

Important Information about Details to Federal Air Marshal Service

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Agents who volunteer to be temporarily detailed to the Federal Air Marshal Service (FAMS) should be aware that they will be outside the bargaining unit for the duration of the detail. In other words, they will not have collective bargaining rights or protections and will be subject to work rules unilaterally developed by FAMS management. They will not be entitled to union representation during investigatory interviews. Their rights to appeal disciplinary actions will also be affected. Union dues deductions will be automatically terminated when employees start serving on the detail and are supposed to be automatically reinstated afterwards.

In order to keep their PORAC Legal Defense Fund (LDF) coverage active, members who volunteer for a detail to the FAMS are required to immediately contact their Local Treasurer, let them know they are detailed to the FAMS, promptly pay \$12.00 to the Local for three months of PORAC LDF fees, and promptly pay additional monthly fees if the detail is extended. Failure to pay the monthly LDF fees will result in the termination of their LDF coverage. If a member's LDF coverage is terminated for non-payment, none of their prior acts will be covered under the LDF plan, even if such acts occurred when the member had LDF coverage. Members who have questions about this matter may send them to FAMSdetail@nbpc.net.