

Austin Municipal Court



City Marshal Office

Public Safety Commission Briefing
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Background

- Alignment with City Manager direction
- Courthouse Security
 - ✓ Judge Julie Kocurek Act (SB 42)
 - ✓ Court Security Incidents
 - ❑ AMC and DACC
 - ❑ Attempted weapons entry, physical injuries, frequent altercations, threats to judges and prosecutors
 - ❑ Statewide trends (2009-2019)
 - 270% increase in security incidents in last 10 years
 - 426% increase in last 5 years
 - Municipal courts make up 15-25% of all incidents
 - ✓ Recommendations from State Director of Court Security
 - ❑ Hybrid of private security and law enforcement resources
- Industry best practices and standards
 - ❑ Market research
 - ❑ Goal of effectively protecting all stakeholders



Authority

- Some duties can only be performed by law enforcement
 - ✓ Process service (Art. 45.202 CCP)
 - ❑ Process= Any means used by a court to exercise jurisdiction over a defendant
 - ✓ Onsite enforcement of Penal Code and other lawful judicial orders (Ch. 14 CCP)

Intent

- Oversight Over:
 - ✓ Courthouse security-**Primary responsibility**
 - ❑ Front entrance
 - Weapons/contraband removal and supervision
 - Escalations
 - ❑ Courtrooms
 - Bailiff duties
 - ❑ Private security resources
 - ✓ Enforcement of court orders (subject to internal policies)
 - ✓ Inmate transfers