

STATUS OF COURT SECURITY IN STATE COURTS
Web Survey Instrument
National Center for State Courts
for
The Bureau of Justice Assistance

State, Local, and Tribal Courts National Survey on Court Security

General Information

The National Center for State Courts (NCSC) and the Center for Judicial and Executive Security (CJES) are conducting a significant research project on court security for the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) in order to:

- Assess planning and research completed by state, local, and tribal courts to promote and improve court security
- Identify the most critical needs these courts have for improved court building and courtroom security
- Document current available resources courts can use to address their most critical issues or threats
- Identify strategic gaps in available court security assistance that can be addressed through other funding sources

Please complete the following short web survey below. In appreciation of your participation you will receive a complimentary summary of the final BJA Report after completion of the project. If you require technical assistance to complete this survey, please contact the [NCSC Help Desk](#).

Note: If you have responsibility for multiple court building locations, please answer this survey for the location at which you spend the most of your time working.

1. Name (Optional)

2. Position Title

* Please select only one

- Justice (Appellate Court)
- Judge
- Judicial Officer (Magistrate, Referee, etc.)
- Court Administrator
- Court Supervisor
- Court Staff
- Sheriff Deputy
- Police Officer
- Contract Security Officer
- Security Provider (Non Contract)
- County Official
- Other (Please Specify)

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3. Location

State (or Country if not USA)

City/Town

County/Province

Zip Code

4. Type of Court Building

- Single Use Building (Court Only)
- Multiple Use Building (With Other Agencies)

5. Court Type

(Please Select Only One)

- Appellate Court
- General Jurisdiction Court
- Limited Jurisdiction Court
- Municipal Jurisdiction Court
- Tribal Court
- Other (e.g. Federal or Administrative Courts)

6. Do you have an active court security committee at your court?

- Yes
- No
- Do Not know

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Sources of Funding

11. What are the sources for funding security at your court building?

- The City
- The County
- The State
- Federal
- Private
- Other (please specify)

12. Does the court, at the court building where you work, assess any filing fees to financially support court security?

- Yes
- No
- Do Not Know

13. Are you aware of any new sources of funding that could potentially support court security in your court building?

- Yes
- No
- Do Not Know

14. If yes, please identify the the potential new funding source.

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Judicial Security Response

15. Do you have policies and procedures for court security and emergency preparedness at your court building?

- Yes
 No
 Do Not know

16. If yes, what year were these policies and procedures last updated?

Year updated Year

17. What year was the last time you "practiced" evacuating your court building?

Latest year evacuation was practiced Year

18. What year was the last time you evacuated your court building due to an emergency (e.g. power outage, fire, storm, earthquake, shooting, hostage, etc.)?

Latest year actually evacuated Year

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Training

19. Is training provided on court security at your court building?

- Yes
- No
- Do Not Know

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Training

20. If yes, when was the last time court security training was provided at your court building?

- Within the past year
- 1-2 years ago
- 2-5 years ago
- Over 5 years ago

21. Type of court security training provided?

(Check all that apply)

- On Court Security Policies and Procedures
- Personal Safety and Security on the Job
- Court Building/Courtroom Safety
- Personal Safety and Security at Home
- Threat Against Judges/Judicial Officers
- Incident Reporting
- Shooter In Place
- Hostage Taking
- Other (please specify)

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Training

22. Is training provided on emergency preparedness at your court building?

- Yes
- No
- Do Not Know

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Training

23. If yes, when was the last time emergency preparedness training was provided at the court building?

- Within the past year
- 1-2 years ago
- 2-5 years ago
- Over 5 years ago

24. Type of emergency preparedness training provided?

(Check all that apply)

- On Emergency Preparedness Policies and Procedures
- Response During a Negative Event
- How to Evacuate the Court Building
- Where to Assemble Outside the Court Building
- When and How to Re-enter the Court Building
- Incident Reporting
- Other (please specify)

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Training

25. Are you aware of any colleges, universities, academies, or other institutes offering court security or emergency preparedness training programs in your area?

- Yes
- No
- Do Not Know

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26. If yes, what was the name of their court security or emergency preparedness training program?

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Survey Conclusion

27. Overall, how would you rate the quality of court security services for your court building?

- (1) Low Poor
- (2) High Poor
- (3) Low Fair
- (4) High Fair
- (5) Low Good
- (6) High Good
- (7) Low Excellent
- (8) High Excellent

28. In your experience, do you need more court security officers to provide court security at your court building?

- Yes
- No
- Do Not Know

29. With what organizations or institutions do you collaborate with respect to improving court security at your court building? (Check all that apply)

- United States Marshals Service (USMS)
- Sheriff Departments
- Private Security Contractors
- Police Departments
- Other State and Local Courts
- County Officials
- None

30. Some of the responses you provided in the survey may require additional follow-up from NCSC project staff. If you would be willing to share further insights on your experience with court security and emergency preparedness in your court building, please provide your email address below. Thank you.

