

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, as observer or co-pilot, or to perform ground functions. To fly the Sheriff's aircraft as Pilot in Command members must have 250 hours PIC in the same class and type 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 on how we may contact you.

All applicants for membership will be interviewed by a team of Air Patrol members and will complete a background-check information form. All applicants must be of sound character and show good judgment in their personal conduct. 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 begin training. The Air Patrol holds one general meeting and one training meeting each month. After six months to a year of participation in meetings and training, the candidate for membership will be voted on by all 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, a flight suit, and a pager -- an initial expense of several hundred dollars.