

Our Day

Our day begins at 0700 hours, when shifts change. We have 3 shifts, where we work for 24 hours at the airport and are off 48 hours.

Each day we are assigned a different schedule. Each Public Safety Officer will work 8 hours at the Firehouse, 8 hours at the Airport Terminal conducting police duties, and 8 hours of sleep/rest time.

We are required to respond to emergencies at all times.

Each day we have specific duties that must be done during the 8 hours.



Some of our duties include:

- Making our Beds
- Doing Our Laundry & Putting it Away
- Cleaning the Kitchen, and Vacuuming the Floors
- Mopping and Taking out the Trash

Just because we are at work, does not mean we can skip house cleaning.

This is our house for 24 hours

Notes



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Department of Public Safety

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Law Enforcement

When you decide to become a law enforcement officer, you must attend the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy. This is a 12 week course where you are trained during the day and night. The training pushes officers to the limit for safety and survival.



To attend the Police Academy you must adhere to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Training Act and Regulations which require:

- Being Employed by a Law Enforcement Agency
- A Satisfactory Background Check
- A Birth Certificate
- Must be at Least 21 Years of Age
- High School Diploma
- A Valid South Carolina's Drivers License



SC Criminal Justice Academy

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Specifications

Base Salary: \$36,500 - \$42,000

Education: High School Diploma

Certifications: South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy Class One certification along with Fire Fighter II certification

Duties: Inspections of taxis, air field & facilities. Conduct security sweeps after flights arrive and before flights begin daily. Respond to aircraft on and around the airport property. Assist Lexington County EMS with medical calls at the airport. Every morning and evening, assist with the airport's airfield inspection. These inspections are for any objects that do not belong on the runway and taxiways. The lighting also has to be inspected so the aircraft pilot can land safely.

Work Settings: Dangerous settings when called to duty. Low danger when not on an emergency scene.

Future Outlook: Great Outlook, firefighters and police officers will always be needed.

Related Occupations: A police officer could become a private investigator, detective, or maybe a corrections officer. A firefighter could become a fire investigator for an insurance company. Both careers allow for advancement to become an instructor.

Dual Certification

All Columbia Airport Public Safety Officers are dual certified. These Officers have been through hundreds of hours of training. The Officers must continue taking courses after the initial certification to stay informed on laws and new equipment.

Aircraft Firefighting

If you are new to fire service, you must go through an 8 week Basic Firefighter course which is approximately 320 Hours of training.

Once you graduate from the Basic Fire Academy, you also have to go through 40 hours of Aircraft Firefighting and Rescue training.

This is specialized training. Aircraft firefighting is very different due to the types of aircraft.



Requirements for South Carolina Fire Academy include:

- Must be at Least 18 Years of Age
- Must be a Member of a Fire Department
- Must be able to work in High Temperatures that are Physically Demanding.

SC Fire Academy

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