Chapter 4 - Court Security

The provision and maintenance of effective security measures throughout the Los Angeles County Court System are the prime responsibility of the Court Services Division.

The ever present threats of courtroom disruption, violence, escape, unauthorized access, theft, vandalism and other crimes, demand implementation of a positive and effective security program to prevent or minimize these hazards.

Toward this goal, Court Services Division, in conjunction with various concerned tenant departments in all court facilities, has developed a comprehensive program of extensive and specific security procedures.

In both its planning and procedural aspects, security is an operations problem with features unique to both specific facilities and occupants. To ensure adequate and effective security measures and procedures, responsibility must be clearly delineated and individually placed within each branch court. I n each branch court throughout the county, the Sheriff is designated as the security coordinator and has the responsibility for providing, carrying out and directing security procedures in coordination with the other building tenants. As a rule, the branch supervisor is designated as the security coordinator. The Security Operations Unit of the Court Services Division is the support unit for branch security coordinators.