

Security Guard Competency Model

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The DOI Office of Human Capital (OHC) is conducting a revalidation study of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) Government-wide Law Enforcement competency model study (published 2007). The goal of this study is to identify the critical competencies and tasks for successful performance of law enforcement and security work across the Department. The occupations included in the review are:

- GS-0085 Security Guard

The results of this study establish a common set of security guard tasks and competencies across the Department, which can be used to create assessment and selection techniques and tools and establish common practices and terminology for recruitment, performance management, workforce planning, training, and employee development. This work provides DOI with current, validated information that can be used to ensure its security guard workforce has the tools to meet future challenges.

Please reference the Competency Model Interpretive Guidance for assistance in interpreting and applying the results of this study.

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Table 1: General Competencies by Grade¹

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The following general competencies are valid for assessment and selection, performance management, and other related human capital functions for the GS-0085 occupational series at the grade levels listed below.

GS-5	GS-6	GS-7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Accountability</i> • <i>Attention to Detail</i> • <i>Continual Learning</i> • <i>Customer Service</i> • <i>Flexibility</i> • <i>Integrity/Honesty</i> • <i>Interpersonal Skills</i> • <i>Physical Strength and Agility</i> • <i>Resilience</i> • <i>Self-Management</i> • <i>Stamina</i> • <i>Teamwork</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Accountability</i> • <i>Attention to Detail</i> • <i>Conflict Management</i> • <i>Continual Learning</i> • <i>Customer Service</i> • <i>Decision Making</i> • <i>Flexibility</i> • <i>Integrity/Honesty</i> • <i>Interpersonal Skills</i> • <i>Oral Communication</i> • <i>Physical Strength and Agility</i> • <i>Problem Solving</i> • <i>Reasoning</i> • <i>Resilience</i> • <i>Self-Management</i> • <i>Stamina</i> • <i>Teamwork</i> • <i>Technical Competence</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Accountability</i> • <i>Attention to Detail</i> • <i>Conflict Management</i> • <i>Continual Learning</i> • <i>Creative Thinking</i> • <i>Customer Service</i> • <i>Decision Making</i> • <i>Flexibility</i> • <i>Influencing/Negotiating</i> • <i>Information Management</i> • <i>Integrity/Honesty</i> • <i>Interpersonal Skills</i> • <i>Learning</i> • <i>Legal, Government and Jurisprudence</i> • <i>Oral Communication</i> • <i>Organizational Awareness</i> • <i>Partnering</i> • <i>Physical Strength and Agility</i> • <i>Problem Solving</i> • <i>Reasoning</i> • <i>Resilience</i> • <i>Self-Management</i> • <i>Stamina</i> • <i>Teaching Others</i> • <i>Teamwork</i> • <i>Technical Competence</i> • <i>Writing</i>

¹ Italics represent the lowest grade at which the competency appears.

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GS-8	GS-9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accountability • Attention to Detail • Conflict Management • Continual Learning • Creative Thinking • Customer Service • Decision Making • Flexibility • Influencing/Negotiating • Information Management • Integrity/Honesty • Interpersonal Skills • Learning • Legal, Government and Jurisprudence • Oral Communication • Organizational Awareness • Partnering • Physical Strength and Agility • Problem Solving • Reasoning • Resilience • Self-Management • Stamina • Teaching Others • Teamwork • Technical Competence • Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accountability • Attention to Detail • Conflict Management • Continual Learning • Creative Thinking • Customer Service • Decision Making • Flexibility • Influencing/Negotiating • Information Management • Integrity/Honesty • Interpersonal Skills • Learning • Legal, Government and Jurisprudence • Oral Communication • Organizational Awareness • Partnering • Physical Strength and Agility • Problem Solving • Reasoning • Resilience • Self-Management • Stamina • Teaching Others • Teamwork • Technical Competence • Writing

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Table 2: Required Proficiency Levels by Grade Level

