

ATTACHMENT #2

From: Mike Peterson [mailto:mp1@gci.net]
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To: Pam Chapin
Subject: 5 Airport Security Officers

Airport Board & Airport Manager,

This email is prompted by the Empire article dated Thursday March 13th "...JPD struggles to recruit". When referencing the 5 new created security positions for the airport, JPD spokesman Lt. David Campbell is quoted "The thing is what you don't want to do is you don't want to lower your standards to fill positions. The standards are in place for a reason". While I appreciate the standards associated within an accredited police agency, I respectfully disagree with the implication that the 5 Airport Security Officers being mandated by the Federal Government to provide security to the airport 24/7 must meet the same standards.

I believe its fair to ask what are the qualifications within the federal regulation governing these newly created positions? Is there new classification that might allow JPD to fill these 5 Security Officers in a more ready manner? Could a VSPO qualified person perform this task? Could the Airport Security Officer become an entry level position into the JPD?

I also noted in the Empire article that the Juneau Airport will be billed for the cost of providing the 5 Security Officers. As budget cuts continue to occur within Federal, State, and CBJ departments, a natural tendency is to maintain the status quo, let the cuts happen with another dept. Before you know it there is the smell of acrimony in the air. I suggest the billable costs to the Airport for JPD providing personnel to fill these 5 Airport Security Officers gets shared between the two departments.

Thank you for your time in reading my thoughts.

Respectfully,
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