

**COMPETENCY MODEL FOR  
SENIOR SECURITY OFFICER 2022  
CLASS CODE 3184**

The following competencies have been identified as those that best separate superior from satisfactory job performance in the class of **SENIOR SECURITY OFFICER**. (Numbers refer to the order of competencies in the Competency Bank.)

- 7. Self-Management
- 20. Job Knowledge
- 28. Supervision
- 33. Interpersonal Skills
- 43. Follows Oral Directions
- 44. Follows Written Directions
- 45. Oral Communication
- 47. Written Communication

On the following pages are descriptions of each competency, including a definition, the level of the competency required for the class (*italicized*, **bolded**, and underlined), examples of behavioral indicators, and satisfactory and superior performance levels.

**7. SELF MANAGEMENT** – Organizes and plans for task accomplishment; manages time and works diligently to complete assigned work/fulfill responsibilities.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

Level 1: Order tasks for efficient performance; maintain awareness of time allotted and deadlines in order to ensure they are met.

**Level 2: Plan and perform work in a way that maximizes efficient performance; establish and adjust priorities to ensure timely completion of most critical assignments.**

Level 3: Allot time to responsibilities proportional to their prominence, priority, and impact.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Performs only work activities during work hours.
- Alters means of performing work when original approach proves to waste time.
- Keeps a “to do” list (with indication of priority and deadlines, if necessary).
- Requests assistance as necessary when it becomes clear that work will not be completed on time.
- Demonstrates a record of progress with respect to all assignments/responsibilities.
- Uses optimal means of communication for efficiency and effectiveness.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Conducts self while at work in a manner that ensures work will be completed as scheduled, or provides explanation or secures assistance or adjustment of schedule if it will not be.

Superior

Seeks efficiencies in doing work to maximize productivity. Plans work carefully and follows the plan or makes adjustments if it is disrupted. Maintains personal responsibility for all work accomplishment.

**20. JOB KNOWLEDGE** – Knows information required to perform a specific job. Includes both widely available courses of study (for example, chemistry, human resources management, graphic arts) and City-specific information (parking regulation and ticketing practices; purchasing procedures; provisions of the City Charter).

Level of Competency Required by Job:

**Level 1: Knowledge is concrete, factual, and/or procedural and may be defined by the organization. Situations in which it is applied are quite consistent.**

Level 2: Knowledge is substantive and may be defined by an external trade, field, or profession. Situations in which it is applied vary and, as such, require breadth and depth of understanding.

Level 3: Knowledge is abstract, conceptual, and/or complex and may be supported by a well-defined academic discipline or authoritative sources (e.g., laws, ordinances, government guidelines/regulations/ codes). Situations in which it is applied may vary greatly or be novel.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Performs work correctly/avoids technical (job content related) errors.
- Answers technical questions about work accurately.
- Asks few technical questions about the performance of routine work activities.
- Offers advice (“coaching”) to new employees regarding their work.
- Develops training programs for other employees.
- Sought out as a source of information by others.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Sufficient job knowledge to perform work correctly independently. Answers technical questions about work correctly.

Superior

Expertise in technical job information sufficient to serve as a resource to others. May develop training manuals/ programs and/or give internal and/or external presentations related to work.

## **Job Knowledge Areas**

### **A. Supervisory**

1. Knowledge of supervisory responsibility, principles, and practices, including scheduling, training, assigning work, monitoring work, evaluating work performance, counseling, and disciplining.
2. Knowledge of interview techniques indicated in the Department's Personnel procedures in order to identify the most qualified candidates during the interview process.
3. Knowledge of established City personnel procedures concerning leaves, breaks, payroll and benefits contained in departmental personnel manual and Security Officer MOUs.
4. Knowledge of the purpose and content of MOUs sufficient to know where to look for information to answer subordinates' questions on benefits or employee rights and to make decisions on grievances.
5. Knowledge of laws and regulations such as those concerning equal employment opportunity, sexual harassment, and the rule of three whole scores, sufficient to properly handle these issues as they arise.
6. Knowledge of applicable Civil Service Rules, City Personnel Rules, Policies and Procedures used for layoffs, seniority, and disciplinary hearings.

