Scope of a court security plan

Each court security plan should, at a minimum, address the following general security subject areas:

- 1. Composition and role of court security committees;
- 2. Composition and role of executive team;
- 3. Incident command system;
- 4. Self-assessments and audits of court security;
- 5. Mail handling security;
- 6. Identification cards and access control;
- 7. Courthouse landscaping security plan;
- 8. Parking plan security;
- 9. Interior and exterior lighting plan security;
- 10. Intrusion and panic alarm systems;
- 11. Fire detection and equipment;
- 12. Emergency and auxiliary power;
- 13. Use of private security contractors;
- 14. Use of court attendants and employees;
- 15. Administrative/clerk's office security;
- 16. Jury personnel and jury room security;
- 17. Security for public demonstrations;
- 18. Vital records storage security;
- 19. Evacuation planning;
- 20. Security for after-hours operations;
- 21. Custodial services;
- 22. Computer and data security;
- 23. Workplace violence prevention; and
- 24. Public access to court proceedings.

Each court security plan should, at a minimum, address the following law enforcement subject areas:

- 1. Security personnel and staffing;
- 2. Perimeter and entry screening;
- 3. Prisoner and inmate transport;
- 4. Holding cells;
- 5. Interior and public waiting area security;
- 6. Courtroom security;
- 7. Jury trial procedures;
- 8. High-profile and high-risk trial security;
- 9. Judicial protection;
- 10. Incident reporting and recording;
- 11. Security personnel training;
- 12. Courthouse security communication;
- 13. Hostage, escape, lockdown, and active shooter procedures;
- 14. Firearms policies and procedures; and
- 15. Restraint of defendants.

Each court security plan should address additional security issues as needed.