



Memorandum


**U.S. Department of
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation

Office of Inspector General

Subject: INFORMATION: Audit of the Federal Air
Marshal Program

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Reply to
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To: Admiral James M. Loy
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The Office of Inspector General (OIG) has scheduled an audit of the Federal Air Marshal (FAM) program, as requested by Congressman Peter DeFazio. The objective of this audit is to evaluate the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) policies, procedures, and controls for operating an effective and efficient FAM program. Specifically, we will evaluate the selection and hiring process, training program, and scheduling of FAMs to ensure the FAMs are properly trained and fully qualified to respond to incidents aboard aircraft. We will also evaluate management's controls over the FAM program.

The audit will be conducted at TSA's Office of Aviation Operations in Washington, D.C.; the FAM training center in Pomona, New Jersey; and selected additional locations nationwide. Our staff in San Francisco and Washington will conduct the audit.

We plan to begin the audit the week of November 4, 2002. We will contact your audit liaison in the Office of Inspections to arrange an entrance conference. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 366-1992 or Robin K. Hunt, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Transportation Security and Hazardous Materials, at (415) 744-3090.

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