

Courthouse Entrance Control

902.1 COURTHOUSE ENTRANCE CONTROL PROCEDURES

Entry control points into the courthouse shall be staffed by bailiffs and situated to allow for an orderly flow of foot traffic through the screening process.

Appropriate and available screening equipment (i.e. magnetometer, x-ray or wand) shall be utilized at the entry control points to screen everyone entering the secure area. The search shall be advertised at each entrance to the courthouse so that entry through the entry control point will carry an "implied consent" to the search. Screening is voluntary since the person who refuses to enter through the control point may leave, but will be denied access to the courthouse. All carried

Items shall be screened and/or searched at the check point for weapons.

All persons entering the courthouse shall go through this screening process except Judges, lawyers, properly identified law enforcement officers and authorized state and county personnel who have been issued identification cards and who are entering the courthouse for official business. Only law enforcement officers and lawfully recognized judges and courtroom officials may possess weapons or firearms in secure areas.