Proficiency Level Scale Definitions		
Proficiency Level	General Competencies	Technical Competencies
5 = Expert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies the competency in exceptionally difficult situations • Serves as a key resource and advises others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies the competency in exceptionally difficult situations • Serves as a key resource and advises others • Demonstrates comprehensive expert understanding of concepts and processes
4 = Advanced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies the competency in considerably difficult situations • Generally requires little or no guidance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies the competency in considerably difficult situations • Generally requires little or no guidance • Demonstrates understanding of concepts and processes
3 = Intermediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies the competency in difficult situations • Requires occasional guidance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies the competency in difficult situations • Requires occasional guidance • Demonstrates understanding of concepts and processes
2 = Basic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies the competency in somewhat difficult situations • Requires frequent guidance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies the competency in somewhat difficult situations • Requires frequent guidance • Demonstrates familiarity with concepts and processes
1 = Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies the competency in simplest situations • Requires close and extensive guidance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies the competency in simplest situations • Requires close and extensive guidance • Demonstrates awareness of concepts and processes

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Table 2: Required Proficiency Levels of General Competencies					
	GS-5	GS-6	GS-7	GS-8	GS-9
Accountability	4	4	5	5	5
Attention to Detail	3	4	5	5	5
Conflict Management	2	3	4	5	5
Continual Learning	3	4	4	4	5
Creative Thinking	1	2	3	5	5
Customer Service	3	4	4	5	5
Decision Making	2	3	4	4	5
Flexibility	3	4	4	4	4
Influencing/Negotiating	1	2	3	3	4
Information Management	1	2	3	3	4
Integrity/Honesty	4	5	5	5	5
Interpersonal Skills	3	4	5	5	4
Legal, Government and Jurisprudence	1	2	3	4	4
Oral Communication	2	3	4	4	5
Organizational Awareness	1	2	3	3	4
Partnering	1	2	3	3	4
Physical Strength and Agility	3	3	3	4	5
Problem Solving	2	3	4	4	5
Reasoning	2	3	4	4	4
Resilience	3	4	4	4	4
Self-Management	3	4	4	4	5
Stamina	3	3	3	3	4
Teaching Others	1	2	3	4	4
Teamwork	3	4	4	4	5

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Technical Competence	2	3	4	4	4
Writing	1	2	3	5	5

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Table 3: Behavioral Examples for Competencies

Competency Name	Definitions
Accountability	<p>Holds self and others accountable for measurable high-quality, timely, and cost-effective results. Determines objectives, sets priorities, and delegates work. Accepts responsibility for mistakes. Complies with established control systems and rules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Takes responsibility for results and work products</i> • <i>Ensures work is completed on time and at the level of quality required</i> • <i>Understands the rules and regulations of the work performed and ensures compliance with them</i> • <i>Demonstrates responsibility with important materials, critical processes, or confidential information</i>
Attention to Detail	<p>Is thorough when performing work and conscientious about attention to detail. Recalls information that has been presented previously.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sets the standards for the quality of the work completed for the organization</i> • <i>Leads others in attending to detail in difficult and/or high-pressure circumstances</i> • <i>Reviews and edits work completed by others to ensure that the quality of work meets acceptable work standards</i> • <i>Independently completes thorough and accurate work</i>
Conflict Management	<p>Manages and resolves conflicts, grievances, confrontations, or disagreements in a constructive manner to minimize negative personal impact.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ensures disagreements between two or more parties remains civil</i> • <i>Effectively uses conflict resolution techniques to allow for productive discussion of potential solutions between disagreeing parties</i> • <i>Addresses grievances or disagreements and brokers accord and respect</i>
Continual Learning	<p>Assesses and recognizes own strengths and weaknesses; pursues self-development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Takes honest inventory of own strengths and weaknesses</i> • <i>Identifies personal skill gaps or areas for development</i> • <i>Actively identifies and pursues training or developmental opportunities</i> • <i>Seeks out feedback from others on performance</i> • <i>Displays a desire to learn new things or new ways of accomplishing tasks</i>
Creative Thinking	<p>Uses imagination to develop new insights into situations and applies innovative solutions to problems; designs new methods where established methods and procedures are inapplicable or are unavailable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Creates a work environment that encourages creative thinking and innovation</i> • <i>Explores new ideas, methodologies, and alternatives to reach outcomes</i> • <i>Introduces new concepts or strategies that significantly improve or revise the way work is performed</i> • <i>Suggests or proposes alternative ways to view or define problems; is not constrained by conventional thinking and established approaches</i> • <i>Combines ideas in unique ways or makes connections between disparate ideas</i>

