

Charge and work of the Court Security Standards Committee (CSSC)

Overview of the Court Security Standards

Effective July 1, 2017

Implementation efforts statewide:

- Formation of Security and Emergency Preparedness Committees (SEPCs)
- Security assessments
- Resources
- Court Security Grant program

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***Your* role in
court security**

**Court Security
Standards Committee
(2015)**

Committee Charge: AO 2015-104



- ✓ Develop and conduct a survey of court security measures in Arizona
- ✓ Develop recommendations on standards for courthouse and courtroom security
- ✓ Develop recommendations on security officer training
- ✓ Submit a final report summarizing the Committee's work and recommendations to the AJC

- 929 partial responses and 830 completed surveys
- Every county provided sufficient responses for data to be representative

| Type of Building | Count |
|------------------|-------|
| Single use | 390 |
| Multi use | 540 |

Two important insights:

1. A large number of courts are in multi-use facilities
2. There is a distinct gap in security measures between GJ courts and LJ courts

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| Court Type | Metal Detector (%) | X-Ray (%) |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Superior Court | 96 | 76 |
| Justice Court | 78 | 56 |
| Municipal Court | 73 | 54 |

- Governance and Administration
- Entry Screening
- In-custody Defendants
- Facilities, Alarms, and Equipment
- Training

PHASED IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY STANDARDS

| STANDARD | YEAR 1 – FY 2018 (July 2017-June 2018) | YEAR 2 – FY 2019 (July 2018-June 2019) | YEAR 3 – FY 2020 (July 2019-June 2020) |
|--|---|---|---|
| Governance & Administration Court Security Committee Self-Assessment Security Manual Incident Response Policies Incident Reporting Policies Policy re: Armed Personnel | ✓ | | |
| In-custody Defendants | ✓ | | |
| Training New Hire Training Annual Training Task Specific Security Officer Firearms | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Facilities & Equipment Duress Alarms Locking Protocols Courtrooms, Jury Room, Perimeter Sweeps Secured Access to Non-Public Areas Cameras Exterior Lighting Window Coverings Public Counters, Benches & Clerk Stations Protecting Critical Locations | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Entryway Screening Visitors Employees, (random screenings) | | | ✓ |

Court Security Assessments



Court Security Standards Committee has provided an assessment tool and report template for courts to use.

Court Security Assessments



The **Arizona Counter Terrorism Task Force (ACTIC)** offers threat assessments through its **Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO)** program

Court Security Grants

Legislation appropriating a specific amount of money to be dispersed to **JCEF fund** for the sole purpose of court security improvements.

Court Security Grants

2% increase

Effective August 9, 2017

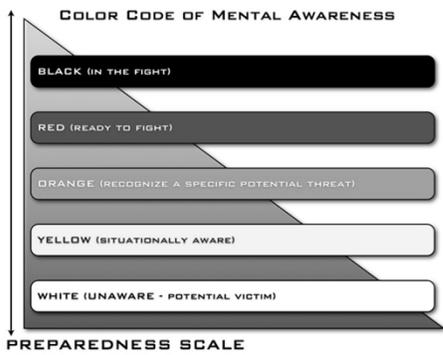
Grant Request Process

- Specific application deadline for submitting requests
- Security assessment and other support for requests must accompany applications
- One-time, non-recurring costs related to equipment or training
- Will be announced mid-fall 2017

Your Role in Courthouse Security:

- Increase understanding of Mental Awareness
- Increase understanding of Situational Awareness.
- Increase understanding of the overall security policy and procedures – The Progressive Security Model.





Situational Awareness

People are not suspicious,

Behavior is.

Situational Awareness

Use indicators of suspicious behavior to identify the activities that precede a criminal act.

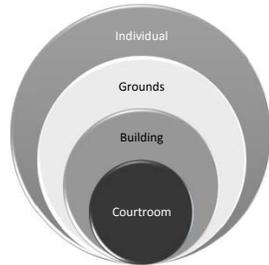
Two factors to assess suspicious behavior:

- 1. Demeanor:** How the person acts.
- 2. Conduct:** What the person is doing.

Understand the Policy and Procedures

- Know your individual court policies.
- Know your chain of command.
- Know what to do in various emergency situations:
 - Reporting process
 - Active Shooter
 - Environmental hazard
 - Fire
 - Bomb or facility threat
 - Individual threat or assault
- Get trained.
- Practice, Practice, Practice.

Progressive Security Model



You are responsible for you and your court's security

**DO THESE APPLY
TO MY COURT?**

**HOW DO THESE
POLICIES APPLY TO
PROBATION OFFICERS?**

**ARE CITY COURTS
ELIGIBLE FOR THESE
GRANTS?**

HOW ARE THE GRANT FUNDS GOING TO BE ALLOCATED?

WHEN CAN COURTS BEGIN THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

WHAT REQUIREMENTS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER AFFECTS PRESIDING JUDGES?

WHAT ABOUT STAFF?

**HOW CAN SMALLER
COURTS WORK WITH
THESE POLICIES?**

**DO COURTS NEED TO USE THE
ARIZONA TERRORISM
INFORMATION CENTER?**

IS IT A REQUIREMENT?

**WHAT ROLE WILL THE
ASSESSMENTS PLAY
WITH REGARD TO
GRANT FUNDS?**

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