

April 1, 2003

Courthouse Security

A total of 30 counties (65%) responded to the survey. Only three counties (Darlington, Florence, and Spartanburg) use outside agencies for security at the county courthouse. The number of persons assigned to security ranged from 0 to 58. Almost all counties use at least one metal detector/magnetometer at the courthouse.

County	Security		Name of Agency	Number of Persons Assigned	Metal Detectors/ Magnetometers	Annual Budget to Agency
	Deputies	Agency				
Abbeville	Yes			0 assigned; come as needed	1	
Aiken	Yes			6	1 (at only entrance)	
Allendale	Yes			2 have been assigned, but more allocated for new courthouse	We will in our new one, which is under construction.	
Anderson				3 FT; up to 8	2 stationary -- 1 at front entrance and 1 at back entrance	
Barnwell	Yes			2 deputies & 5 bailiffs	2	
Berkeley	Yes			9	1	
Calhoun	Yes			2 or 3 in high-profile cases	2	
Charleston	Yes			58 FT (1 lt.; 2 sgt.; 19 deputies; 5 retired (temps); 28 security/detention officers; 1 deten. lt.; 2 deten. sgt.)	7 hand-held scanners/magnetometers; 2 walk-through scanners; 3 x-ray machines	
Cherokee	Yes			2 FT; up to 6 during court times	2	
Colleton	Yes			3	3	
Darlington		Yes	Cobra Security	1 FT; 1 PT on Gen. Sessions court days	1 metal detector; 1 x-ray machine	\$20,800 -- 1 full-time guard and 1 part-time guard during terms of court
Edgefield	Yes			5 for Gen. Sessions; 2 for Fam. Court; 1 for Civil, if requested	0	
Florence		Yes	City Police Department	7 class 3 limited duty officers	3 (1 at each entrance)	\$140,000 -- County pays 72%; city pays 28%. This includes personnel, equipment, and supplies.
Georgetown	Yes			2	2 walk-throughs at entrance to General Sessions courtroom as well as a few handheld scanners	
Greenville	Yes			14	3 hand-held detectors; 1 magnetometer	

County	Security		Name of Agency	Number of Persons Assigned	Metal Detectors/ Magnetometers	Annual Budget to Agency
	Deputies	Agency				
Greenwood	Yes			2	1	
Hampton	Yes			1 deputy & 3 court bailiffs only during General Sessions	2 (do not use)	
Jasper	Yes			3 only during court	1 (outside of courtroom)	
Kershaw	Yes			2 deputies & 2 constables	2	
Laurens	Yes			2 FT; 6 to 8 when court is in session	2	
Lexington	Yes			9 FT/1 PT	2	
Marion	Yes			6	1	
McCormick	Yes			Varies according to the term	2	
Newberry	Yes			None at present -- Courthouse under renovation	1 -- Only for courtroom	
Oconee	Yes			4 (2 at entrance; 1 in monitoring station; 1 in Family Court)	1	
Orangeburg	Yes			2 or 3	Yes	
Pickens	Yes			3	1	
Saluda	Yes			0	0 -- Have panic button at each workstation wired to Sheriff's office	
Spartanburg		Yes				
Sumter	Yes			Courthouse -- 3; Fam. Court -- 2	Courthouse -- 1; Fam. Court -- 1	
TOTAL:	27	3		0 -- 58	0 -- 7	