

The MFAH is an organization that is more than 100 years old and ranks nationally among the top 10 art museums in exhibition space, memberships, endowments, and attendance. The MFAH is a multifaceted institution comprising multiple gallery buildings, a sculpture garden, two art schools, and two house museums for decorative arts. The encyclopedic collection numbers more than 65,000 works of art in a wide range of media. As an employer, MFAH offers a supportive, collegial and inclusive work environment and a competitive benefits package.

The MFAH is currently seeking dependable security professionals with visitor service skills and a strong sense of integrity. The Museum Security Officer plays the critical role of maintaining order, reducing injury and reducing property loss at the Museum. In addition, the Museum Security Officer provides routine protection of galleries and visitors by making continuous tours throughout the Museum and assisting and informing visitors. Serves as an initial security and safety responder for events and escalates and/or reports as appropriate. Performs the important function of responding politely and in a courteous, professional manner to visitors and staff, answering questions or directing visitors to someone who can answer.

## **Position Available:**

Title: Security Officer

Reports to: Director of Security
Classification: Non-exempt/Hourly
Schedule: 40 hour work week

Overtime: Yes

Pay Rate: \$10.00/hr. (Overtime rate - \$15.00/hour)

Benefits: Medical, Vision and Dental Insurance, Life and Long Term Disability

Insurance, MFAH Retirement Savings Plan (403b), Flexible Spending

Plans, Paid Time Off, Reserve Time Off, Holiday Pay, Museum

Membership and Discounts

Work Location: MFAH Campus

### **Job Summary:**

Working under direct and indirect supervision, SECURITY OFFICERS provide for the safety and security of the museum buildings, contents, grounds, guests and employees. Daily security assignments will vary but all will require a high level of awareness, diligence and customer service.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Responsible for museum opening and closing duties, which include conducting inventory counts and observations to confirm the presence and condition of works of art on display
- Ensures all visitors (which includes a high volume of school tours) maintain proper distance from objects, and assuring smooth traffic flow throughout galleries

- Protects works of art from theft, vandalism, or inadvertent damage during gallery patrols
- Performs regular art count and verifies art movement within the galleries
- Interacts with visitors to give directions, information and provide general assistance
- Enforce all museum and security department policies and procedures
- Complete written reports of accidents and incidents
- Work with mechanical and electronic security devices for securing museum properties
- Provide for the personal safety of staff and visitors
- May performs bag inspections as required to ensure bags and parcels do not contain any objects potentially hazardous to visitors or Museum.
- Provide security for all museum properties and facilities
- May be responsible for checking security equipment. Checks for water leaks and problems with access points (doors or windows). Reports security, safety, or environmental hazards to appropriate authorities.
- Participates in training sessions in such areas as safety, first aid, CPR, fire and disaster procedures, and security equipment. May serve as a member of the museum emergency response team.
- May assist in medical emergencies involving visitors or staff. Summons medical assistance or administers first aid (if certified/qualified).
- Assigned to contractors who are performing work within the museum, ensuring contractors are operating within the appropriate safety and security guidelines for Museum Operations.
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Director of the Security Department or the Director's designee.

# **Other Expectations:**

- May be assigned to a day, night or early morning shift
- May be assigned to work weekends on a regular basis
- May be assigned to work overtime hours regularly

#### Skills, Knowledge and Abilities:

- Must have high level of integrity; must be tactful, polite and courteous in dealing with visitors, staff, vendors, consultants and others
- Excellent verbal skills, particularly for communicating with visitors and communicating on the
- Comfortable maintaining a professional appearance. Must be presentable at all times through proper grooming and personal hygiene
- Must be alert and have good concentration skills
- Excellent record of attendance and promptness
- Able to work overtime hours as required
- Ability to work varied shifts (flexible schedule) as assigned with regularly assigned days off
- Willingness to work weekends, special events and holidays as needed
- Excellent written communication skills (report writing)
- Must be able to stand for long periods of time, walk, climb stairs, and lift up to 50 lbs.; (must be able to lift a fire extinguisher or small child)
- Must be observant in order to detect and report unusual behavior or circumstances
- Must be alert and able to respond quickly in an emergency
- Must have relaible transportation for regular shift as well as late night events.

### **Education and Qualifications:**

- High school diploma or GED.
- Previous experience in security is helpful, but not required (MFAH provides training for all members of our Security team
- Must have current level 3 in good standing with Texas Department of Public Safety
- Previous customer service experience highly desired
- Security Officers must pass a national criminal bacground check in order to maintain noncommision status through the Texas Commision on Private Security
- All applicants are required to have a valid state issued ID or driver licencse in order to complete the application process

# **Working Conditions:**

Must be in good general health. Duties require standing at posts for long periods of time and/or walking distances and climbing stairs throughout the work shift.

Other duties may require lifting heavy objects (fire extinguisher or a small child) or opening heavy doors and hatches; climbing stairs, ladders, and in the event of an emergency, may have to run or make quick physical response. Will have good eyesight (adjusted) and hearing (adjusted).

The successful candidate will be required to meet our pre-employment background screening requirements.

## **How to Apply:**

Send resume to Human Resources, Job 20-SEC, P.O. Box 6826, Houston TX 77265-6826; Fax 713-639-7508 or email: jobs@mfah.org

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