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BACKGROUND

Airports use a variety of strategies to minimize personnel non-compliance with federal regulatory requirements and airport security rules and regulations. Actions taken are generally monetary, operational, or administrative, and they might be taken against the individual violators or against tenants/badge sponsors. However, airports still face many challenges in ensuring compliance with security rules, regulations, and procedures, and leveraging actions for non-compliance.

While some disparate guidance is available in various PARAS reports, additional research is needed to build on existing practices. A comprehensive resource dedicated to successful enforcement strategies is needed for airports that are developing compliance and enforcement programs and those seeking to optimize current programs.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this research is to create comprehensive compliance and enforcement guidance for airport security rules and regulations. Guidance should include relevant options and strategies along with associated considerations for each. At a minimum, the guidance should address:

- Developing airport security rules and regulations
- Ensuring the various populations working at the airport are aware of and understand the rules and regulations
- Methods to identify non-compliance
- Violation, fine, and penalty structures, including non-monetary actions
- Opportunities for training and proactive measures
- Determining root causes of issues
- Collaborative problem solving
- Population-specific measures (for third-party security contractors, authorized signatories, concessionaires, etc.)
- Legal and governance impact, including state and local ordinances
- Lease and contract considerations
- Applicable lessons learned from safety programs
- Leveraging relevant technologies

The resulting guidance should be scalable to airports of all sizes and resource levels.