



Uniformed Division Officer

United States Secret Service

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U.S. Department of
Homeland Security

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History

The United States Secret Service was established in 1865 as a bureau of the Treasury Department to suppress the widespread counterfeiting of U.S. currency. The agency's protective mission began after the assassination of President William McKinley in 1901, when Congress authorized the U.S. Secret Service to protect the President of the United States. Both missions - protection and investigations - remain significant today.

The uniformed branch of the U.S. Secret Service was established in 1922 as the White House Police and was fully integrated into the agency in 1930. The Uniformed Division's security and law enforcement responsibilities have expanded significantly over the years and remain integral to the mission of the agency.

In March 2003, the U.S. Secret Service was transferred from the Treasury Department to the new U.S. Department of Homeland Security.



Mission

The Uniformed Division's mission is to protect facilities and venues secured for Secret Service protectees. Officers accomplish this mission through a network of fixed posts, vehicular and foot patrols, and special support programs.

Today, the Uniformed Division is mandated by law to provide physical security for the White House Complex and the Vice President's Residence at the Naval Observatory. It also provides security for the Treasury Department and foreign diplomatic missions in Washington, D.C.

Throughout its history, the Uniformed Division has grown both in size and scope of responsibility. Its mission is accomplished through a tradition of honor, integrity and a commitment to excellence. The U.S. Secret Service is seeking capable men and women who can meet the challenges of this mission and help carry on its proud tradition.



Training

A Uniformed Division officer's training begins almost immediately upon being hired. New appointees undergo intensive training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia. Then, each officer receives specialized instruction at the Secret Service's training facility near Washington, D.C.

The 24 weeks of coursework cover subjects including:

- **Police Procedures**
- **Criminal Law**
- **Firearms Training**
- **Emergency Medicine**
- **Control Tactics**
- **Laws of Arrest**
- **Driver Training**
- **Search and Seizure**
- **Police and Community Relations**
- **Physical Fitness Training and Testing**

Classroom study is supplemented by on-the-job training. Officers attend advanced in-service training programs throughout their careers.



Duties

Uniformed Division officers control access to protected facilities including the White House and the Vice President's Residence, through a system of fixed posts and foot, bicycle and vehicular patrols. These outer perimeter assignments are utilized 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Uniformed Division officers are responsible for magnetometer operations at protected event sites. They detect potentially dangerous items or weapons, and prevent them from being brought into a secured area.



Career Path

Officers may, as their careers progress, be selected to participate in one of several specialized units, including:



The **Canine Unit** performs security sweeps and responds to bomb threats and suspicious packages.

The **Emergency Response Team** provides a coordinated tactical response for the White House and other protected facilities.



The **Countersniper Team** utilizes observation, sighting equipment and high-performance weapons to provide a secure environment for protectees.

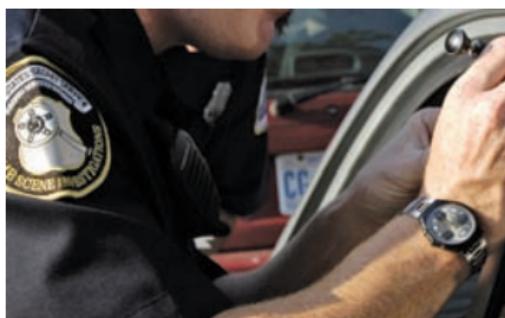




Officers in the **Motorcade Support Unit** provide motorcycle tactical support for official movements of motorcades.

The **Crime Scene Search Unit**

photographs, collects and processes physical and latent evidence.



