# RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY POSITION DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Chief of Security

Date: January 2019

Department: Safety & Security

Supercedes: July 2013

**Reports to:** Chief Executive Officer

## Summary of Position:

This is a senior management position responsible for providing leadership and coordination of the Authority's Security, Information Technology, Budget/Finance, Procurement, Revenue, Safety, Environmental Affairs and Emergency Management Operations. This position will establish, manage and monitor all the security and emergency management standards, processes and communications to ensure the Authority's internal practices are compliant with federal, state, and local standards and regulations. This position will work in partnership with the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security & Investigations to provide management of security operations at the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority.

This position is also responsible for the oversight, development and implementation of all RIPTA's security programs, and for coordinating with local law enforcement agencies as necessary to insure the safety of the public, passengers, employees and physical facilities of the Authority.

# Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Contribute to the development of the Authority's strategic goals and objectives;
- Maintain continuous lines of communication, keeping the Chief Executive Officer informed of all critical issues;
- Serves as the senior staff member responsible for the overall administration of Information Technology, Finance/Budget, Safety, Environmental Affairs, Security, Procurement and Revenue Departments.
- To advise and provide regular briefings to the Chief Executive Officer on matters relating to the Authority's IT, Finance/Budget, Safety, Environmental Affairs, Procurement and Revenue functions.
- Responsible for the complete oversight of security initiatives of all RIPTA locations and property; identifies potential hazards and develops recommendations for resolution.
- Serves as RIPTA's direct liaison to the community including but not limited to emergency
  preparedness agencies, police departments, state and local authorities, and first responder
  agencies and traffic engineers.
- Chairs/participates in security related committees as directed.
- Remains on a 24-hours call.
- Assists in planning, setup and operation, with an emphasis on security, of various special events requiring large number of buses and personnel, i.e. bus rodeo, Tall Ship and other public events.
- Promotes a secure environment for all who come in contact with RIPTA including vehicles, facilities and properties that are owned, operated or leased.

- Promotes confidence in employees and riding public through interaction and involvement.
- Tracks and inputs necessary security related data into the National Transit Data Base.
- Closely monitors requirements of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and reflect any changes in policies and procedures.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

#### **Qualification Requirements:**

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Additionally, there may be requirements to travel to meetings throughout the state, and to occasionally work evenings and /or weekends. Visits to security incident sites will be required, including during inclement weather and at unscheduled times. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

#### Basic Knowledge:

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in Police Science, Public Administration or Criminal Investigation.

#### Experience:

Such as may have been gained through employment as a certified Law Enforcement Officer for at least ten (10) years in the State of Rhode Island; five (5) of those years in a supervisory position.

Consideration will be given to any combination of qualification requirements

#### **Independent Action:**

Performs within prescribed guidelines in accordance with departmental policies/Practices. Refers more complex situations to other appropriate individuals.

## Supervisory Responsibility:

Information Technology Budget/Finance Environmental Affairs and Safety Procurement Revenue