

## GERALD BUSTOS - ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SHERIFF

Rock Island Judges, State's Attorney's Office, Public Defender, Court Services,

**To:** Recorder's Office, Adult Probation and County Office Bldg.

From: Sheriff Bustos

cc:

**Date:** June 16, 2016

**Re:** New Security Protocols

## PUBLIC ENTRANCE SCREENING

Starting Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 all persons entering Rock Island County court facilities (on the public side) will undergo a TSA type screening process. Expect longer lines and some wait times as everyone adjusts.

Judges and elected county officials should enter the courthouse through the west door as they currently do now. All other county employees are encouraged to use the south employee entrance at the courthouse to bypass the screening process. If a county employee enters the courthouse through the public point of entry, you will be subject to the screening process. County employees working in the Annex facility and who display a proper county issued ID will be exempt from the screening process.

Law enforcement (with proper ID) will be exempt from screening at the public point of entry.

Eventually, private attorneys who qualify (like a TSA-precheck) will be issued a picture ID. This will allow them to avoid the screening process however subject them to periodic compliance checks. Attorneys should be encouraged to carry their Illinois State Bar card, especially if they visit the courthouse infrequently so security knows they are authorized to bring in their cell phone and computer.

## **COURT SECURITY COMMITTEE**

Judges VandeWiele, Church, and Kauzlarich have been assigned to a Court Security Committee and will be working in the future with Captain Ven Huizen to review and improve security measures in the County.

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