/personnel issues ▪ Achieving HQ goals while providing quality customer/passenger service ▪ Dealing with staffing shortages ▪ Ensuring TSO staff is adequately prepared for the job (e.g., trained, current on SOPs) ▪ Handling equipment/machine problems ▪ Handling unsatisfied/disruptive customers

What Competencies Does A Lead Transportation Security Officer need to perform the job successfully?
<p>✓ = Critical No ✓ = Important</p>

General Competencies	
✓	Accountability
✓	Attention to Detail
✓	Conflict Management
✓	Customer Service
✓	Flexibility
✓	Interpersonal Skills
✓	Oral Communication
✓	Problem Solving
✓	Teamwork
	Administration and Management
	Decisiveness
	Integrity/Honesty
	Team Building
	Written Communication

Technical Competencies	
✓	Security Equipment Knowledge
✓	Security Screening Policies and Procedures
	Operations Management
	Security Directives and Regulations



Major Job Functions & Duties Of A Lead Transportation Security Officer

Handling Personnel Issues
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hears and resolves employees' grievances and refers those matters that cannot be resolved to superiors. ▪ Resolves simple, informal complaints of employees and refers others, such as formal grievances and appeals, to the STSO or an appropriate management official. ▪ Approves emergency leave for short periods of time, as assigned. ▪ As assigned, schedules an adequate number of TSOs to provide for efficient and effective screening of all persons, baggage, and cargo.
Managing Screening Operations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Directs the work of subordinate employees. ▪ Fosters a work environment where all employees are treated equitably. ▪ Identifies, distributes, and balances workload and tasks among employees in accordance with established workflow and skill level. ▪ Maintains supplies and parts, as necessary, to prevent excessive equipment downtime. ▪ Makes adjustments to accomplish the workload in accordance with established priorities. ▪ Monitors and evaluates performance. ▪ Trains team members, monitors and reports on the status and progress of work, and represents the team in communications with the STSO or TSM for the purpose of obtaining resources (e.g., computer hardware and software, etc.). ▪ Communicates and reinforces EEO policies and programs in many areas of responsibility, including training ▪ Ensures appropriate use of equipment. ▪ Ensures that TSA employment policies, procedures, and practices are effectively administered. ▪ Monitors the flow of passengers through the screening checkpoint to facilitate the orderly and efficient processing of passengers. ▪ Oversees the screening checkpoint and/or check baggage area on a day-to-day basis to include equipment and personnel.
Manages Staff Performance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Observes TSO and TSO trainees on the job, and documents problem performance to help STSO make corrective disciplinary actions up to and including dismissal, as appropriate. ▪ Oversees assigned TSOs on a daily basis, implements security-screening procedures, and ensures occupational safety and health guidelines are followed and that contamination by chemicals is prevented. ▪ Recommends and/or provides input to STSOs and/or TSMs concerning a variety of human resources matters relating to employees led including, but not limited to, performance, promotions, reassignments, awards, etc. ▪ Sets priorities for the TSOs. ▪ Supervises employees performing special program work, as assigned. ▪ Assigns tasks and ensures successful completion.
Maintaining Equipment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Diagnoses malfunctions and provides maintenance using technical manuals, handbooks, standard operating procedures, and other guides. ▪ Performs regular and recurring level 1 maintenance including operations checks, systems calibration, inspections, materials cleaning, and parts replacement on EDS and ETD equipment, as assigned. ▪ Operates and calibrates equipment and immediately reports and resolves equipment malfunctions.



Major Job Functions & Duties Of A Lead Transportation Security Officer (continued)

Documenting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Records all on-the-job training tests in appropriate training records. ▪ Records all operational tests in test logs ▪ Utilizes computer hardware and software to create documents; analyze information, as required; and, report information in the appropriate format.
Conducting Screening Operations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conducts screening of passengers, baggage, and/or cargo, as required. ▪ Implements security screening procedures that are central to Transportation Security Administration objectives and which protect the traveling public by preventing any deadly or dangerous objects from being transported onto aircraft. ▪ Maintains communication with management regarding any issues that might reveal a weakness or vulnerable area of security screening that is discovered during the course of operations. ▪ Analyzes behavior patterns and consults with employees on such subjects. ▪ Controls or monitors passengers without using physical restraint and without jeopardizing his/her safety or the safety of others. ▪ Opens and/or closes security areas, following approved standard operating procedures, as assigned. ▪ Participates in development of new policies and procedures, as required, and recommends changes in procedures and policy based on observation of work. ▪ Participates in information briefings concerning security sensitive or classified information. ▪ Projects a positive image and responds to inquiries from staff, airlines, airport/transportation terminal employees, and passengers and other individuals in a professional and courteous manner. ▪ Provides shift briefings to TSOs. ▪ Resolves all but unique technical problems without intervention of management or a more experienced technical specialist. ▪ Rotates personnel and maintains/updates logs. ▪ Works with a full team of TSOs, work leaders, and law enforcement personnel at checkpoints, and with airport, or other transportation terminal, security staff and management. ▪ Prepares all logs and forms for daily use. ▪ Serves as coach, facilitator, and or negotiator in coordinating team initiatives and in consensus building activities among team members.
Coordinating and Collaborating Across Functions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Notifies law enforcement officers immediately when criminal acts against civil aviation is suspected. ▪ Assists management and law enforcement officers with inquiries for information or investigations that may be initiated against a regulated party (e.g., collects witness information and safeguards evidence for the LEO, develops incident reports, and writes other relevant types of communications and documents for STSO and LEO).
Coaching and Developing Others
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coaches staff in customer service, technical approaches, and other duties related to passenger screening. ▪ Provides guidance to staff on how to solve difficult technical issues.
Certifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintains required certifications and licensures for equipment repair and maintenance, as assigned.



