

Wyoming Court Security Commission
Minutes
March 22, 2017

The Wyoming Court Security Commission met on March 22, 2017. In attendance were Director Guy Cameron, Chair, Justice William U. Hill, Judge Wes Roberts, Judge Marv Tyler, Representative Mark Baker, Senator Leland Christensen, Daniel Erramouspe, Steve Woodson and Commissioner Mike Colling. Lily Sharpe, Joe Hartigan, Doug Gumm, Scott Ramsey and Ronda Munger also attended.

Call the Meeting to Order

Director Guy Cameron welcomed everyone, including the newest member Steve Woodson, Executive Director of the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), who replaced Mike Thompson. Director Woodson is the designated representative of the Peace Officer's Standards and Training Commission (POST). Director Cameron then led a discussion of the August 3, 2016 minutes. Mike Colling moved and Representative Baker seconded a motion to adopt the minutes. The Commission approved the August 3, 2016 minutes on a unanimous vote.

2016 County Assessments

Ronda Munger briefed the Commission on the State Justice Institute Technical Grant for courthouse security assessments, which was awarded for the 2016-2017 year. The grant funds were provided to accomplish courthouse security assessments in seven counties: Carbon, Converse, Hot Springs, Lincoln, Sheridan, Uinta, and Washakie. The onsite visits for these assessments were concluded in October of 2016, and the final reports are near completion. A meeting of all the stakeholders in each of the counties was conducted and information was gathered. The draft reports were submitted to the Wyoming Supreme Court in February of 2017 and were provided to the judges in the respective counties. Comments were received from the judges, and the final reports will be provided in April. The reports will be held as confidential but will be provided to the local judges for distribution as the judges deem necessary. The Commission will discuss the next steps regarding the seven county assessments and the path forward with the Legislature during the 2018 Budget Session.

2015 Wyo.Sess.Laws 477-2015 Courthouse Security Assessments

Ronda Munger provided an update on the funding expenditures in the eight counties that received the appropriated monies in the 2015 and 2016 legislative session. Five of the counties (Albany, Crook, Goshen, Niobrara, and Platte) have all been approved for State Lands and Investment Board (SLIB) monies and are in varying stages of construction. Big Horn County will be on the SLIB Board agenda on April 6, 2016. Ronda discussed the proposed improvements with Sheriff Blackburn and reported that the courtroom in Big Horn County will be relocated to the opposite side of the building. The reason for this change is that it will put the courtroom closer to the jail, so that the transfer of inmates can be accomplished without as much contact with public areas of the courthouse. This should improve the safety of all individuals who frequent the building. There will also be ballistic material added to the bench and the jury box in the courtroom.

Weston County will also be on the April 6, 2017, agenda of SLIB. Weston County will be working to move the circuit court into the existing courthouse and has some additional grant applications to accomplish prior to implementing a specific plan for security improvement. The courthouse recently had a water issue and that has delayed the plans moving forward.

The Commission discussed the progress of the justice center in Sweetwater County. Dan Erramouspe advised that the projected date for completion will be the end of 2017. Representative Baker stated that the Joint Judiciary Committee met in Rock Springs and received a tour of the complex. He also stated that the facility and the sharing of space between agencies is a model that the rest of the state should follow. The Court, the sheriff's office, the jail, the county attorney and the public defender's office will all be housed at one complex.

PRND Program Update

Doug Gumm, Radiation Specialist with the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security (WOHS), provided an update on the Preventative Radiological Nuclear Detection Program (PRND). This program is designed to prevent the latest threat to security across the nation by stopping threats at the entrance to the courthouses. The device used to detect radiological material is called a Spectroscopic Personal Radiation Detector (SPRD). The device alarms when it is in the proximity of radiological material – it also identifies the isotope, so that security personnel can identify medical isotopes from industrial isotopes. Industrial isotopes can be used as potential threats. The PRND program is currently undergoing its Concept of Operation final review. A brochure explaining the program will be provided to all the local court security management committees (see Appendix A). WOHS will be offering to train ten (10) courts across the state. The training has been approved for four (4) hours of POST certification. The goal is to provide training for all courts across the state as the resources become available. The Commission discussed which ten locations should be first. Moving forward, it was decided that WOHS will provide the materials to the local court security management committees and ascertain the interest of each of the courts to participate.

Incident Reports

Joe Hartigan, Supreme Court Security Officer, reported on the incident reports received since the last meeting, which was in August. He relayed the following information:

– TYPE OF REPORTS SUBMITTED SINCE AUGUST –

1. Attempt/bring knife into court	5
2. Attempt to bring firearm to court	1
3. Weapon/brass knuckles	1
4. Inmate escape attempt	1
5. Warrant arrest	1
6. Physical assault	2
7. Drugs/contraband	1
8. Public indecency	1
9. Intoxicated person/judge ordered U/A	2

10. Verbal threat	12
11. Written threat	4
12. Disorderly conduct	5
13. Harassment	1
14. Suspicious circumstance	3
15. Suspicious package	1
16. Intelligence on a potential threat	1
17. Flooding/affecting inmate court transport	1
18. Emergency medical	5
19. Emergency Fire	1

REPORTS SUBMITTED BY COUNTY:

COUNTY	SINCE AUGUST	TOTAL
Albany	0	0
Big Horn	0	2
Campbell	4	4
Carbon	1	1
Converse	5	10
Crook	0	2
Fremont	1	5
Goshen	1	2
Hot Springs	0	0
Johnson	0	2
Laramie	13	29
Lincoln	1	4
Natrona	4	23
Niobrara	0	0
Park	0	5
Platte	3	3
Sheridan	1	2
Sublette	3	8
Sweetwater	3	10
Teton	0	1
Uinta	5	12
Washakie	0	0
Weston	0	0
Wyoming Supreme Court	4	6

Standard 2009-1

Judge Roberts requested that Standard 2009-1 be reviewed and possibly revised. He provided a brief history of how the Riverton local court security management committee has evolved over the years. Standard 2009-1 requires there to be a circuit judge and a district judge on each of the local court security management committees. Although Judge Roberts believes having a diverse local management committee with broad experiences to be beneficial, he raised the concern that the Riverton local committee would not be in compliance with the standard because the Riverton Court is a satellite court and does not

provide any work space for the district court. In addition, to that issue, the Riverton local management committee has not sought the approval of the Fremont County Commissioners for the appointment of additional members. It is Judge Roberts' position that the committees need the flexibility to appoint members as they see fit, and not have to delay the process by seeking approval of the county commissioners.

