

Response to Critical Court Incidents and Emergency Planning: Courtroom and Courthouse Security

Government buildings continue to be a target, just turn on the news! Courthouses and courtrooms are especially vulnerable targets due to the fact they are not only government facilities but also where our criminal justice system operates. With many potential targets utilizing the courthouse daily, including defendants, victims, family, domestic parties, judges, and numerous county officials, disruptions are on the rise.

Courthouse/courtroom incidents range from minor disruptions such as picketing to physical assault and even murder. Regardless of your experience, there is no assurance that violence will not happen in your court. The question is not “if it will happen but when?”

Course Objectives:

Violent Court Incidents/Case Studies – By examining in detail past court incidents and case studies, students will be able to begin the process of assessing their own courtroom, courthouse, parking lots, grounds, and current security systems and protocols.

Legal Issues of Courtroom/Courthouse Security – This session will cover case law in order to prepare each student with a working knowledge of what they “can” and “can’t” do legally.

Overview of Courtroom Security – This session will cover and discuss profiles of those involved in courtroom/courthouse incidents, various stages of the proceeding in which incidents and disruptions are more likely to occur, and prepare the students **with a background in statistics to better prepare them for potential incidents.**

Daily Operational Concerns for Courtroom/Courthouse Security – By examining the “5 Elements of Courthouse/Courtroom Security” a foundation for security begins to develop with court security personnel, court tenants, policies and procedures, and the securing of the physical facility.

Prisoner/Defendant Security – This session will cover how to prepare for and minimize disruptions from in-custody defendants, transportation pitfalls, various restraints, communications, searches, juveniles, and a myriad of topics dealing with court appearances.

High Risk/Critical Situations – This session will be devoted to high-risk trials, sequestered juries, protests, and many other situations where there is time to prepare, implement and execute an appropriate plan to mitigate the risks.

Bomb Threats/Natural Disasters and Other Emergencies – There is the potential for a wide variety of emergency situations to arise at a courthouse, oftentimes with little or no warning. This session gives the students an overview of potential problems and prepares them with plans and procedures to implement to properly prepare for these types of emergency situations.

Sovereign Citizens – This session will give an overview to all students of the potential issues and the tactics used by sovereign citizens, from simple disruptions to dangerous life-threatening situations.

Courtroom/Courthouse Survey – This session will enable the students to return and complete a physical site survey of their courtroom/courthouse. They will receive a sample survey to utilize and/or modify to fit their individual setting. This will also be the basis for requesting additional resources and security personnel.

INSTRUCTOR

Rick Baker retired as a Lieutenant from the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office in Cookeville, Tennessee. During his 27-year law enforcement career, he supervised Corrections, Patrol, Training, and SWAT operations, while also providing specialized training to agencies across the country. Rick has extensive experience teaching and lecturing for law enforcement professionals, including officers, court clerks, court officers, and elected officials. He has presented at numerous national and state conferences and has been called upon as an expert witness in several court cases. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Lee University and a Master’s degree in Criminal Justice Management from Columbus University. Rick also maintains numerous instructor, training, and specialized certifications. Throughout his career, Rick has coordinated training programs including Academy instruction, Instructor Development, Ethics, and Leadership. He previously served as President of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Officers Association. Rick currently serves as the National Training Director for the Legal and Liability Risk Management Institute (LLRMI).

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Seminar Agenda			
Monday, May 3, 2027			
8:00 – 8:30 am	Registration	2:00 – 3:00 pm	Who Are Assailants
8:30 – 9:00 am	Welcome		• Location of Attacks
9:00 – 10:00 am	History of Courts		• Times of Attack
10:00 – 11:00 am	Legal Considerations of Court Security		• Where Attacks May Occur
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Constitutional Rights of Defendants		
	• Security for Defendants	3:00 – 4:30 pm	Courthouse Security Equipment
	• Security for Juvenile Defendants		Prisoner Transportation
	• Responsible Parties for Court Security		• Handling Procedures for Inmates
	• Local Considerations		• Handling Procedures for Transport of Inmates
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch (On Your Own)		• Handling Procedures for Juveniles
1:00– 2:00 pm	Courtroom and Courthouse Security Case Law	Wednesday, May 5, 2027	
	• Legal Restrictions	8:00 – 9:00 am	Survey of Courthouse & Courtroom
	• Legal Standards		• Elements of Security
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Overview of Courtroom and Courthouse Security		• Physical Security
	• Court Security - Overcoming Negative Thinking		• Barriers of Security
	• Complacent		• Perimeter Security
	• Comfortable		• Access to Facility Security
	• Catastrophe		• Interior Security – Hallways, Stairwells and Roof Exits
3:00 – 4:30 pm	Court Security Definition		• Courtroom Security – Bailiff vs Uniformed Officer, Role of Bailiff, and Roll of Uniformed Officer
	Court Security Standards		• High Risk Proceedings
	• Standard Operating Procedures		• Sequestered Juries
	• Security Plan		• Administrative Offices
	• Security Audits		• Judicial Chambers
	• Security Personnel & Staffing	9:00 – 10:00 am	Priorities of Courthouse Security
Tuesday, May 4, 2027			• Fundamental Priorities
8:00 – 9:00 am	Court Security Requiring Court Orders		• Critical Priorities
9:00 – 10:00 am	Local Government Considerations		• Essential Priorities
10:00 – 11:00 am	Five Elements of Courtroom/Courthouse Security		• Important Priorities
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Types of Threats or Incidents	10:00 – 11:00 am	Initiating/Upgrading A Security Program For Your Courthouse
	• Identifying the Threat		• Operations Plan
	• Assessing the Threat		• Security Plan
	• Investigating the Threat	11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Implementation of Courthouse Security
	• Managing the Threat		• Problems
	• Aftermath and Dealing with the Threat – Incident Report		• Recommendations
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch (On Your Own)		• Costs
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Tactical Approach to Areas of the Courtroom		• Self-Assessments of Courthouse
	• Danger Areas	12:00 pm	Certificate Presentation

Registration Form – Response to Critical Court Incidents and Emergency Planning: Courtroom and Courthouse Security #17477			
Names of Attendees			
1. _____		3. _____	
2. _____		4. _____	
Agency _____			
Invoice To Attention of: (Must be completed.) _____			
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Seminar Title:	Response to Critical Court Incidents and Emergency Planning: Courtroom and Courthouse Security
Seminar ID:	#17477
Dates:	May 3, 4 and 5, 2027
Registration Time:	May 3, 2027, 8 am
Instructors:	Rick Baker
Seminar Location:	Comal County Sheriff’s Office 3005 W San Antonio Street New Braunfels, Texas 78130
Hotel Reservations:	Fairfield Inn & Suites New Braunfels 1465 IH 36 N New Braunfels, Texas 78130 1-830-626-3133 State Gov’t Rate (plus tax)
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