The Tupelo Airport Authority Chairman, Eric Gibens, is requesting temporary security services from the Tupelo Police Department. This request is in response to a shortage of qualified law enforcement officers currently employed with the Airport. It is the responsibility of the Airport Authority to have a Law Enforcement Officer on the property inside the terminal before and after the boarding of an aircraft until the aircraft has departed the area.

The Airport Authority is in the process of hiring and training additional personnel for security and fire protection.