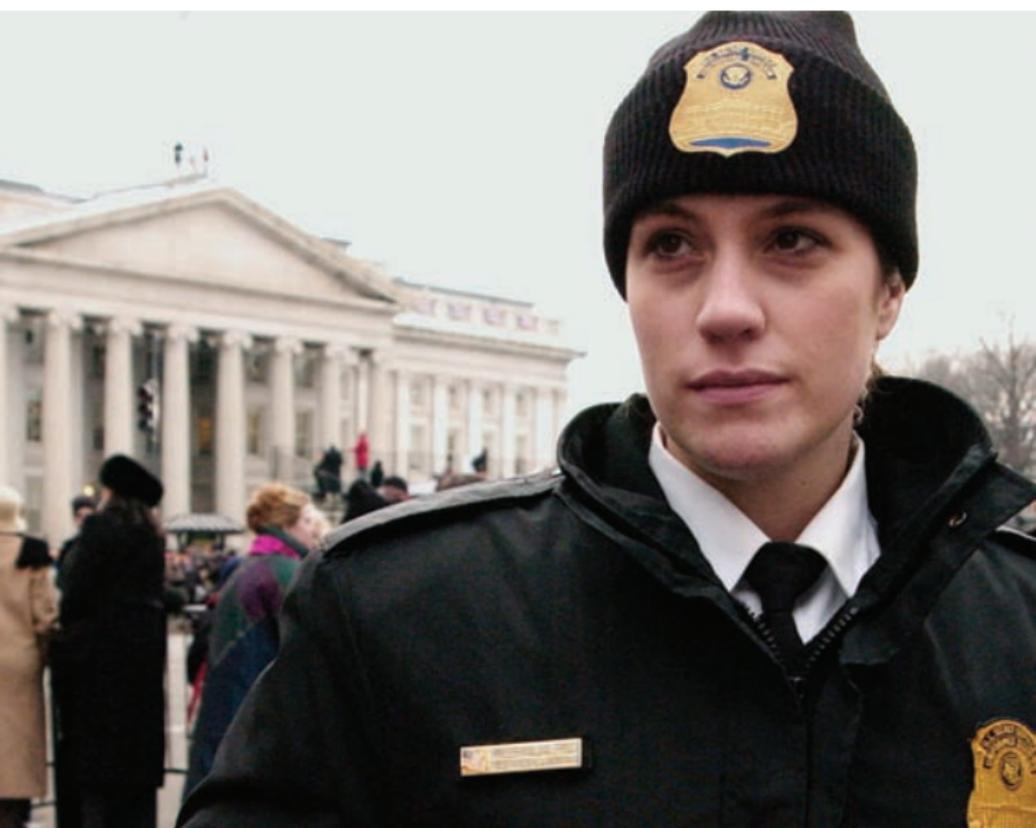
Officers assigned to the **Office of Human Resources and Training** serve as firearms and



classroom instructors for the U.S. Secret Service at the James J. Rowley Training Center near Washington, D.C.



The **Special Operations Section** handles special duties and functions at the White House Complex, including conducting the daily congressional and public tours of the White House.



Qualifications

To be considered for the position of a Uniformed Division officer, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- **U.S. citizenship**
- **Must be at least 21 years of age and younger than 40* at time of appointment**
- **High school diploma or equivalent**
- **Excellent health and physical condition**
- **Uncorrected vision no worse than 20/60 binocular; correctable to 20/20 in each eye.**
(NOTE: Lasik, ALK, RK and PRK corrective eye surgeries are acceptable eye surgeries for Uniformed Division officer applicants provided specific visual tests are passed. The following are the waiting periods before visual tests are conducted after the surgery: Lasik surgery – three months; PRK – six months; and ALK and RK – one year.)
- **Complete interviews and pass a written test** (the Police Officer's Selection Test)
- **Complete a background investigation to include driving record check, drug screening, medical and polygraph examinations**

* An exception to the maximum age for original appointment is in effect until October 2008 or until further notice.



Benefits

- **Competitive starting salary**
- **Overtime is compensated at the rate of time and one-half, or through compensatory time off**
- **Uniforms and equipment are furnished at no cost to officers**
- **Employees are eligible for low-cost life insurance**
- **Employees and their immediate families are eligible for membership in low-cost federal health benefit plans**
- **Annual leave is earned at the rate of 13 to 26 days per year, based on length of employment. Prior federal civilian and military service is creditable, as authorized**



- Sick leave accumulates at the rate of 13 days per year without limit
- Paid holidays
- Reasonable moving expenses paid for out-of-area hires
- Excellent retirement benefits; additional retirement credit is granted for prior military or federal government service, as authorized
- Eligible for participation in Flexible Spending Account Program





For further information about career opportunities
with the U.S. Secret Service, please call the
U.S. Secret Service Employment Line at
1-888-813-USSS (8777) or TTY 202-406-5390 or
visit www.secretservice.gov/join.

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