

# Security Equipment Knowledge

## Competency Development Activities

### Competency Definition

Knowledge in operation of security equipment (e.g., passenger X-ray technology, baggage X-ray technology, Explosive Trace Detection, passenger screening wands, magnetometer / walk through metal detector, two-way radios).

### Developmental Activity Levels

#### All (A)

*Applies to all competency levels*

#### Beginner-Basic Knowledge (B)

*A person at the Beginner-Basic Knowledge level has limited experience applying the competency. He/she applies general knowledge in common situations but has limited practical experience in applying the competency in a work environment presenting more complex situations.*

#### Mid-level (M)

*A person with mid-level proficiency has applied the competency repeatedly and successfully in the performance of his/her job but still has much to learn about the advanced aspects or behaviors associated with the competency. A person at this level can usually apply the competency on his/her own.*

#### High (H)

A person at the High level has extensive knowledge of and experience with this competency and can apply the competency exceptionally well on the job without assistance. At this level one is an expert and has enough experience to teach the competency to others.

### Articles, Books, and Websites

There are currently no recommended articles, books, or websites for this competency.

### Activities

**H** Participate in training on key TSA security equipment in order to understand how equipment works and how screeners use it for effective passenger or baggage screening.

**H** Have AFSD-Screening and/or Screening Manager brief you on key issues and practices related to effective and efficient use of security equipment.

**H** Meet with security equipment contractors to have them brief you on key issues for using and

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maintaining equipment effectively, including new developments or practices whenever they emerge.

### Coaching Suggestions for Managers

**H** Assign staff responsibility for reviewing and evaluating TSA's utilization of security equipment.

**H** Assign staff responsibility for organizing sessions in which screening employees can share best practices for using the equipment efficiently and effectively. They can discuss needs and opportunities for improvement.

**H** Assign staff responsibility of being security equipment liaison with security equipment contractors.