

The Ohio Supreme Court has adopted amendments for Rule 09 and Appendix C of the Rules of Superintendence that will take effect on March 01, 2009 regarding court security plans and standards.

Changes include:

Require Courts to establishing a court security committee to implement security standards outlined in Appendix C (Committee is currently optional)

Revises makeup of the court security committee to include representatives of first responders, EMA, funding authorities and citizen representatives

Requires adoption of an Emergency Preparedness / Continuity of Operations plan as part of the court security plan

Require all persons entering a court facility be subject to a "security search", instead of a "security screening". (This appears to be a change in terminology only)

The new rule no longer suggests that court personnel should go through the security search, however, exemption of personnel from the security screening process, including elected officials, court personnel, attorneys, law enforcement officers, or court security should be decided and documented by the Court Security Committee.

Follow the link to see the proposed rules. <http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/RuleAmendments/Archive.aspx#bottom>

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