

Off-Duty Police Officers

VS

Security Guards

Which Is Right for Your Business?

A lot of businesses are suffering staffing shortages and struggling to keep security posts filled. From healthcare to retail, security leaders are faced with decisions about how best to achieve security goals.

To help customers weigh the best manpower solutions for their specific needs, Summit Off Duty Services offers a breakdown of the value that off-duty police officers and security guards can bring to your business or event.

OFF-DUTY OFFICER
VS
SECURITY GUARD

- ✓ Rigorously vetted
- ✓ Authoritative presence
- ✓ Knowledge of local laws
- ✓ Knowledge of local issues
- ✓ Community policing support
- ✓ Empowered and equipped to enforce laws

- ✓ Cost savings
- ✓ Uniformed presence
- ✓ Dedicated monitoring
- ✓ Able to provide support in a non-security capacity

Officers are fully vetted, licensed, know local laws and have thousands of hours of specialized training.



Authoritative. Have the authority to prompt a bad actor to think twice.



Well equipped. Not only are officers trained to recognize a threat but they can quickly form and carry out the legally compliant response to prevent crime.



De-escalation. Officers are trained to help diffuse complex, nuanced scenarios when tensions are running high and could spill over into violence.



Community Safety. Officers prioritize community safety in responding to a crime in order to keep customers, employees and products safe.



Documentation. Know what to look out for and document should a difficult situation arise that could lead to a lawsuit.



Back up. Should the need arise to call additional law enforcement to the site, or even emergency medical technicians, have quick access to reinforcements.

Security guard services are a good fit for lower-risk situations.



Value. Able to support low-risk situations and lower cost compared to a police officer.



Presence. Security guards are more effective than cameras as a uniformed, responsive presence on site because they can observe and report the crime to police.



Broad scope. Security guards are also at liberty to focus on rules you want them to enforce vs. being relegated largely to local, city or state laws. If there is a dress code rule, for instance.



Armed option. Most security guards are unarmed but armed security services are accessible at a higher rate for more complex situations.

Summit Off-Duty Services helps customers connect with police officers for security details.

- ▶ Coordinate staffing and scheduling the right officers for the job
- ▶ Manage officer payment and tax documentation.
- ▶ Provide generous, blanket general liability coverage to protect customers.

With a vast network of 60,000 officers and a team of people dedicated to customer services, Summit manages security so our customers can focus on running their businesses safely.

Want to learn more about Summit Off-Duty Services? Let's chat.