

CLASS SPECIFICATION
County of Fairfax, Virginia

CLASS CODE: 4135

TITLE: Helicopter Pilot

GRADE: S-22

DEFINITION:

Under the supervision of the Chief Pilot or Division Commander, pilots a rotor-wing aircraft in varying weather conditions to perform aerial surveillance, crime detection, crime prevention, rescue, and related public safety work; and performs related duties as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS:

Not applicable.

ILLUSTRATIVE DUTIES:

As a single pilot, flies a single-engine turbine rotor-wing aircraft in varying weather conditions, performing single-pilot Instrument Flying Rules (IFR) operations when necessary;
Performs all flight operations in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations and in adherence with all pertinent divisional and departmental standard operating procedures;
Flies aerial surveillance, crime detection and crime prevention missions;
Transports critical trauma patients to local hospitals;
Participates in rescue operations;
Performs routine daily maintenance of aircraft and equipment;
Completes and files unit reports and aircraft logs.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

Thorough knowledge of aviation rules and guidelines;
Thorough knowledge of navigational techniques;
Knowledge of the geography of the County;
Knowledge of departmental rules and regulations;
Keen sense of observation;
Ability to exercise sound judgement under hazardous and stressful work conditions.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:

Any combination of education, experience, and training equivalent to the following:
Graduation from high school or a G. E. D. issued by a state department of education; PLUS
One thousand (1000) hours of helicopter pilot-in-command experience, including at least 200 hours of experience at night.

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CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES REQUIRED:

Possession of a valid FAA commercial rotor craft certificate with instrument rating;
Possession of a valid FAA Class II (or higher) medical certificate;
Possession of a valid Motor Vehicle Driver's License.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Must successfully complete a criminal background investigation prior to appointment.

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