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Customer Service	<p>Works with clients and customers (that is, any individuals who use or receive the services or products that your work unit produces, including the general public, individuals who work in the agency, other agencies, or organizations outside the Government) to assess their needs, provide information or assistance, resolve their problems, or satisfy their expectations; knows about available products and services; is committed to providing quality products and services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Commits to serving the public and understands their advisory role</i> • <i>Utilizes outreach, needs assessment, evaluation, and other marketing skills to identify and anticipate customer needs and provide exemplary customer service</i> • <i>Understands diverse customer groups, their perspectives, issues and needs</i> • <i>Works to ensure customers' needs are met, even when those needs are outside of the typical role of the position</i> • <i>Identifies and develops metrics to assess customer service satisfaction</i> • <i>Continuously improves products and services</i> • <i>Works and plans strategically, using a systems perspective to anticipate developing customer issues and needs and to provide timely solutions that focus on long-term benefits</i>
Decision Making	<p>Makes sound, well-informed, and objective decisions; perceives the impact and implications of decisions; commits to action, even in uncertain situations, to accomplish organizational goals; causes change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Decides on the best course of action, even in situations with competing stakeholders or when results of decisions are not immediately clear</i> • <i>Weights the pros and cons of potential decisions before choosing which actions to take</i> • <i>Commits to determining the best alternatives and evaluating their impact on work products</i> • <i>Uses sound methodology in reaching conclusions</i>
Flexibility	<p>Is open to change and new information; adapts behavior or work methods in response to new information, changing conditions, or unexpected obstacles; effectively deals with ambiguity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Effectively adjusts strategies or course of action in response to changing conditions</i> • <i>Makes quality decisions when faced with ambiguous situations</i> • <i>Is willing to incorporate new information into decision making process</i> • <i>Adapts behavior to overcome challenges</i>
Influencing/Negotiating	<p>Persuades others to accept recommendations, cooperate, or change their behavior; works with others towards an agreement; negotiates to find mutually acceptable solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Persuades and influences parties to cooperate and accept recommendations</i> • <i>Explains and clarifies perspectives of an issue and its impact on all parties</i> • <i>Negotiates to achieve consensus through changed opinion, attitude or behavior</i> • <i>Demonstrates logic, communicates and persuades others to see benefits of recommendations within and across groups</i> • <i>Understands all sides of an issue and its impact on all parties involved</i> • <i>Negotiates with individuals or groups, including those that are resistant, to consider cooperating in order to achieve an acceptable solution</i>

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Information Management	<p>Identifies a need for and knows where or how to gather information; organizes and maintains information or information management systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Demonstrates an understanding of where and how data or other information are maintained</i> • <i>Shows familiarity with the information management systems of the organization</i> • <i>Effectively searches for and finds appropriate information to address the needs of a project</i> • <i>Uses discretion when handling sensitive content</i>
Integrity/Honesty	<p>Contributes to maintaining the integrity of the organization; displays high standards of ethical conduct and understands the impact of violating these standards on an organization, self, and others; is trustworthy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Takes pride in exhibiting personal and organizational integrity and honesty</i> • <i>Acts in a just, fair, and ethical manner and encourages ethical behavior among others, even when risky to do so</i> • <i>Inspires trust and confidence among stakeholders through reliability, authenticity, and accountability</i>
Interpersonal Skills	<p>Shows understanding, friendliness, courtesy, tact, empathy, concern, and politeness to others; develops and maintains effective relationships with others; may include effectively dealing with individuals who are difficult, hostile, or distressed; relates well to people from varied backgrounds and different situations; is sensitive to [REDACTED], race, gender, disabilities, and other individual differences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Shows respect for the values and ideas of others, even when not agreeing with them</i> • <i>Empathizes with the concerns of others</i> • <i>Demonstrates tact and courtesy when interacting with associates</i> • <i>Is proactive in defusing arguments among peers</i> • <i>Seeks feedback from others to avoid blind-spots that can cause misunderstandings</i> • <i>Explores issues with the team; shares information; solicits ideas' uses participative decision-making processes</i>
Legal, Government and Jurisprudence	<p>Knowledge of the laws, legal codes, court procedures, precedents, legal practices and documents, government regulations, executive orders, agency rules, government organization and functions, and the democratic political process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Shows familiarity with the structure and terminology of various rules and regulations of the Federal Government</i> • <i>Demonstrates the ability to search for and find appropriate rules or regulations</i> • <i>Understands how to apply appropriate rules and regulations to guide direction of work or make decisions</i>

