

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

POLICE SERGEANT/HELICOPTER PILOT

GENERAL FUNCTION:

Under general direction, the Sergeant position provides supervision to sworn and civilian personnel involved in a variety of law enforcement and related tasks; this Sergeant supervises the District's Air Support Unit and the officers and personnel assigned to the Helicopter Unit.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

Be assigned to the Air Support Unit as a pilot and perform all functions of a police officer/pilot; supervise the Helicopter Program; supervise officer/pilots, trainees, and any other personnel assigned to the unit. Schedule helicopter patrol assignments and hours of operation; responsible for proper maintenance of aircraft assigned to the unit; make certain that new pilots are properly trained; make certain that all pilots assigned to the unit maintain proper proficiency, have current medical certificates, and perform regular standardization flights; monitor the unit's operational budget and projected maintenance and vendor contracts; handle any complaints regarding the helicopter program; maintain liaison with other agencies, including the FAA and local police helicopter units; initiate disciplinary action against officers when necessary; make public appearances representing the District; coordinate helicopter operations with other divisions; handle requests from other District divisions and other agencies for use of the aircraft; participate in management and supervisory programs; make recommendations to command officers regarding changes or improvements in procedures and operation; assist as needed or required in providing uniformed patrol of parks by automobile, motorcycle, boat, horseback or on foot; assist when needed in performing the duties of Field Sergeant or an Investigative Sergeant; check officers' reports for completeness and accuracy; inspect officers for appearance and proper equipment; handle correspondence as required; prepare performance reports on officers; prepare and submit required reports to command officers; testify in court; and perform any other duties necessary and required for the safety and protection of the citizens and employees within the Regional Parks.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- P.O.S.T.: Must meet current peace officer selection standards as set by the California Commission of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), and
- Citizenship: Applicant must be a citizen of the United States, or, if a permanent resident alien, must attain United States citizenship within three years from date of employment, and
- Education: Equivalent to completion of the twelfth grade and not less than 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of college level courses; and,
- Experience: Four years experience in the East Bay Regional Park District classification of Police Officer/Helicopter Pilot; or
- Four years experience as a peace officer in a State, county, city or district agency.

- Physical: Must be at least 21 years of age, and free from any physical, emotional, or mental condition which might interfere with the ability to perform the essential functions of Police Officer/Helicopter Pilot duties, as determined by the District's physician/psychologist, must be able to meet the medical standards for an F.A.A. Class II Medical Certificate, and
- Character: Must be of good character and reputation and not have been convicted of a felony crime or serious misdemeanor offense and must be able to pass a strict background investigation, and
- License/ Certificate: Must possess by date of hire, all of the following current and valid licenses and certificates:
1. A California driver's license
 2. A F.A.A. Class II Medical Certificate
 3. A F.A.A. Commercial Pilot Certificate with a Rotorcraft/Helicopter rating
- Insurance: Must be acceptable as a helicopter pilot to the District's insurance carrier.

OR AN EQUIVALENT COMBINATION OF EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

OPTIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Officer Status: Lateral applicants must meet at least ONE of the requirements listed below:

1. Employment as a CA law enforcement officer with full police powers (P.C. 830.1, 830.2, 830.32, 830.33), or
2. Possession of Basic (or higher level) POST certificate Note: In conformance with POST regulations, Lateral applicants separated from active law enforcement in excess of three years must repeat the State Basic Training Standards and will not be considered for appointment on a Lateral basis.
3. Helicopter and Pilot experience: Attainment of at least 1,500 hours of Rotorcraft/Helicopter Flight time. Combination Dual Instruction. Pilot-in Command time acceptable. Aerospatiale 350-B experience desirable.

REPORTS TO: Police Lieutenant