

JACKSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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COURTROOM SECURITY & COURT HOLDING FACILITY

PURPOSE: To provide the Jacksonville Police Department with guidelines for providing court security for the Jacksonville District Court, in accordance with A.C.A. §16-10-1001 et. al.

POLICY: It is the policy of this Department to provide physical security for the Jacksonville District Court (JDC) facility and court proceedings. The integrity of all court proceedings must be protected by adhering to a strict level of security. By maintaining the standard of security set out in this policy, officers of this Department help insure the safety of the Judge, participants in court proceedings, and the public. This Department recognizes the potential for violence or threat of violence against the court and its participants and is committed to utilizing security measures to deter those who would take violent action against the court and its participants during court proceedings.

DEFINITIONS:

- I. COURT SECURITY SUPERVISOR: Any certified officer appointed by the Support Services Commander to supervise the courtroom security for the day.
- II. COURTROOM SECURITY OFFICER: Any certified officer who is assigned the duty of providing security inside the courtroom while the JDC is in session and who has completed the approved Courtroom Security training program
- III. COURT PERIMETER AND ENTRANCE PERSONNEL: Any certified officer or cadet assigned at the court entry point for the operation of the screening devices while the JDC is in session and who has completed the approved Courtroom Security training program.
- IV. EMERGENCY RESTRAINT CHAIR (ERC): A specially designed restraint chair maintained in the Court Holding Facility, utilized to restrain unruly prisoners and insure the safety/security of the courtroom procedures.
- V. PROHIBITED ITEMS: No weapons of any type; which includes firearms, cutting instruments of any type (i.e. knives scissors, or anything with a cutting edge, etc.), tools of any type, aerosol sprays or containers (i.e. mace, pepper spray, hairspray, shaving cream, etc.), or electronic devices or equipment of any type (i.e. cellular telephones, personal assistant devices, palm notepads, Blackberries, pagers, Ipods, walkmans, MP3 or CD players, radios, cassette players or any recording device, handheld or key ring games).
- VI. COURT FACILITIES: All areas encompassing the courtroom, including judge's chambers, prosecuting attorney's offices, court holding cells, hallways, and key controlled areas.

PROCEDURES:

- I. ADMINISTRATION
 - A. The security of the Jacksonville District Court on court days is the responsibility of the Jacksonville Police Department. The primary persons assigned to maintain court security are the courtroom security officer and court perimeter and entrance personnel. These employees