

LEO Flying Armed

Important Message for Law Enforcement Officers Flying Armed (LEOFA)

The LEOFA Program has undergone several recent enhancements to maintain the program's integrity and to improve service and support to Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs), who meet the requirements to fly armed on commercial aircraft, nationwide. Therefore, review all content, while paying particular attention to changes/updates to the EIT, FLN, and CAP fields. The most recent EIT field change will take effect on July 20, 2016 (8p ET).

Since November 15 2008, for state or local LEO to fly armed the employing agency must send an AM message to the Federal Air Marshal Service. A receipt with a unique alphanumeric identifier will be returned from the LEOFA system to the employing agency. Requesting agencies or departments should expect a delay in response up to two hours. This identifier shall then be verified at the airport on the day of travel. In addition to the unique alphanumeric identifier, the officer must present the NLETS message to the TSA agent.

Failure to provide the unique alphanumeric identifier may result in delays due to the additional verification requirements. Please visit the program website at www.tsa.gov/travel/law-enforcement to learn more.

ABBREVIATION KEY FOR NLETS MESSAGE FORMATTING

AM. [SENDER ORI]. [DESTINATION ORI]. [OPTIONAL CONTROL FIELD].

- * (AM) DESIGNATES THE MESSAGE AS AN NLETS ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE.
- * SENDER ORI FIELD WILL BE USED TO SEND THE REPLY MESSAGE BACK TO THE REQUESTER.
- * DESTINATION ORI ENSURES THE MESSAGE IS PROPERLY DELIVERED TO THE LEOFA APPLICATION.
- * THE DESTINATION ORI TO BE USED FOR THE LEOFA APPLICATION IS **VAFAM0199**.
- * THE OPTIONAL CONTROL FIELD ENSURES THE REQUEST MESSAGE IS DELIVERED BACK TO THE SENDING TERMINAL WITHIN AN AGENCY FOR AGENCIES WITH MORE THAN ONE NLETS TERMINAL SHARING THE SAME ORI. THE CONTROL FIELD IS OPTIONAL BUT RECOMMENDED IF YOUR AGENCY HAS MORE THAN ONE NLETS TERMINAL.
- * THERE MUST BE A PERIOD BETWEEN EACH FIELD AS WELL AS ONE AT THE END OF THE LINE.

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- * INDICATES THE BEGINNING OF THE MESSAGE TEXT.

Detailed Flying Armed Specifications

Entry	# Char.	Explanation
LEOFA	N/A	Indicates to TSA that this is a LEO flying armed request message. All messages without this will be ignored.
NAM/	N/A	Full name of flying armed LEO. Must be in the format of last name, first name. Example: NAM/SMITH, JOHN. The period at the end of the line is required.
AGY/	N/A	Agency or department name of the flying armed LEO. Example: AGY/ARLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT. The period at the end of the line is required.
BCN/	N/A	Badge or credential number of the flying armed LEO. Example: BCN/ABC123456. The period at the end of the line is required.
OFC/	4 or 5	Officer type. Must be either state or local. Example: OFC/LOCAL. The period at the end of the line is required.
NAO/	N/A	Name of authorizing official. The Authorizing Official will be the Chief, Sheriff, or Law Enforcement Agency Administrator whom endorses and approves the submission of a LEO Flying Armed NLETS message and will ensure that all program requirements have been fully met prior to submission. Must be in format last name, first name. Example: NAO/SMITH, JOHN. The period at the end of the line is required.
CRT/	3 or 2	Completed required training. Must be either yes or no. A no in this field will result in a denied reply message because all LEO flying armed must have completed required training. Example: CRT/YES. The period at the end of the line is required.
CPN/	10	Cell phone number of LEO flying armed. Must not contain dashes and must be exactly 10 digits.