### **B. Security**

7. General knowledge of the City's organizational structure and the location of key City facilities sufficient to provide efficient security services.
8. Knowledge of rules of conduct and access to public places such as those found in the code of ethics, City departmental manuals and bureau policies in order to manage activities on City facilities.
9. Knowledge of proper restraint procedures, and laws of arrest, detention, search and seizure, such as those contained in the State Penal Code of California in order to maintain proper security of City facilities.
10. Knowledge of how to monitor and interpret various automated security equipment such as remote cameras or alarm systems based on detailed information presented in the particular instrument instruction manual.
11. Knowledge of methods for establishing security for events such as proper scheduling and placement of Security Officers, establishing a command post, making use of crowd control equipment and coordinating events with other agencies.
12. Knowledge of methods for establishing security for VIP visits such as protocol planning, scheduling, and proper placement of Security Officers and other support staff detailed in unit or bureau procedures.
13. Knowledge of principles of establishing security for City buildings, construction sites and other facilities in order to prevent thefts, injuries and damage to City facilities.
14. General knowledge of laws contained in the Health and Safety Code and the California Penal Code as they relate to bureau or unit policies and procedures in order to protect city property and personnel.
15. Knowledge of correct procedures for raising, lowering, placing, handling, and destroying flags.

### **C. Patrol**

16. Knowledge of patrol and other procedures contained in the Bureau Rules and Procedures manual such as patrolling in irregular patterns in order to assure officers' safety and prevent crime.

### **D. Safety**

17. Knowledge of basic types of fires, extinguishers and fire patrol procedures in order to prevent fires from becoming a threat to lives and property.
18. Knowledge of conditions which constitute fire, accident, theft and other hazards such as improperly stored flammable substances (e.g., paints) or equipment and valuables not properly secured.
19. Knowledge of methods for maintaining security for storage of dangerous or toxic materials including codes, symbols and colors of warning signs for security and toxic materials stored at a City facility.
20. Knowledge of emergency and safety principles and practices such as those contained in departmental safety manuals or bureau/unit policies and procedures.

### **E. Emergency**

21. Knowledge of the correct response to a variety of emergency procedures, such as those needed in earthquakes, fires and accidents, including telephone numbers to call for assistance.
22. Knowledge of how to organize a command structure for emergency situations using the guidelines of the State Emergency Management System/Incident Command Systems (SEMS/ICS).

### **F. Traffic**

23. Knowledge of methods for control of vehicular and pedestrian traffic sufficient to maintain a smooth crowd and traffic flow as detailed in unit and bureau procedures.

**28. SUPERVISION** – Ability to assume direct responsibility for all aspects of the performance of a work group, which requires knowledge and/or ability in the areas of:

- Planning and goal setting
- Creating a safe and positive work environment
- Establishing standards and training employees
- Motivating employees and teambuilding
- Performance Management (assigning, monitoring, facilitating, reviewing and evaluating work, and providing feedback)
- Supporting and developing employees through delegation and participation
- Taking disciplinary action including progressive discipline
- Provisions of employees' MOU's and handling grievances
- Legal requirements including EEO, ADA, FLSA, FMLA, and Workers' Compensation provisions
- Civil Service Commission Rules and Policies related to the management of employees
- Administrative Code provisions related to the management of employees
- Budget processes sufficient to request and justify expenditures in a correct and timely manner

Level of Competency Required by Job:

Level 1: Supervises small workgroup of employees performing the same or highly related work.

**Level 2: Supervises a larger workgroup of employees performing various types of work.**

Level 3: Supervises employees including provision of coaching and advice to subordinate supervisors.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Plans, assigns, and monitors work progress.
- Trains employees to do work.
- Evaluates work and gives positive and negative feedback.
- Displays knowledge of legal requirements including applicable Federal and State laws, Administrative Code provisions, Civil Service Commission Rules and Policies, and MOU provisions.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Proficiency in supervision sufficient to supervise a workgroup in terms of task orientation, interpersonal concerns, and personnel administration.

Superior

Proficiency in supervision sufficient to serve as a resource to others and/or represent department position in a public forum.

**33. INTERPERSONAL SKILLS** – Interacts effectively and courteously with others.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

Level 1: Interact with members of the workgroup, supervision, and/or the public in a cordial, service-oriented manner.

