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Chapter 6. NASA Armed Personnel Training, Certification, and Authority

6.1 General

6.1.1 51 U.S.C. § 20133 authorizes the NASA Administrator to prescribe security regulations in support of these regulations and as approved by the Attorney General of the United States. The NASA Administrator also prescribes statutory FAA. Those regulations are set forth in 14 C.F.R. Part 1203b. This chapter identifies the requirements for granting FAA. All NASA contract SPOs/SOs are required to be trained and certified to the standards described in this chapter.

6.2 Applicability

6.2.1 This chapter applies to all NASA Special Agents, Security Specialists, and contractors assigned as NASA SPOs and NASA SOs.

6.3 Responsibilities

6.3.1 The AA, OPS is the designated Senior Agency Official and Program Manager for the NASA security and law enforcement training, which includes NASA Federal Arrest Authority Training and NASA Security Officer Fundamentals Certification Course (SOFCC). These responsibilities include:

- a. Directing the FAA Training Program in accordance with applicable laws, Federal Law Enforcement Training Academy (FLETA) requirements, NASA regulations, and directives.
- b. Reviewing and approving nominations of all civil service employees to be NASA Special Agents and issuing credentials.
- c. Determining any areas of interest in which FAA requirements are lacking and any other matters likely to impede NASA objectives in meeting FAA requirements.
- d. Periodically reviewing the FAA Training Program and recommending to the Senior Official any changes necessary.
- e. Reviewing and approving all internal safeguards and management procedures.
- f. Reviewing and approving all NPSTA training curriculum and courses.
- g. Coordinating matters pertaining to the FAA program with the OGC and/or Department of Justice.
- h. Approving the NASA curriculum and certification procedures for SOFCC training, which is required for all NASA

Security Specialists and contract SOs who are armed but do not require FAA.

6.3.2 Center Directors have the following responsibilities:

a. Consistent with this NPR, and as advised by the Center Chief Counsel and CCPS/CCS, implement and maintain the NASA FAA program at their respective Center.

b. Ensure that adequate numbers of qualified civil service personnel and contract security force personnel are identified, selected, and properly trained under NASA FAA requirements pursuant to NPSTA FAA and Use of Force Qualifications and Training.

c. Upon notification, immediately suspend from duty with pay or reassign to duties not requiring FAA, any person with FAA alleged to have or suspected of violating FAA procedures or instructions. This suspension will remain in effect until completion of an internal investigation. Suspensions will be immediately reported to AA, OPS.

d. Establish as determined by Center security requirements the need for Special Response Teams (SRT), K-9 teams or other security/law enforcement emergency response teams.

(1) Centers that utilize specialized contractor security teams, such as SRT and K-9, shall utilize standardized selection criteria that will include a physical fitness test, an oral interview, a job-specific physical skills test, a written examination, and a review of employment files (to ensure the SPOs/SOs has completed probationary periods and to confirm that the officer is not under any disciplinary action).

6.3.3 The CCPS/CCS shall have the following responsibilities:

a. Determine and establish operational procedures and arrangements for providing essential, timely, consistent, and effective security and law enforcement response capability.

b. Implement the NASA FAA program after evaluating types of Center jurisdiction; availability and capability of Federal, state, and local law enforcement; and other factors that may impact Center security.

c. Prior to implementation of FAA, coordinate with their Office of Chief Counsel for appropriate consultation (including with the cognizant U.S. Attorney), regarding procedures for the appropriate and timely transfer of arrested persons.

d. In consultation with the Center Office of Chief Counsel, develop appropriate chain of custody procedures and establish the necessary relationships with local law enforcement and Federal law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies to ensure issuance and execution of necessary arrest warrants. The Center OIG may be kept informed of these arrangements.

e. Nominate, as appropriate, civil service and contractor employees for FAA to the AA, OPS.

6.4 Security Equipment Approval and Use

6.4.1 Center protective service operations are unique and often require different types and methods of deployment of specialized equipment to accomplish the Center's protection needs. Many Centers require or authorize the use of specialized firearms, Electronic Control Devices (ECD), K9 Explosive Ordnance Detection (EOD) services, vehicle inspection equipment, narcotics identification and detection equipment, OC spray, batons, and other special control equipment or duty gear that require use of force application and training considerations.

6.4.2 The CCPS/CCS shall ensure that prior to the issuance or the mandated use of any security equipment that the following has occurred:

a. The equipment has been evaluated by the NPSTA for compliance and application within the use of force training requirements.

b. The equipment has been reviewed by the NPSTA for any specialized deployment or utilization training needs.

c. The use of the equipment has been coordinated with the Center Director and Center OCC/OGC.

d. All identified NPSTA and vendor required specialized training has been provided to any approved users.

e. Appropriate accountability measures for the equipment have been implemented.

f. The AA, OPS has been informed of the issuance of any special control equipment or duty gear, and concurs on its use.

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