



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?	1
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?)	
2. Number of courtrooms used only for state Circuit Court, state Criminal Court, Chancery Court, or Probate Court.	2
3. Number of courtrooms used only for General Sessions Court and/or Juvenile Court.	4
4. Number of courtrooms used for both state court and county courts.	4
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>	4



SILENT BENCH PANIC BUTTONS (MCSS #1)

1. Number of courtrooms equipped with a silent bench panic button connected to law enforcement.	4
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.	4
a. Number of court clerk public transaction counters equipped with a silent bench panic button connected to law enforcement.	4

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

1. Number of courtrooms equipped with a bullet-proof bench.	4
2. Number of courtrooms with bullet-proof court clerk work area.	0

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?	
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?	no
4. Did your court officers attend court security training in 2022?	2 officers attended in 2022
a. If no, how often do court officers in your county attend training?	biannually
5. Have the judicial staff and courthouse personnel from your county attended a court security briefing in 2022?	no

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.	1
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 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?	no

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?	3
b. What type of video arraignment system do you utilize (i.e. BIS, Zoom)?	BIS
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?	yes
2. Does your county utilize video conferencing for hearings, conferences, and other types of judicial proceedings (not just criminal court)?	This is available
a. If yes, how many courtrooms have the capability to hold video conference proceedings?	3
b. What type of video conferencing systems do you utilize?	BIS
c. Does your county need additional or upgraded video conferencing capabilities for judicial proceedings?	We upgraded in 2021



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.**

None

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

None

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

None

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

We would like to have more Court Security Training available in our area.



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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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Hello, Obion County!

Please find attached the 2022 Court Security Survey. The Administrative Office of the Courts is required by statute to survey each county every year and submit a full report to the General Assembly by January 15. This year, the AOC will also be making a budget request for additional court security funds that will be distributed to the counties. Our request is based on the information you provide, in particular the examples and explanations in the open-ended questions toward the back of the survey. Last year, both Davidson and Sevier counties were able to provide detailed information on the threats and situations that arose in their courthouses the previous year, and we were able to use these on multiple occasions to make our case with the General Assembly and Department of Finance and Administration for new funding.

There are likely multiple people from your county receiving this email. Across the 95 counties, different positions fill out the survey, and we don't always know the key contact for each county. In addition, filling out the survey often requires a collaborative effort. If you don't believe you are the correct person to fill out the survey, please forward it to the right person in your county and share any information you may have from your area (for example, if you are a court clerk and think a court liaison from the sheriff's office is the better person to fill out the survey, please forward it to that person and remind them if you have panic buttons at your public counters and of any security situations you faced from the past year). The presiding judge of your judicial district is also copied.

There are two versions of the survey attached. One is a fillable PDF and one is a Word document. They are the same. Please use the version you prefer. The survey can be returned via email (barbara.peck@tncourts.gov) or fax [\(615\) 741-6285](tel:6157416285).

Responses are due by January 6, 2023.

Thank you for your assistance!

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