		<p>Example: CPN/1234567890.</p> <p>The period at the end of the line is required.</p>
APN/	10	<p>Agency or department phone number of flying armed LEO. Must not contain dashes and must be exactly 10 digits.</p> <p>Example: APN/1234567890.</p> <p>The period at the end of the line is required.</p>
EIT/	One word only	<p>Explanation of Individual's Travel (previously Escorted Individual Type). Explanations must be exactly one word long with no added spaces or punctuation. Acceptable explanations are: PRISONER, PROTECTIVEDETAIL, SURVEILLANCE, INVESTIGATION, ENFORCEMENT. Example: EIT/ProtectiveDetail. The period at the end of the line is required. Note: Enter Prisoner in EIT to and from.</p>
EIN/	N/A	<p>Escorted individual's name. Must be in the format of last name, first name. Example: EIN/SMITH, JOHN. If the LEO will not be escorting an individual, the field must be formatted as follows: EIN/. or EIN/NA. The period at the end of the line is required.</p>
NOA/	N/A	<p>Name of airline Example: NOA/AMERICAN AIRLINES. The period at the end of the line is required.</p>
FLN/	N/A	<p>Flight number. Multiple flight numbers should be separated by a comma',' and a space. Example: FLN/AA1234, AA2345. The period at the end of the line is required.</p>
DOF/	6	<p>Date of flight. Must be in the format of MMDDYY. Example: DOF/122508. The period at the end of the line is required.</p>
DAP/	3	<p>Departing airport. Must be a known and federalized United States airport three letter code. Must not be more than 3 characters long. Example: DAP/DCA. Use DAP/TSA for all Test queries. The period at the end of the line is required.</p>

CAP/	3	<p>Connecting airport. Must be a known and federalized United States airport. Must not be more than 3 characters long.</p> <p>Example: CAP/DEN. When more than one airport connection exists, all connecting airport codes should be entered separated by a comma ',' and a space.</p> <p>Example: CAP/DEN, TUC.</p> <p>Use CAP/TSA for all Test queries.</p> <p>The period at the end of the line is required.</p> <p>This field is not required if no connections are scheduled.</p>
FDA/	3	<p>Final destination airport. Must be a known and federalized United States airport. Must not be more than 3 characters long.</p> <p>Example: FDA/BOS.</p> <p>Use FDA/TSA for all Test queries.</p> <p>The period at the end of the line is required.</p>

If you have questions or comments regarding the LEOFA Program or experience difficulties with submission of LEOFA identifier request messages via NLETSS, please contact the Federal Air Marshal Service, Flight Operations Division, Liaison Section at LEOFA@OLE.TSA.DHS.GOV or by calling 1-855-FLY-LEOS and follow the prompts. Please refer to our Frequently Asked Questions and Sample NLETSS Messages (below) as a reference tool.

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LEO Flying Armed Legacy Example

Example 1: Sample agency message to TSA

AM.PASO12345.VAFAM0199.*0008000001.TXT
LEOFA
NAM/SMITH, JOE.
AGY/ARIZONA POLICE DEPARTMENT.
BCN/BSO123456.
OFC/STATE.
NAO/WASHINGTON, GEORGE.
CRT/YES.
CPN/7031234989.
APN/2023456789.
EIT/PRISONER.
EIN/SMITH, JOHN.
NOA/AMERICAN AIRLINES.
FLN/AA1234.
DOF/122508.
DAP/TSA.
CAP/TSA.
FDA/TSA.

Example 2: TSA response message.

AM.VAFAM0199
07:41 01/03/2011 05854
07:41 01/03/2011 01488 AZNLETS20
TXT
FLYING ARMED LEO REQUEST APPROVED.
YOUR UNIQUE LEOLANE IDENTIFIER IS: AAA11111
NAME: SMITH, JOE
AGENCY: ARIZONA POLICE DEPARTMENT
BADGE/CREDENTIAL: BS0123456
NAME OF AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL: WASHINGTON, GEORGE
COMPLETED TRAINING: YES
CELL PHONE: 7031234989
ESCORTED INDIVIDUAL: SMITH, JOE
DEPARTING AIRPORT: TSA
CONNECTING AIRPORT: TSA
FINAL DESTINATION AIRPORT: TSA
AIRLINE: AMERICAN AIRLINES
FLIGHT NUMBER: AA1234
FLIGHT DATE: 122508
PRINT OUT THIS REPLY AND PRESENT IT AT THE AIRPORT'S LEO LANE