

## **COURT SECURITY POLICY**

The Common Pleas Court and the County Courts are charged with dispensing justice, resolving disputes, and protecting the constitutional rights of those who appear before the Courts.

Accordingly, appropriate levels of security should exist in the Courts to protect the integrity of Court Procedures, protect the rights of individuals before it, deter those who would take violent action against the Courts or litigants, sustain the proper decorum and dignity of the Courts, and assure that Court facilities are secure for all those who visit and work there.

Therefore, pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Common Pleas Court and Rule 18 of the Rules of Superintendence for the County Courts, the Court establish as follows:

- (A) The Courts have appointed a Local Security Advisory Committee, consisting of the Common Pleas Judges, the three (3) County Court Judges, the three (3) County Commissioners, the Sheriff, the Police Chief of the City of St. Clairsville, the Prosecutor, the County Auditor, and a member of the Local Bar.
- (B) The Courts have implemented a Local Security Policy and Procedure Plan, which plan addresses the Security Standards adopted by the Supreme Court of Ohio on October 17, 1994.
- (C) The Local Court Security Advisory Committee has adopted a Security Operations Manual, which Manual shall establish written directives for the purpose of ensuring security within the Courts while maintaining accessibility to the community.

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