**Level 2: *Interact across department lines and with appointed City officials, and/or members of the public, at times under adversarial circumstances, in a cordial, respectful manner.***

Level 3: Interact with appointed and elected City officials, department heads, representatives of external organizations, and/or the media in a cordial, effective manner.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Works well with others toward mutual objectives.
- Does not arouse hostility in others.
- “Disagrees without being disagreeable.”
- Elicits acceptance/cooperation from others.
- Affords all individuals respect, regardless of their role or status.
- Effectively addresses concerns of politicians or others who may have their “own agenda.”

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Behaves in a courteous, respectful, cooperative manner toward co-workers, other City employees, and members of the public.

Superior

Facilitates positive interpersonal relations within/among workgroups and toward members of the public. Adept at finding similarities and grounds for cooperation/mutual benefit.

**43. FOLLOW ORAL DIRECTIONS** – Performs work accurately as directed orally.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

Level 1: Receive specific, complete oral directions daily or by individual task assignment throughout the day.

**Level 2: Receive general instructions orally that span across days or for entire assignments.**

Level 3: Receive general instructions/assignments orally regarding long-term objectives/responsibilities.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Does work assigned orally properly and on time.
- Asks pertinent questions for clarification of assignments.
- Performs work correctly when instructions were given orally.
- Explains assignments to others who received the same instructions.
- Performs work in accordance with general outline provided orally.
- Correctly infers details of assignments given only in general terms.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Properly performs work when concrete, specific instructions are given orally. Asks pertinent questions when parts of the instructions are unclear or omitted.

Superior

Properly performs work assigned orally. Answers questions or explains work to others. Correctly infers details or portions of instructions that were omitted.

**44. FOLLOW WRITTEN DIRECTIONS** – Performs work accurately as directed in writing.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

**Level 1:     *Perform tasks assigned in writing.***

Level 2:     Perform work after reading instructional manual.

Level 3:     Perform work after completion of training modules or programs presented in writing.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Correctly completes work assigned in writing.
- Answers questions and/or explains work to others who received the same instructions.
- Learns and applies information presented in writing (instruction manual; training program).
- Correctly infers details of work to be performed that were unclear or omitted as presented in writing.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Correctly performs work assigned or for which training was provided in writing.

Superior

Understands instructions and training materials presented in writing to the extent that is able to answer questions or explain to others. Correctly infers unclear or omitted details as presented in writing.

**45. ORAL COMMUNICATION** – Communicates orally in a clear, concise, and effective manner.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

Level 1: Exchange specific, job-related information orally with others in the immediate work environment or via telephone and/or radio.

**Level 2: Obtain/provide/present general and/or job-specific information orally to a variety of others in various situations.**

Level 3: Obtain/provide/present a diverse array of information orally at varying levels of complexity to a wide range of others across many different situations and circumstances.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Audience clearly understands the intended message.
- Rarely must repeat information in response to questions.
- Refrains from use of unnecessary words, phrases, or jargon.
- Provides a level of detail appropriate to the situation (avoids too much or too little detail).
- Speaks at a level appropriate to the audience in terms of terminology, sentence structure, and simplicity/complexity of ideas expressed.
- Uses words with precision (vocabulary) to convey exact information.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Speaks clearly and audibly, providing the appropriate information and level of detail. Typically conveys the message on the first attempt. Answers questions accurately and directly.

Superior

Speech is direct and to the point. Speaks convincingly and with authority when appropriate. Maintains sensitivity to the audience while providing thorough information with the appropriate level of detail through the use of precise language.

## 47. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION – Communicates effectively in writing.

### Level of Competency Required by Job:

Level 1: Write notes/e-mails. Completes forms with some open-ended responses (sentences).

**Level 2: Write letters, articles/reports, and/or detailed descriptions of activities/occurrences.**

Level 3: Write lengthy reports, instruction manuals, in-depth analyses/ reviews of complex issues and/or articles for publication. Reviews the written work of others.

### Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Writing includes the necessary information to convey the intended message.
- Sufficiently few errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar to not interfere with the intended message or distract the reader.
- Little editing or re-writing needed to produce a final product.
- Composes materials efficiently.
- Information is presented in a well organized manner.
- Tone and degree of formality are appropriate to the purpose and audience.

### Performance Levels:

#### Satisfactory

Writes material that clearly communicates the necessary information; needs little editing.

#### Superior

Precisely uses words and organizes information in a way that enhances presentation of the message. Virtually no editing needed.

