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"Our Community . . .
Our Commitment"

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Air Support Division (IPD-ASD) to provide aviation support to the police department in a safe and professional manner. This support includes crime suppression, patrol, traffic, investigation, unusual occurrences, community relations, transportation and other law enforcement related duties as assigned by the Chief of Police.



"Service from Above"

STAFFING

The staff of the IPD-ASD consists of highly motivated, extremely dedicated, and contributing Reserve Police Officers. Each Officer has completed the required Police Officer Training, as prescribed by the State of California, Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. Proficiency must be maintained as a RESERVE POLICE OFFICER first and a member of the IPD-ASD second.

In isolated cases, members may be granted Volunteer status for a limited period of time. Volunteers are required to be active in accomplishing the mission of the Indio Police Department.

Peace Officer training is available through the College of the Desert - Public Safety Academy (760) 346-8041 ext. 10911.

STAFFING POSITIONS

Staffing goals for the IPD-ASD include three different Reserve Officer Positions. Information about these positions are as follows:

Pilots are required to have an FAA Instrument Rating and maintain their currency including medical examination. Requirements include a minimum of 700 hours (total time) and demonstrated exceptional proficiency in aviation.

Flight Officers must have a special interest in aviation and undergo Flight Officer Training as the expert link between the Aircraft police personnel and IPD-ASD Ground Support police personnel. The importance of this link cannot be over emphasized.

Ground Support is a critical key to the IPD-ASD operation. Administrative, special liaison, ground security and other support are provided by Ground Support personnel. Special training is provided.



AIRCRAFT

Each Pilot provides their own aircraft and is responsible for their own expenses, except for nominal reimbursement for a small portion of fuel and oil expenses. Each member of the IPD-ASD, in addition to being a Reserve Police Officer, must be a dedicated GIVER, not a TAKER!



Even though there is little staffing expense involved in the IPD-ASD, the long-range plans include fund raising through community and corporate support. Fund raising efforts for this project are worthy of consideration by all concerned citizens and businesses of the Coachella Valley.

Funds collected will be used for the purchase of equipment including two new department aircraft with state of the art avionics to fulfill the concept of: "OUR COMMUNITY- OUR COMMITMENT".