

Effective date: Monday, June 03, 2019.

This order rescinds and replaces Local Administrative Order 2017-01.

The issue of courthouse safety is important not only to the judicial employees of this state, but also to all those who are summoned to Michigan courtrooms or who visit for professional or personal reasons. In accordance with Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 2001-1 "Security Policies for Court Policies" and MCR 8.110, this policy is hereby enacted for the Ann Arbor Justice Center located at 301 E. Huron Street in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

- 1) General Access: During the operational hours of the court, persons who enter the building through the front doors on Huron Street shall be processed through and successfully complete the security screening process for the purpose of keeping weapons or other prohibited items from entering the courthouse.

This requirement does not apply to current employees of the 15th Judicial District Court, the City of Ann Arbor Information Technology Unit, the City of Ann Arbor Police Department or other law enforcement agencies in the performance of their official duties as these persons have successfully met Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) security clearance requirements. If requested by Court Security Officers, proof of membership in the form of a valid ID badge shall be presented by an individual or individuals who are members of an exempted service unit or agency. If valid ID is not presented, the individual or individuals shall be required to be processed through and successfully complete the security screening process.

Additionally, this requirement does not apply to first responders in the performance of their official duties who are in uniform (or otherwise properly identified) and are not a party to a matter then before the Court.

The Chief Judge or Court Administrator may authorize additional exceptions under appropriate circumstances.

- 2) Access to Physically Secured Areas: To meet the requirements of 'unescorted access', individuals must successfully pass a fingerprint and name-based background check, complete Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Security Awareness Training, and be granted access by the service unit (15th Judicial District Court, Ann Arbor Police Department or City of Ann Arbor Information Technology Unit) into which the individual will have access. Any individual allowed into a secured area who has not met CJIS security clearance requirements, shall be escorted at all times. No unauthorized person(s) shall have card or key access to secured areas.

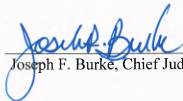
- 3) No weapons, or any object that can be construed to be a weapon by the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office Court Security Deputies, are allowed in the Ann Arbor Justice Center. This prohibition does not apply to security personnel of the Court nor law enforcement personnel in the performance of their official duties, if the officer is in uniform (or otherwise properly identified) and is not a party to a matter then before the Court.

On-duty, uniformed law enforcement personnel must wear a triple retention holster or other holster approved by police command staff. All plain-clothes officers must conceal their weapons while in public areas. Law enforcement personnel who are not on duty and who are in the Ann Arbor Justice Center on personal business shall be directed to take their weapon(s) back to their vehicles.

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- 4) Other than defendants appearing before a jury, all in-custody defendants and anyone under the supervision of prisoner transportation officers must remain in full restraints at all times while in the courthouse. An individual judge may grant an exception to this rule while the defendant is present in that judge's courtroom.
- 5) Notice shall be posted that "No weapons are permitted in the Ann Arbor Justice Center. As a condition of entry, all personal property and parcels are subject to a search for weapons and other prohibited or restricted items. Persons in violation of this order may be held in contempt of court."
- 6) Persons in violation of this order may be held in contempt of court.

Date: MAY 01 2019



Joseph F. Burke, Chief Judge