What Competencies Does A Lead Transportation Security Officer need to perform the job successfully?

General Competencies

Accountability

- Develops and consistently applies systems for tracking and communicating progress against milestones, performance results, and other key information
- Holds self accountable for completing agreed upon goals, responsibilities, and tasks
- Documents daily operating procedures in order to inform others and ensure consistency
- Maintains a continual awareness of the security posture at the airport
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- Completes assigned tasks in a timely manner with minimal supervision

Attention to Detail

- Discerns between relevant visual cues or information and irrelevant or distracting information when carrying out security responsibilities
- Notices details and pays attention to instructions, demonstrations, and other activities while learning or carrying out screening responsibilities
- Takes in and recalls incoming visual sensory information and uses it to make judgments and/or comparisons while carrying out screening responsibilities
- Is thorough and accurate when performing work
- Double checks the accuracy of information to assure high quality and precise work products
- Keeps workspace organized to prepare for screening interactions

Conflict Management

- Adheres to and applies TSA guidance on managing workplace conflicts
- Recognizes performance or conduct problems and takes appropriate corrective actions
- Holds employees responsible for overcoming conflicts with each other in order to get the job done
- Handles individual personnel issues and problems (performance, behavioral, interpersonal conflicts, etc.)
- Manages and resolves conflicts, confrontations and disagreements in a positive and constructive way to minimize negative personal impact
- Takes direct and appropriate action to deal with people whose behavior is not appropriate

Customer Service

- Analyzes situations from the passenger's or stakeholder's perspective to determine the optimal response
- Identifies areas for improvement based on input from passengers and/or stakeholders
- Works with stakeholders to build relationships that foster mutually beneficial outcomes while supporting the TSA mission and goals (e.g., air carrier operations management, contractors)
- Exercises patience and self-control when faced with difficult passenger or stakeholder situations
- Listens and responds objectively and promptly to issues and complaints from passengers and stakeholders while ensuring proper adherence to security procedures
- Follows up with stakeholders to ensure commitments and expectations are met



Flexibility

- Adapts quickly to new or changing situations
- Maintains a positive attitude with issues that arise from policy or schedule changes
- Changes one's own behavior to adjust to other people
- Is receptive to new information, ideas, or strategies to achieve goals



General Competencies (continued)

Interpersonal Skills

- Treats all employees with respect, fairness, and consistency (e.g., listens to and respects others' views and ideas)
- Delivers difficult or sensitive information openly, honestly, and with empathy
- Exhibits awareness of the impact of own words, actions, or decisions on others
Listens carefully and asks questions to understand the ideas, issues, and concerns of others

Oral Communication

- Checks back with the audience to ensure that important messages have been understood
- Speaks clearly and concisely
- Explains complex concepts (e.g., policies or procedures) clearly and at an appropriate level of detail
- Maintains frequent appropriate level of contact with management to keep them informed about important or controversial situations
- Demonstrates skill in conducting oral presentations
- Adjusts communication style to most effectively connect with different/diverse audiences and individuals

Problem Solving

- Asks probing questions to clarify situations and identify the cause of the problem
- Breaks problems down into manageable components
- Evaluates the practicality of potential solutions
- Prioritizes key issues and competing demands in challenging situations
- Withholds judgment and maintains objectivity in situations while essential facts are gathered and analyzed
- Recognizes and takes steps to address or resolve problems when they are first identified
- Asks questions to help others think through their own solutions to problems or situations

Teamwork

- Offers assistance to colleagues when necessary
- Shares all relevant or useful information as required
- Remains open to others' input in order to build and maintain positive working relationships
- Acknowledges contributions made by others
- Is confident the team can meet challenging goals and achieve the TSA mission



Technical Competencies

Security Equipment Knowledge

- Provides accurate explanations of the characteristics of security equipment to others
- Is able to recognize when screening equipment is malfunctioning by knowing what the potential symptoms are

Security Screening Policies and Procedures

- Demonstrates knowledge and applies knowledge of security screening policies and procedures in work situations
- Recognizes discrepancies in the implementation of screening procedures and alerts supervisors in order to address them



Development Activities

Training, Conferences, Meetings

- Competency related professional development courses in the Online Learning Center (OLC)
- Management or supervisory training (e.g., USDA Leadership courses, Skill Path, Covey courses, training in conflict management, handling problem employees, implementing performance improvement plans, training on safety and security equipment usage)
- Training to develop oral/written communication skills and interpersonal skills

On-the-Job Development Activities

- Being mentored by or shadowing a more experienced LTSO
- Being mentored by or shadowing a more experienced STSO
- Being detailed to larger airports, if working at smaller airport
- Assuming the responsibility of STSO when the STSO is unavailable