

BDO Shift Brief

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BDO HIGHLIGHT

(b)(3):49 U.S.C. § 114(r)

Take Away -

It is important to understand that the resolution of a SPOT LEO referral that is criminal in nature is simply a byproduct of identifying individuals exhibiting signs of suspicious behavior associated with the fear of discovery. If observed behaviors deviate from the environmental baseline, additional scrutiny is required to resolve the anomalous behavior to mitigate any potential threat to transportation security.

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TIP OF THE WEEK



BDO/LEO Interaction and Rapport

A successful BDO Program requires an active and positive relationship between BDOs and local law enforcement at all levels of our daily operations. BDOs are encouraged to have a positive working dialogue with LEOs in the terminal area and collaborate with LEOs in order to conduct the most effective and efficient Playbook and checkpoint operations.

When conducting a SPOT LEO Referral, BDOs should clearly articulate suspicious activity to law enforcement; maintaining a good working relationship with LEOs will enhance the BDOs' ability to persuade the responding LEO(s) that the passenger's behavior is indeed suspicious. Regularly review the SPOT SOP, specifically section 3.8.D, which covers BDO-LEO engagement when law enforcement arrives on scene for a SPOT LEO Referral. Remember to be specific and describe the events chronologically, without discussing point values or esoteric behavioral descriptions; speak in plain language to describe the suspicious behavior you observed.

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