



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 county, including criminal justice centers with courtrooms?	3
a. If there is more than one courthouse, please explain what types of court are held in which locations (where is circuit court, chancery court, general sessions, and juvenile court held?) McNairy County Courthouse – Chancery Court McNairy County Justice Complex – General Sessions and Circuit Court	
2. Number of courtrooms used only for state Circuit Court, state Criminal Court, Chancery Court, or Probate Court.	3
3. Number of courtrooms used only for General Sessions Court and/or Juvenile Court.	1
4. Number of courtrooms used for both state court and county courts.	3
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).	0
6. Total number of courtrooms in your county. Do NOT include ceremonial courtrooms no longer in use for official proceedings. <i>Please note the total number of courtrooms in your county is used to evaluate whether your county meets the minimum security standards.</i>	3



SILENT BENCH PANIC BUTTONS (MCSS #1)

1. Number of courtrooms equipped with a silent bench panic button connected to law enforcement.	3
2. Number of court clerk public transaction counter areas in all of your courthouses. Please include public transaction counters for Circuit, Criminal, Chancery, General Sessions and/or Juvenile Court clerks.	1
a. Number of court clerk public transaction counters equipped with a silent bench panic button connected to law enforcement.	1

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

1. Number of courtrooms equipped with a bullet-proof bench.	3
2. Number of courtrooms with bullet-proof court clerk work area.	1

COURT OFFICERS (MCSS #3 and #4)

1. Is an armed, uniformed guard in each courtroom during court? a. If no, is a court officer available in the courthouse?	Yes
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 with sometimes on-duty
3. Do court proceedings impact your county’s ability to respond to emergencies in other areas of your county?	Only if on-duty is being used
4. Did your court officers attend court security training in 2022? a. If no, how often do court officers in your county attend training?	Yes
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)

1. Total number of hand-held detectors in your county courthouse(s).	2
2. Total number of stand-alone magnetometers in each county courthouse.	2
3. Does your county have sufficient security staff to operate magnetometers during regular business hours?	No



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 include a listing of the prohibited items?	Yes
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HAND-HELD INSPECTION MIRRORS (MCSS # 7)

1. Do you have at least one hand-held inspection security mirror per county courthouse?	Yes
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COURT SECURITY COMMITTEE

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

VIDEO ARRAIGNMENT & CONFERENCING

1. Does your county utilize video arraignment and conferencing?	Yes
a. If yes, how many courtrooms have video arraignment and conferencing capabilities?	1
b. What type of video arraignment system do you utilize (i.e. BIS, Zoom)?	Webex
c. Can your county consistently connect with TDOC facilities for virtual proceedings?	Never have
d. If you cannot consistently connect with TDOC facilities, would doing so decrease the amount of inmate transfers to your county?	No
2. Does your county utilize video conferencing for hearings, conferences, and other types of judicial proceedings (not just criminal court)?	Yes
a. If yes, how many courtrooms have the capability to hold video conference proceedings?	1
b. What type of video conferencing systems do you utilize?	Webex Zoom
c. Does your county need additional or upgraded video conferencing	No



capabilities for judicial proceedings?	
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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.**

During covid the courts limited the amount of people in the lobby and courtrooms. This reduced the work load and was able to give more time to the bailiffs to focus on security. The restrictions were lifted in between this time frame.

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

Court Security staff – we have only 2 full-time bailiffs and 2 part-time who can help sometimes. We have had up to 4 courts going at a time and do not have the staff needed to cover which causes us to pull Deputies from patrol to help.

Please explain if and how security staffing issues have impacted court security in your county.

Lack of additional court room bailiff positions. It is not uncommon to have 3 courts in session at the same time and not have the staffing needed without calling someone in or pulling deputies from patrol to help. It is preferred to have 2 bailiffs per court room but on days when there are 3 courts in session it is near impossible to find 6 employees to cover those.

What are your highest priority needs related to improving court security in your county?



As stated before and I am sure as with most agencies it is the lack of staffing to cover the courts. Additional staff would allow safer practices to be followed and provide more presence in the courtrooms for security.

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