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Security
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Behavior Detection and Analysis (BDA) Program Office

Behavior Detection Officer (BDO) Visible Intermodal Presence and Response (VIPR)

Required Guidance

Expiration: Indefinite

To provide additional guidance and direction as it relates to the BDO roles and responsibilities detailed to the OLE/FAMS SAC VIPR operations.

Roles and Responsibilities

The primary role of a BDO within VIPR operation is to identify high risk individuals. Through trained behavior observation and analysis, BDOs identify individuals whose behaviors deviate from the expected norm (environmental baseline) at the given location of VIPR operations. BDOs are to report any observations and/or activities to a Federal Air Marshal or other participating law enforcement officer. During VIPR operations BDOs work in two capacities:

Uniformed BDO while on VIPR-

The SPOT SOP articulates that BDOs will work in pairs when conducting SPOT (b)(3):49 U.S.C. § 114(r)

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Plain Clothes Officer (PCO)-BDO while on VIPR-

BDOs participating in VIPR activities may also assist the VIPR operation in a PCO status only when approved by the FSD and FAMS SAC. This may provide additional resource capabilities. PCO-BDO can be conducted when the following parameters are adhered too:

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Sustainment Requirement

As reflected in the OSO message "Implementation Guidance for Changes in the VIPR Program", while on VIPR assignment, BDOs will be detailed to the OLE/FAMS SAC office and report directly to the OLE/FAMS Special Agent in Charge (SAC). The BDOs must maintain their requirements and will be required to sustain in their BDO duties for 16 hours every pay period. That is, 80% of the BDOs time will be scheduled with VIPR activity and 20% will be scheduled for BDO duties at the airport. This sustainment will be coordinated with the OLE/FAMS and local TSA management. If assigned BDOs are unable to sustain in their regular BDO duties by being allocated to the airport for 16 hours a pay period, they must complete the applicable BDO Return to Duty requirements.

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