

CITY OF FONTANA HELICOPTER PILOT

DEFINITION: Under direction, to participate in the activities of an assigned police helicopter unit; and perform related duties as required.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS: The employee must have the ability to:

- Safely pilot a law enforcement helicopter in the performance of law enforcement assignments.
- Demonstrate CRM (crew resource management) while working with a Law Enforcement Tactical Flight Officer.
- Aid, assist, and coordinate from the air with ground units in all phases of police activity, including routine patrols, traffic enforcement, vehicle pursuits, respond to criminal incidents, aerial surveillance, crowd control, search and rescue operations, and emergency responses in time of disaster.
- Determine paths, altitudes, speeds, and general conduct of the flights in accordance with the manufacturer's flight manual, FAA Regulations, Police Department procedures and regulations, and all standard and conventional flight safety procedures.
- Maintain knowledge of City's geography and streets.
- Must be able to demonstrate proper skills and utilize all on board aircraft and police equipment. Must be able to listen and properly operate several police and aircraft radios simultaneously.
- Handle several tasks simultaneously.
- Conduct pre-flight and post-flight inspections of helicopter; coordinate with mechanics and submit maintenance or repair reports as required.
- Demonstrate keen powers of observation and memory.
- Work variable hours as necessary including day and night shifts, holidays and weekends.
- Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.
- Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.
- Perform any other tasks or functions deemed necessary to the daily operations of the employer.

THE ABOVE LIST OF ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS IS NOT EXHAUSTIVE AND MAY BE SUPPLEMENTED AS NECESSARY BY THE EMPLOYER.

WORKING CONDITIONS: Position requires prolonged sitting and constant use of hands/fingers to handle equipment, feel, and reach. Able to walk, climb and may be required to move, carry, lift, push up to 25 pounds. Acute vision and hearing is required. The employee is exposed to moving mechanical parts and varying weather conditions.

EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING GUIDELINES

Any combination of experience and education that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying.

Experience: A minimum of 500 flight hours in a helicopter and 100 flight hours in a Robinson R-44; and must have completed the necessary training to satisfy SFAR 73. Current or prior law enforcement experience preferred.

Education: Graduation from high school or equivalent.

Licenses/Certifications: A valid CA class C driver's license, FAA commercial pilot certificate and a current FAA second class medical certificate is required. A FAA instrument or CFII certificate and FAA certified instructor certificate is preferred. Candidate's total working weight with equipment cannot exceed 245 lbs due to aircraft weight and balance.