

Minutes

Court Security Committee

October 21, 2015

The Court Security Committee met on October 21, 2015 in the attorney conference room at 231 Capitol Ave, Hartford.

Members in attendance: Hon. Patrick L. Carroll III (Chair), Hon. Elliot N. Solomon, Joseph D'Alesio, Hon. Matthew Frechette, Stephen Grant, John Gregorzek, Melanie Kerr, Robert Kilpatrick, Richard Loffredo, Pamela Meotti, O'Donovan Murphy, Denise Poncini, Gary Roberge, Scott Rosengrant, Robin Smith, and Michael Sullivan.

Also in attendance: Samuel Broome, Lawrence Callahan, Jeffrey Coury, and Michael Freeman.

1. Judge Carroll announced that Bristol Police Chief Thomas Grimaldi has resigned from the Court Security Committee. The Committee will seek a new representative from the Connecticut Police Chief's Association.
2. The minutes from the March 30, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.
3. Lieutenant Jeffrey Court from the Hartford Judicial District, Sergeant Michael Freeman from the Windham Judicial District and Judicial Marshal Samuel Broome from the Hartford Judicial District gave a presentation to the Committee on safety and security challenges the Judicial Marshals are presented with on a daily basis.
4. Joe D'Alesio provided an overview of an incident that occurred at a courthouse in Bridgeport that led to an evacuation. The Committee determined that it would be a good idea to do a table top exercise based on the incident. This will serve as a learning experience for future events.
5. Melanie Kerr provided an update of the work of the Juror Security Subcommittee. The Subcommittee is working on developing a template to be utilized statewide on issues related to juror security. The Subcommittee is also looking at issues regarding juror identification and juror parking.
6. Melanie Kerr provided an update on the work of the Judicial District Emergency Response Plan Subcommittee. The templates that the Subcommittee created have been completed by all districts except two. Training on the plans at the local level is continuing to evolve. Work is being done to move the training onto LMS.
7. Melanie Kerr provided an update on the work of the Local Judicial District Security Committees Subcommittee. The local security meetings have gone very well. The biggest issue that arises is supervisors not keeping their staff lists up-to-date and bringing those lists out during evacuation/drills.

8. Future Subcommittees will be created to revise the Branch's Security Manual and to develop local emergency response plans for non-courthouse Branch facilities.

9. The next meeting is scheduled for 2:30 on Tuesday, December 8, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45