The Commission took action as follows:

Judge Tyler moved and Representative Baker seconded a motion to amend Standard 2009-1 as follows:

3. All other members of each Committee shall be selected, appointed and approved in writing by the County ~~Commissioners~~Court Security Management Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Judge Tyler moved and Commissioner Mike Colling seconded a motion to amend Standard 2009-1 as follows:

4. The decision to include representative(s) of any municipal courts shall be the decision of each ~~Committee in concert with the~~ County ~~Commissioners~~Court Security Management Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Judge Robert moved and Judge Tyler seconded a motion to change Standard 2009-1 as follows:

7. Each local Court Security Management Committee shall determine the physical limits of the "courtroom" for the purposes of court security.
 - A. Courtroom security may be extended to all parts of the courthouse, and the area within the ~~ear~~eartilage in which the courtroom is located, to provide adequate security.

Motion carried unanimously.

Justice Hill moved and Representative Baker seconded a motion to refer to the local committees as the "Court Security Management Committee" in all places that it appears in Standard 2009-1.

Motion carried unanimously.

Please see attached Appendix B for a complete look at the changes made to Standard 2009-1.

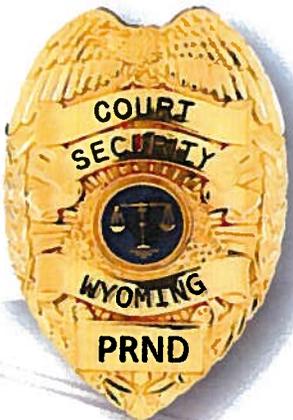
Annual Reports

Director Cameron reviewed the process for the submission of the annual reports by the Court Security Management Committees, which are due no later than July 1, 2017. Judge Tyler suggested that the Court Security Management Committees be required to provide any court security Orders in effect at the courthouses. Judge Tyler presides over cases in many of the courts across the state. It would be beneficial to him to know what the security orders are in each of the counties. The Commission discussed this issue. Judge Roberts moved and Representative Baker seconded a motion to have Joe Hartigan request a copy of any security Orders for the respective courthouses in the reminder email sent to the Chairperson of the court security management committees. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Court Security Commission will be held August 2, 2017.

Commission Adjourned



Wyoming Court Security Preventative Radiological & Nuclear Detection (PRND) Capability



Preventing radiological and nuclear terrorism and other related crimes within the Wyoming State Court System requires the ability to detect and interdict radiological and nuclear material that can be used as a weapon within state court houses and administrative offices.

The Wyoming Court Security Commission has partnered with the State of Wyoming Office of Homeland Security's Radiological Services Program to support the development of a systematic and coordinated capability for the rapid detection, interdiction, and assessment radiological and nuclear materials on state court properties, and response to a possible radiological/nuclear threat or incident.

Capability Development Objectives include:

- Building court security radiological and nuclear detection capability with assistance from and under the guidance of the Wyoming PRND Program.
- Incorporating PRND capability into existing court security standards and practices to enhance life, property and judicial process protection.
- Conducting venue PRND site assessments to determine levels of threat, vulnerabilities, protective measures, and extend of needed detection capabilities.
- Creating uniform agency PRND protocols that include screening, interviewing, assessment, alarm adjudication, and reporting procedures.
- Standardizing PRND operator and equipment requirements (typing).
- Providing threat awareness, operator, and equipment training through the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy and under Wyoming Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST).
- Identifying long-term capability sustainment, management, and oversight requirements.

For more information on how to build your Court Security PRND capability please contact:

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Backpacks



PRDS



Low Resolution RIID



Portals



Mobile



High Resolution RIIDs

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Wyoming Court Security Standard 2009-1

As directed by the Wyoming Court Security Act, W.S. § 5-11-101(e) the following standard is established:

1. Each county shall establish a Court Security Management Committee (Committee).
 2. The following entities shall provide representation on each Committee:
 - A. The Sheriff
 - B. One judge from the Circuit Court and one judge from the District Court in the county
 - C. The County Commissioners
 3. All other members of each Committee shall be selected, appointed and approved in writing by the ~~County Commissioners~~Court Security Management Committee.
 4. The decision to include representative(s) of any municipal courts shall be the decision of each ~~Committee in concert with the County Commissioners~~Court Security Management Committee.
 5. Each Committee shall elect a chairperson who will be the primary point of contact with the Wyoming Court Security Commission (Commission).
 6. Each Committee shall meet at least two (2) times per year.
 7. Each local Court Security Management Committee shall determine the physical limits of the "courtroom" for the purposes of court security.
 - A. Courtroom security may be extended to all parts of the courthouse, and the area within the ~~eartilage~~curtilage in which the courtroom is located, to provide adequate security.
 8. Each Committee shall respond to requests for information, recommendations, and review of future Court Security Standards to the Commission in a timely manner.
 9. Each Committee shall provide a report to the Commission by July 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, on the status of court security in their County.
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