

COUNTER-TERRORISM AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU

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TO: All Concerned Department Personnel

FROM: Commanding Officer, Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau

SUBJECT: COMMAND PILOT SELECTION REQUIREMENTS - REVISED

This Notice outlines changes in the requirements for the position of Command Pilot, Police Officer II+6, as previously established in Air Support Division (ASD) Manual Section 5.1.3.4. This change will now require Tactical Flight Officers (TFO) to have a minimum of 1,500 hours (instead of the 5-year requirement) as a winged TFO, or possess a Private Pilot License, to be eligible to participate in the Command Pilot interview process. The 5-year requirement as a winged TFO no longer applies.

Applicants applying from outside ASD must have performed a minimum of:

1. Five (5) years as a sworn member of the Los Angeles Police Department;
2. Three (3) years of which shall be recent field experience (e.g., patrol, accident investigation, traffic enforcement, vice, narcotics, etc.);
3. Hold a Private Pilot License (Airplane or Rotorcraft) if applying from outside ASD; and,
4. Passed the Private or Commercial Rotorcraft Pilot written examination.

Applicants assigned to ASD as a winged TFO are eligible to participate in the Command Pilot interview process provided they possess a Private Pilot license or have 1) 1,500 hours of time as a winged TFO, and 2) passed the Private or Commercial Rotorcraft Pilot written exam.

The above requirements must be satisfied at the time applications are submitted.

Additionally:

- A. Each applicant will participate in an oral evaluation of law enforcement and general aviation knowledge.
- B. Outstanding candidates will be placed in an applicant pool.
- C. Outstanding applicants may be invited to attend a one-month loan consisting of helicopter ground school and one (1) to three (3) hours of helicopter flight training.

D. As positions become available, the most successful candidates may be selected to attend Command Pilot Training and transferred to ASD. If an applicant who transferred from an outside Division is unsuccessful in completing Command Pilot Training, the applicant may be subject to a deselection and an administrative transfer from ASD to their prior Division, or to a vacancy in another Division. By accepting the position of Command Pilot, the applicant from an outside Division acknowledges he or she forfeit any advanced paygrade or hazard pay bonus that was held prior to being transferred into ASD. Tactical Flight Officers who are unsuccessful in completing Command Pilot Training will resume their assignment as a Tactical Flight Officer.

If there are any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Captain Sean Parker, Commanding Officer, Air Support Division, at (213) 473-8180.



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