



Frequently Asked Questions About Hiring the Mounted Patrol

How many Troopers will it take to provide security for my event?

Every event and venue is different but a good guideline is one Trooper for every thousand visitors expected. Also, one Trooper/horse equals 10 safety staff on foot in terms of mobility, reconnaissance and crowd control. This could potentially reduce a client's overall security costs. Every client gets a comprehensive security plan custom designed for their event which includes the number of Troopers needed on 12-hour shifts.

What kinds of people serve as A&O Troopers?

Troopers are first and foremost horse enthusiasts who are interested in working with their animals to promote public safety. They are carefully screened for horsemanship and public relations skills. Every Trooper is licensed in the appropriate state for security work; therefore they may not have any felonies or crimes of moral turpitude on their records.

How are the Troopers chosen and trained?

Alpha & Omega has an ongoing recruiting campaign targeting horse lovers. After passing a 3-hour screening interview, new riders go through a comprehensive training program. Riders and horses learn patrol techniques, crowd management, vehicle escort, sensory and obstacle management, radio procedures, and other patrol techniques.

Are Troopers in uniform?



Because Troopers are highly visible, we feel it is especially important to follow strict guidelines of conduct and appearance. The Alpha & Omega Standard Operating Procedures manual sets in writing the exact specifications regarding conduct and appearance. Uniforms are included in the rates charged to the client. They feature a red and black military-style outfit. Troopers are supplied helmet, shirts, riding pants, belt with brass buckle, black field boots, spurs, nametag, knife and flashlight. Horse equipment includes halter, bridle, reins, saddle and fittings, A&O cover pad, saddle bags, breast collar, gold neck rope and reflective wraps.

Why should I choose a mounted security patrol over other patrols?

We feel the Number 1 reason is the wide range of vision the Trooper has over other patrol units. Sitting atop a horse, the Trooper can see over people, cars, shrubbery and other obstacles. They can quickly summon law enforcement units if a threatening situation arises.



What do I have to provide if I choose to hire the mounted patrol?

It varies with the event and venue. Usually clients must only provide:

- Parking for trucks and trailers with access to potable water for horses and space for portable stables
- Access to venue radios
- Dumpster for disposal of waste from horses
- Lodging
- Catering during show days
- Ice and bottled water

What kinds of insurance coverage are included?

A&O carries Workers' Compensation and Employee Liability, General Liability Insurance, Comprehensive Automobile Liability, and Fidelity Bond Employee Dishonesty coverage. Amounts are adjusted appropriately for the event/venue.

How much does it cost?

Most clients prefer to receive a turnkey hourly rate. This rate is designed to include:

- Recruitment of Personnel and Hiring (when applicable)
- Training—Initial and On-The-Job (when applicable)
- Interviewing
- Background Checks
- Testing
- Uniforms
- Supervision by an On-Site Manager
- Reporting and Record Keeping
- Payroll
- General Liability Insurance
- Client Conferences
- Per diems

- Mileage reimbursement
- Communication equipment including repeater
- Rolling stock, i.e. horse trailers, semi trailer/truck, mobile office, pickup trucks, ATV, etc.
- Portable horse stables
- Waste Management. A&O removes all waste dropped by its horses within the stable compound.

Where do the A&O patrols ride?

We are a national company with clients in California, Texas, Tennessee, Michigan and other parts of the country. Mounted patrols can serve anywhere in the United States. We may bring riders to the location and/or recruit local riders and train them for the specific assignment.

What if I need extensive security planning?

Alpha & Omega has an associated company called Kel Executive Services which provides comprehensive security consultation. You can read more about KES on the A&O Web site.

How can I get more information about hiring the mounted patrol?

Learn all about us at www.mountedpatrol.com. Fill out the Contact Us form or simply email us at info@mountedpatrol.com. Or call our home office in Southlake, Texas, at 817-379-6607.