

Wyoming Court Security Commission Meeting

Virtually via Microsoft Teams
and in-person room 237, Wyoming Supreme Court

*August 18, 2022, from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Committee Members: Justice John Fenn, Judge Wesley Roberts, Judge Darcy Phillips, Senator Tara Nethercott, Representative Art Washut, Deputy Director George Nykun, Commissioner Mike Colling, Daniel Erramouspe, Sheriff Scott Matheny, Director Forrest Williams, Joe Hartigan, and Elisa Butler

Agenda Items

Call to Order

Justice John Fenn

Justice Fenn welcomed and introduced the members of the Commission. Minutes were circulated. There were no corrections, changes, or discussions relating to the proposed May 26, 2021, meeting minutes. Sheriff Matheny made a motion to approve the minutes, and Director Williams seconded. Minutes were approved.

Incident Reports Summary

Joe Hartigan

The incidents reported during fiscal year 2022 include the following types of security events:

- 19 Disorderly conduct reports;
- 7 Verbal threat reports;
- 7 Medical emergency reports;
- 3 Written threat reports; and
- 27 Other reports of the following incident type: bomb threat; emergency fire; prisoner escape attempt; vandalism; hidden knife; shots fired in the vicinity; inmate self-harm; unsecured doors; covid positive contacts; traffic accidents; DUI; intoxicated defendant; improper court decorum; use of unauthorized devices; improper communication by an attorney.

The submitted report totals this year were significantly higher than the past year. The Covid-19 pandemic closed courthouses across Wyoming for an extended period in the previous year. With courthouses opening their doors for

	<p>business again this year, the submitted security incident reports increased to the second highest yearly total since the inception of incident report writing.</p> <p>All counties submitted their Annual Reports. Some of the reports are lacking in content, but it is an improvement to have them all submitted. Justice Fenn emphasized the importance of the involvement of the local Judge and Sheriff in the committees.</p>
Grant Funds Update Ronda Munger	<p>Document detailing grant fund balances was attached to meeting materials. In 2018, the Wyoming Supreme Court in consultation with the Commission was appropriated \$400,000 to grant to the counties. All funds have been expended and any monies left over reverted to the General Fund on May 26, 2022.</p>
Commission Focus for 2021/2022 Justice Fenn	<p>Justice Fenn informed the Commission about the trips taken to Lander on November 2, 2021, and to Worland on March 15, 2022. During the county visits, Justice Fenn and Joe Hartigan provided information and training about the Commission and toured the local courthouses. Some of the materials are attached to these minutes.</p> <p>Justice Fenn and Sheriff Matheny exchanged information about the upcoming training in Campbell County. Sheriff Matheny invited Justice Fenn to the September and December meetings of the Wyoming Sheriffs Association. Justice Fenn will plan to attend.</p>
Training Opportunity for Judges Justice Fenn Deputy Director Nykun	<p>The Commission discussed the upcoming training for the trial judges in Wyoming. A four-hour training on firearms, home security, and courthouse security is being planned for the judges' spring meetings. The training for the district judges will be held in Casper. The Natrona County Sheriff's Office has offered the use of their training facilities. The circuit judges' training will likely be in Jackson in May. Deputy Director Nykun is hoping to provide grant funding to help with the training expenses.</p>
Adjourn	12:53 p.m.

Actions Taken:	
1.	The Commission approved the meeting minutes from May 26, 2021.
2.	Justice Fenn will contact the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy to discuss the court security training class offered by the academy.
3.	Sheriff Matheny will request time on the agenda during the September and December WASCOP meetings for Justice Fenn.
4.	Justice Fenn will follow up with the Natrona County Sheriff's Office and with the speakers for the spring training.
5.	*The August 18, 2022, meeting minutes will be officially approved at a future meeting.