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- 29 years in law enforcement
- Began career in 1990 with the City of Florence (1990-1993)
- 12 years as Sheriff of Williamsburg County (1993-2010)
- Appointed by President Barack Obama in 2010 as the United States Marshal for the District of South Carolina (2010-2018)
- Currently the Chief of Police in Darlington, SC
- B. S., M. S., graduate of SCCJA, and FBI LEEDS

Recent Events

- On March 11, 2005 at the Fulton County Courthouse in Atlanta, GA a Judge, Court Reporter, and Court Security Officer lost their lives due to the actions of an in-custody defendant.
- On December 15, 2011, inside the courthouse in Grand Marais County, MN, a convicted sex offender shot and wounded the County Attorney before subdued by law enforcement.
- On April 21, 2014, A defendant in a Utah courtroom was shot and killed by a Deputy U.S. Marshal after rushing the witness stand with a pen.

Courtroom Security Functions

- Search Courtrooms
- Monitor Attendees
- Court Security Plan
- Communications

Screen Spectators/Participants

- Walk Thru Metal Detector
- Hand Held Metal Detector
- Security Pat-Down
- Secondary Screening

Metal Detectors are to be located outside the courtroom nearing away from exits or restrooms

The Ideal Courtroom

- Entrance for the general public is to the rear of the courtroom
- Separate entrance and exit doors for Judge and staff
- Court security officers should be located at every entrance/exit to courtroom

The Ideal Courtroom

- Jury box is located to the right of the judge with a clear view.
- Defendants and victims are to be seated at opposing tables or booths (across from each other).
- Cameras should also be placed in the courtroom and should always be monitored.



In The Event of Violence

- Exit courtroom or take cover
 - De-escalation
 - Allows law enforcement to defuse the threat
 - Prevents you from becoming a witness
- Remain in a secure location
- Assist court officers to keep the courtroom safe
- Only L. E. should have weapons in the courtroom!!!

Questions and Discussion

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