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Oral Communication	<p>Expresses information (for example, ideas or facts) to individuals or groups effectively, taking into account the audience and nature of the information (for example, technical, sensitive, controversial); makes clear and convincing oral presentations; listens to others, attends to nonverbal cues, and responds appropriately.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Speaks honestly, effectively and with integrity</i> • <i>Makes convincing, articulate, and accurate oral presentations using non-verbal and vocal qualities that support the verbal spoken message</i> • <i>Effectively uses various communication channels, including meetings, presentations and briefings</i> • <i>Actively considers, plans for, and reacts appropriately to the audience and the contextual environment in order to minimize barriers to understanding</i> • <i>Explains complex information clearly and accurately, and seeks feedback to determine that understanding has occurred</i> • <i>Acts as an effective facilitator in group or team settings</i>
Organizational Awareness	<p>Knows the organization's mission and functions, and how its social, political, and technological systems work and operates effectively within them; this includes the programs, policies, procedures, rules, and regulations of the organization.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Demonstrates awareness of the mission, functions, and various levels of the organization</i> • <i>Understands how decisions or actions of one organizational component may affect other components</i> • <i>Leverages knowledge of organizational components, programs, and directions to improve products, actions, or decisions</i> • <i>Shows familiarity with the rules and regulations of the organization</i>
Partnering	<p>Develops networks and builds alliances; collaborates across boundaries to build strategic relationships and achieve common goals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Demonstrates an understanding of interrelationships, roles, and responsibilities within the organization</i> • <i>Develops and maintains professional relationships</i> • <i>Is aware of organizational and programmatic goals and seeks avenues to mutually enhance goal achievement</i> • <i>Identifies opportunities for collaboration across organization units</i>
Physical Strength and Agility	<p>Ability to bend, lift, climb, stand, and walk for long periods of time; ability to perform moderately heavy laboring work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Demonstrates the ability to lift, push, or pull objects</i> • <i>Can spend relatively long periods of time without sitting or resting</i> • <i>Can change direction in movement with relative ease</i> • <i>Can navigate over or around obstacles to movement</i>

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Problem Solving	<p>Identifies problems; determines accuracy and relevance of information; uses sound judgment to generate and evaluate alternatives, and to make recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examines problems and solutions with a long-term perspective • Effectively leads others in the effort of developing, identifying, and formulating problem solving strategies consistent with organizational goals • Uses logic to develop and implement innovative tools and techniques to resolve complex problems and issues • Uses logic to resolve complex, unique, or unusual problems • Consistently anticipates challenges that are not obvious to others • Determines the relevance of information in reaching effective conclusions • Formulates recommendations for the best course of action to address problems
Reasoning	<p>Identifies rules, principles, or relationships that explain facts, data, or other information; analyzes information and makes correct inferences or draws accurate conclusions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determines the relevance of information in reaching effective conclusions • Uses logic to determine relationships among information in order to reach conclusions • Makes appropriate inferences from data, rules, or other information
Resilience	<p>Deals effectively with pressure; remains optimistic and persistent, even under adversity. Recovers quickly from setbacks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieves desired results in face of adversity • Overcomes barriers to accomplish goals • Stays positive in spite of setbacks • Works successfully in high pressure environments
Self-Management	<p>Sets well-defined and realistic personal goals; displays a high level of initiative, effort, and commitment towards completing assignments in a timely manner; works with minimal supervision; is motivated to achieve; demonstrates responsible behavior.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sets own goals and priorities and coordinates activities and deadlines with others to ensure project goals are met. • Continually applies significant effort and persistence toward achievement of goals in all situations • Takes initiative and seeks out new or additional responsibilities and tasks • Completes work and meets objectives with minimal supervisory intervention
Teaching Others	<p>Helps others learn through formal or informal methods; identifies training needs; provides constructive feedback; coaches others on how to perform tasks; acts as a mentor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides instruction and feedback to others • Acts as a mentor to others • Determines areas for improvement and training for others • Tutors others in the performance of tasks

