



Pilot Investigator III

Salary Group: C06
Class Code: 9907

CLASS TITLE	CLASS CODE	SALARY GROUP
PILOT INVESTIGATOR I	9905	C04
PILOT INVESTIGATOR II	9906	C05
PILOT INVESTIGATOR III	9907	C06
PILOT INVESTIGATOR IV	9908	C07

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs law enforcement piloting work. Work involves administrating flight operations for pilots and aircraft. Supervises the work of others. Works under minimal supervision, with considerable latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Approves flight requests and assigns appropriate aircraft and crew.

Oversees the investigation of complaints against pilots in assigned area and reports findings.

Prepares and maintains fiscal and other required records.

Operates airplanes or helicopters in a safe and professional manner.

Evaluates general safety of aircraft based on mechanical performance and ensures that maintenance and repairs are performed when needed.

Searches for evidence, persons, automobiles, or any item relevant to a criminal search or investigation.

Participates in the planning, approval, and implementation of aircraft activities and in developing and managing a section's budget.

Participates in surveillance activities.

Transports and assumes responsibility for the welfare of protected witnesses and informants, large sums of money, or other items pertinent to investigations.

Transports prisoners, suspects, witnesses, informants, law enforcement officers, and others involved in criminal investigations and legal proceedings.

Provides aerial reconnaissance and surveillance of disasters, riots, and other emergencies or special sites.

Inspects flight equipment, tests controls, inspects fuel and fluid levels, and performs related safety checks.

Serves as a liaison with other governmental and law enforcement agencies requiring the use of departmental aircraft.

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 or the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Game Warden Training Center. 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; state and federal statutes, rules, and regulations pertaining to traffic and criminal law enforcement; Federal Aviation Administration rules, regulations, policies, and procedures; piloting techniques, navigation, safety, and maintenance; and 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.