

2022 COUNTY COURTROOM SECURITY REPORT

Per statute, this survey must be completed each year. Completion of this survey will require input from multiple people, including court clerks, court officers, and judges.

COURTHOUSE(S) AND COURTROOMS

1. How many courthouses are in your count	y, including criminal justice	<u>3</u>
centers with courtrooms?		2
a. If there is more than one courthouse, please explain what types of court are held		
which locations (where is circuit court	t, chancery court, general sessions, a	nd juvenile
court held?)		
JUSTICE A.A. BIRCH BLD	HISTORIC COURTHOUSE	
1A – GS Civil	1 st Circuit - Civil	
1B – Traffic / GS Civil	2 nd Circuit – Civil / Criminal	
3A – GS Criminal	3 rd Circuit – Family Court	
3B – Veterans Court	4 th Circuit – Family Court	
Cherished Hearts	5 th Circuit – Civil	
Mental Health Court	6 th Circuit - Civil	
Recovery Court	7 th Circuit - Probate	
Environmental Court	8 th Circuit – Civil	
3C – GS Criminal	Chancery Part I – Civil	
4B – GS DV Criminal	Chancery Part II – Civil	
4C – GS DV Criminal	Chancery Part III – Civil	
4D – GS Criminal	Chancery Part IV – Civil	
5A – Criminal Court DIV V	Courtroom 510 – Civil / Crimi	nal
5B – Criminal Court DIV VI		
5C – GS Criminal	JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER	
5D – GS Criminal	Courtrooms A – E Civil / Crimi	nal
6A – Criminal Court DIV I	Courtrooms G – I Civil / Crimi	nal
6B – Criminal Court DIV II/	Truancy Court – Civil / Crimin	al
TC Presiding Judge		
6C – Criminal Court DIV III		
6D – Criminal Court DIV IV		
Night Court – GS Criminal	•	
2. Number of courtrooms used only for stat	e Circuit Court, state Criminal	19
Court, Chancery Court, or Probate Court.		



 Number of courtrooms used only for General Sessions Court and/or Juvenile Court. 	<u>20</u>
4. Number of courtrooms used for both state court and county courts.	0
5. Number of courtrooms in your county that are no longer used for official state or county proceedings (ex. Ceremonial or historical courtrooms that are no longer in use for official proceedings).	<u>0</u>
6. Total number of courtrooms in your county. Do NOT include ceremonial courtrooms no longer in use for official proceedings. Please note the total number of courtrooms in your county is used to evaluate whether your county meets the minimum security standards.	39

SILENT BENCH PANIC BUTTONS (MCSS #1)

1.	1. Number of courtrooms equipped with a silent bench panic button connected	
	to law enforcement.	<u>39</u>
2.	Number of court clerk public transaction counter areas in all of your	
	courthouses. Please include public transaction counters for Circuit,	7
	Criminal, Chancery, General Sessions and/or Juvenile Court clerks.	
	a. Number of court clerk public transaction counters equipped with a silent	7
	bench panic button connected to law enforcement.	_

BULLET-PROOF BENCHES/WORK AREAS (MCSS # 2)

1. Number of courtrooms equipped with a bullet-proof bench.	39
2. Number of courtrooms with bullet-proof court clerk work area.	39

COURT OFFICERS (MCSS #3 and #4)

1.	Is an armed, uniformed guard in each courtroom during court?	YES
	a. If no, is a court officer available in the courthouse?	<u>N/A</u>
2.	Does your county have dedicated court officers, or does it utilize on-duty	
	law enforcement when there are court proceedings? (dedicated, mix, on-	
	duty)	DEDICATED
3.	Do court proceedings impact your county's ability to respond to	
	emergencies in other areas of your county?	<u>NO</u>
4.	Did your court officers attend court security training in 2022?	YES
	a. If no, how often do court officers in your county attend training?	<u>N/A</u>
5.	Have the judicial staff and courthouse personnel from your county attended	
	a court security briefing in 2022?	YES



HAND-HELD DETECTORS/MAGNETOMETERS (MCSS # 5)

Total number of hand-held detectors in your county courthouse(s).	10
2. Total number of stand-alone magnetometers in each county courthouse(s).	
3. Does your county have sufficient security staff to operate magnetometers	
during regular business hours?	YES

SIGNAGE (MCSS # 6)

1.	Does each of the court buildings in your county have signage posted at each	
	court access entrance stating that persons are subject to search by security	
	personnel, that prohibited items are subject to seizure and forfeiture, and	MEG
	include a listing of the prohibited items?	YES

<u>HAND-HELD INSPECTION MIRRORS</u> (MCSS # 7)

1. Do you have at least one hand-held inspection security mirror per county	
courthouse?	YES

COURT SECURITY COMMITTEE

Does your county have a court security committee?	
a. If yes, did the committee meet this year to review security issues and	
make recommendations?	YES



VIDEO ARRAIGNMENT & CONFERENCING

1.	Do	es your county utilize video arraignment and conferencing?	YES
	a.	If yes, how many courtrooms have video arraignment and	
		conferencing capabilities?	<u>6</u>
	b.	What type of video arraignment system do you utilize (i.e. BIS, Zoom)?	Zoom,WebEx, Jabber,BIS,
		Zoomy.	Courtsmart JAVS
	c.	Can your county consistently connect with TDOC facilities for	
		virtual proceedings?	YES
	d.	If you cannot consistently connect with TDOC facilities, would doing	
		so decrease the amount of inmate transfers to your county?	<u>N/A</u>
2.	Do	bes your county utilize video conferencing for hearings, conferences,	
	and	d other types of judicial proceedings (not just criminal court)?	<u>YES</u>
	a.	If yes, how many courtrooms have the capability to hold video	
		conference proceedings?	<u>27</u>
	b.	What type of video conferencing systems do you utilize?	Zoom, WebEx, Jabber, BIS & Courtsmart
	c.	Does your county need additional or upgraded video conferencing?	S-0
		capabilities for judicial proceedings?	YES

Please list any security measures that you have taken to improve your facilities and/or to protect personnel between **December 1, 2021 and November 30, 2022.**

When Contract Security company G4S had trouble hiring officers,
 The Davidson County Sheriff (DCSO) and the Mayor, were able to Fund Fulltime Sheriff
 Deputies, that now man the check points and the perimeters of the JAABB and Ben
 West Buildings.

This Change is providing a Professional and Consistent Security Detail for the Courts.

Please describe any recent court security incidents in your county or unique court security issues facing your county.



N/A Please explain if and how security staffing issues have impacted court security in your county. As Stated above, Contract Security was replaced by DCSO What are your highest priority needs related to improving court security in your county? 1. Hopefully in the Future, Funding may be available for DCSO to expand Coverage of Perimeter Security to the Historic Courthouse (HCH)



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Please include the name of the PERSON preparing this report, the COUNTY that you represent, and your full contact information.

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