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Teamwork	Encourages and facilitates cooperation, pride, trust, and group identity; fosters commitment and team spirit; works with others to achieve goals. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Volunteers to assist associates with projects</i>• <i>Commits to working toward team or group goals</i>• <i>Displays team pride and empowers team pride among other group members</i>• <i>Works effectively in group settings in order to achieve team objectives</i>
Writing	Recognizes or uses correct English grammar, punctuation, and spelling; communicates information (for example, facts, ideas, or messages) in a succinct and organized manner; produces written information, which may include technical material that is appropriate for the intended audience. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Composes clear, concise, and logical documents or correspondence involving complex technical information</i>• <i>Consistently and effectively tailors written products to a wide range of audiences and for diverse purposes in order to achieve a desired outcome</i>• <i>Proofreads and edits the writing of others</i>• <i>Effectively explains complex technical material to a non-technical audience</i>• <i>Uses correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling</i>• <i>Writes in an organized fashion that is easy to understand</i>

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Table 4: General Competencies by Assessment Tool

Competency	Occupational Questionnaire	Structured Interview	Biodata	Cognitive Ability Test
Accountability	Low	High	High	Low
Attention to Detail	Low	Medium	Low	High
Conflict Management	Low	High	Medium	Low
Continual Learning	Low	High	High	Low
Creative Thinking	Low	High	Medium	Medium
Customer Service	Low	High	Low	Low
Decision Making	Low	High	Medium	Medium
Flexibility	Low	High	Medium	Low
Influencing/Negotiating	Low	High	Low	Low
Information Management	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium
Integrity/Honesty	Low	High	Medium	Low
Interpersonal Skills	Low	High	Low	Low

Competency	Job Knowledge Test	Personality Inventory	Situational Judgment Test	Work Sample
Accountability	Low	Medium	Medium	Low
Attention to Detail	Low	Low	Low	High
Conflict Management	Low	Medium	High	Medium
Continual Learning	Low	Medium	Medium	Low
Creative Thinking	Low	Medium	Low	High
Customer Service	Low	Low	High	High
Decision Making	Low	Low	High	High
Flexibility	Low	High	Medium	High
Influencing/Negotiating	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium
Information Management	Medium	Low	Medium	High

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Integrity/Honesty	Low	Medium	High	Low
Interpersonal Skills	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium

Competency	Occupational Questionnaire	Structured Interview	Biodata	Cognitive Ability Test
Legal, Government and Jurisprudence	Medium	High	Low	Low
Oral Communication	Medium	High	Medium	Low
Organizational Awareness	Low	High	Low	Low
Partnering	Low	High	Medium	Low
Physical Strength and Agility	Low	Low	Low	Low
Planning/Evaluating	Low	High	Medium	Low
Problem Solving	Low	High	Medium	High
Reasoning	Low	Low	Low	High
Resilience	Low	High	Medium	Low
Self-Management	Low	High	Medium	Low
Teaching Others	Low	High	Medium	Low
Teamwork	Low	High	Medium	Low
Technical Competence	High	High	Low	Low
Writing	Low	Low	Medium	Low

Competency	Job Knowledge Test	Personality Inventory	Situational Judgment Test	Work Sample
Legal, Government and Jurisprudence	High	Low	Medium	Medium
Oral Communication	Low	Low	Low	High
Organizational Awareness	Medium	Low	Low	Low
Partnering	Low	Medium	High	Medium
Physical Strength and Agility	Low	Low	Low	High

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Planning/ Evaluating	Medium	Medium	Low	High
Problem Solving	Low	Low	Medium	High
Reasoning	Low	Low	High	Medium
Resilience	Low	Medium	Low	Low
Self- Management	Low	Medium	Low	Low
Teaching Others	Low	Medium	Medium	High
Teamwork	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium
Technical Competence	High	Low	Medium	High
Writing	Low	Low	Low	High

