



Air Patrol Membership

To be considered for membership in the Air Patrol, you must be a United States citizen, reside in the vicinity of Marin County, be at least 21 years of age, and have a valid pilot certificate with 150 hours as Pilot in Command.

Members are expected to regularly attend meetings, trainings, and other functions of the Air Patrol. They are expected to be frequently available to participate in Sheriff's Office missions which may occur at any hour on any day. They may be asked to fly as pilot, tactical flight officer, observer, or to perform ground functions. To fly the Sheriff's aircraft as Pilot in Command members must have 250 hours PIC in the same category and class aircraft.

If you are interested in exploring membership, please write to the Marin County Sheriff's Air Patrol, Sheriff's Office 3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 145, San Rafael, CA 94903, providing information about yourself and how we may contact you.

All applicants must be of sound character, show good judgment in their personal conduct, and conform to the Marin County Sheriff's Department Pre-Employment Drug Use Guidelines. After completing a Petition for Membership form, pilot certificates, logbooks, and applicants' flying abilities will be reviewed by an Air Patrol flight instructor followed by an interview with the Membership Committee. The Sheriff's Office will perform a confidential background investigation including a DMV check, a criminal history, Live Scan fingerprinting and a Computer Voice Stress Analysis test. There is no cost to the applicant for the background investigation.

After satisfactory completion of the interview and Sheriff's Office background investigation, candidates for membership will be invited to attend Air Patrol events (meetings, trainings, fly-ins, and other events.) Each candidate for membership shall attend a minimum of ten (10) events prior to consideration for Active Membership. Each candidate will be voted on by active members at a general meeting.

The Marin County Sheriff's Air Patrol is both a 501 (c) 3 corporation and an Operations Unit of the Sheriff's Office. New members will need to provide themselves with a uniform and flight suit – an initial expense of several hundred dollars.