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Attention to Detail	Is thorough when performing work and conscientious about attention to detail.
Conflict Management	Manages and resolves conflicts, grievances, confrontations, or disagreements in a constructive manner to minimize negative personal impact.
Continual Learning	Assesses and recognizes own strengths and weaknesses; pursues self-development.
Creative Thinking	Uses imagination to develop new insights into situations and applies innovative solutions to problems; designs new methods where established methods and procedures are inapplicable or are unavailable.
Customer Service	Works with clients and customers (that is, any individuals who use or receive the services or products that your work unit produces, including the general public, individuals who work in the agency, other agencies, or organizations outside the Government) to assess their needs, provide information or assistance, resolve their problems, or satisfy their expectations; knows about available products and services; is committed to providing quality products and services.
Decision Making	Makes sound, well-informed and objective decisions; perceives the impact and implications of decisions; commits to action, even in uncertain situations, to accomplish organizational goals; causes change.
Flexibility	Is open to change and new information; adapts behavior or work methods in response to new information, changing conditions, or unexpected obstacles; effectively deals with ambiguity.
Influencing/Negotiating	Persuades others to accept recommendations, cooperate, or change their behavior; works with others towards an agreement; negotiates to find mutually acceptable solutions.

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Information Management	Identifies a need for and knows where or how to gather information; organizes and maintains information or information management systems.
Integrity/Honesty	Contributes to maintaining the integrity of the organization; displays high standards of ethical conduct and understands the impact of violating these standards on an organization, self, and others; is trustworthy.
Interpersonal Skills	Treats others with courtesy, sensitivity, and respect. Considers and responds appropriately to the needs and feelings of different people in different situations.
Legal, Government and Jurisprudence	Knowledge of laws, legal codes, court procedures, precedents, legal practices and documents, government regulations, executive orders, agency rules, government organization and functions, and the democratic political process.
Oral Communication	Expresses information (for example, ideas or facts) to individuals or groups effectively, taking into account the audience and nature of the information (for example, technical, sensitive, controversial); makes clear and convincing oral presentations; listens to others, attends to nonverbal cues, and responds appropriately.
Organizational Awareness	Knows the organization's mission and functions, and how its social, political, and technological systems work and operates effectively within them; this includes the programs, policies, procedures, rules, and regulations of the organization.
Partnering	Develops networks and builds alliances; collaborates across boundaries to build strategic relationships and achieve common goals.
Physical Strength and Agility	Ability to bend, lift, climb, stand, and walk for long periods of time; ability to perform moderately heavy laboring work.
Problem Solving	Identifies problems; determines accuracy and relevance of information; uses sound judgment to generate and evaluate alternatives, and to make recommendations.
Reasoning	Identifies rules, principles, or relationships that explain facts, data, or other information; analyzes information and makes correct inferences or draws accurate conclusions.

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Resilience	Deals effectively with pressure; remains optimistic and persistent, even under adversity. Recovers quickly from setbacks.
Self-Management	Sets well-defined and realistic goals; displays a high level of initiative, effort, and commitment towards completing assignments in a timely manner; works with minimal supervision; is motivated to achieve; demonstrates responsible behavior.
Stamina	Exerts oneself physically over long periods of time without tiring (which may include performing repetitive tasks such as data entry or coding).
Teaching Others	Helps others learn through formal or informal methods; identifies training needs; provides constructive feedback; coaches others on how to perform tasks; acts as a mentor.
Teamwork	Encourages and facilitates cooperation, pride, trust, and group identity; fosters commitment and team spirit; works with others to achieve goals.
Technical Competence	Uses knowledge that is acquired through formal training or extensive on-the-job experience to perform one's job; works with, understands, and evaluates technical information related to the job; advises others on technical issues.
Writing	Recognizes or uses correct English grammar, punctuation, and spelling; communicates information (for example, facts, ideas, or messages) in a succinct and organized manner; produces written information, which may include technical material that is appropriate for the intended audience.

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Accident Investigation	Knowledge of guidelines, regulations, and procedures associated with an accident investigation including preservation of accident scene, root cause analysis, and evidence detection and handling.
Administrative Law	Knowledge of state and federal administrative laws, including procedures, regulations, guidelines, and precedents related to case preparation and settlements.
Ammunition and Explosives	Knowledge of ammunition and explosives and their uses, interactions, dangers, production, handling, storage, and disposal.
Compliance Inspection	Knowledge of the guidelines, regulations, and procedures associated with compliance inquiries, including application of compliance rules and criteria and ability to make appropriate decisions and issue citations, fines, or orders.
Criminal Law	Knowledge of state and federal criminal laws, including procedures, regulations, guidelines, and precedents related to admissibility of evidence and prosecution.
De-Escalation Techniques	Knowledge of the techniques for reducing the intensity of a conflict or potentially violent situation.
Detention	Knowledge of the policies and procedures for detaining criminal suspects including processing, fingerprinting, detention requests, informing detainee of charges, and transportation.
Firearms	Knowledge of firearm usage and related issues, such as ammunition, range regulations and safety and use of force policies.
First Response	Knowledge of emergency management methods, such as first aid, rescue techniques, and threat assessments.
Hazardous Materials	Knowledge of hazardous materials and waste and their uses, interactions, dangers,

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	production, handling, storage, and disposal.
Public Safety and Security	Knowledge of intelligence operations; public safety and security operations; occupational health and safety; investigation and inspection techniques; or rules, regulations, precautions, and prevention techniques for the protection of people, data, and property.
Restraint and Self-Defense	Knowledge of techniques and methods used to restrain hostile individuals, including the models and guidelines on appropriate level and nature of force for self-defense.
Risk Management	Knowledge of the principles, methods, and tools used for risk assessment and mitigation, including assessment of failures and their consequences.
Search	Knowledge of the laws, principles and methods of conducting searches on personal property such as vehicles, documents, buildings, and items.
Security	Knowledge of the laws, regulations, and guidelines related to securing personnel, facilities, and information, including the requirements for handling, transporting, and protecting classified information and proper reporting of security incidents.
Seizure	Knowledge of the laws, regulations, and procedures for property seizure, including chain of custody requirements and procedures to catalog and secure seized property.
Surveillance	Knowledge of surveillance and counter-surveillance techniques, polices, and laws, including overt and covert methods and electronic, optical, and video surveillance methods and tools.
Vehicle Operations	Knowledge of procedures for operating motor vehicles, including cars, trucks, or watercraft.

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Appendix B

Security Guard Tasks and Functional Areas

Information Management

1	Performs investigative work to obtain information, gather evidence, or verify facts (for example, conducts background checks or criminal investigations, investigates violations of environmental regulations).
2	Completes forms, documents, or routine reports.
3	Takes notes, records, and summarizes information (for example, while conducting interviews, observations, or during court proceedings).
4	Enters data or other information into computer.
5	Identifies and verifies licenses, permits, and registration numbers.
6	Verifies accuracy of data and reconciles errors or inconsistencies.
7	Observes individuals, activities, or operations to obtain or verify information.
8	Collects, compiles, and organizes information.
9	Maintains or monitors control of information.

Laws, Regulations, and Standards

10	Enforces laws, regulations, policies, and standards.
11	Interprets and applies laws, regulations, policies, standards, or procedures to specific issues.
12	Evaluates, monitors, or ensures compliance with laws, regulations, policies, standards, or procedures.
13	Explains or provides guidance on laws, regulations, policies, standards, or procedures to management, personnel, or clients.

Technical and Specialized Duties

14	Carries and operates firearms.
15	Protects the health, safety, privacy, or best interest of the public, clients, staff, or others who may be at risk.
16	Performs policing functions (for example, arresting or detaining persons, or seizing contraband, property, or assets).

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17	Monitors security of an area, entrance, or building.
18	Conducts random or assigned patrols.
19	Maintains security of assets or confidentiality of information (for example, equipment, cash, computer access).
20	Evaluates threats or hazards.
21	Plans, coordinates, and conducts vehicle stops.
22	Conducts security or compliance inspections.
23	Identifies vulnerabilities and critical assets.
24	Controls access to buildings and sites.
25	Conducts searches or inspections of persons, baggage, vehicles, ships, aircraft, or materials.
26	Conducts walk-thru of facility.
27	Responds to emergencies and provides first aid if necessary.

Working With Others

28	Responds to requests or resolves complaints from customers.
29	Directs individuals, problems, questions, or complaints to the proper person or place.
30	Follows up on requests or complaints.
31	Provides directions to individuals.