

TEXAS JUSTICE COURT

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TRAINING CENTER

16-Hour Courtroom Security Workshop

Omni SouthPark

Austin, TX

February 10-13, 2019



Registration is still open!

Registration Fee: \$150.00

This course will satisfy TCOLE Course #10999, the required court security officer due by September 1, 2019

For additional information contact Laura Villarreal at lv13@txstate.edu, call at 512.347.9927 or visit www.tjctc.org/civil-process/courtsecurity.html

John F. Muffler, M.S.



John Muffler, Principal of Aequitas Global Security, LLC, is an accomplished law enforcement professional with more than 28-years of experience in the field with an emphasis on leadership and high-level security matters. John served the United States Marshals Service as the Administrator of the National Center for Judicial Security. In addition to his capacity with the U.S. Marshals Service, where he was tasked with protecting hundreds of personnel, facilities, and at-risk public officials, he has worked in the private sector to support the development of national-level protection plans, the development of physical security programs, and developing comprehensive risk-assessment tools for a variety of clients.

Examples of his work include the development and use of multi-disciplinary threat assessment teams that advise hundreds of schools and workplaces on protective, prevention, and intervention approaches related to behavioral violence; the development of the Department of Homeland Security's national-level Active Shooter Preparedness curriculum; and, ongoing counsel and advisement for clients on short and long-term threat case management strategies.

In addition to his professional services, John volunteers his expertise for victims of harassment, stalking and violence. After the Parkland, FL, mass-casualty event, he volunteered time for a family of one of the victims offering guidance; traveling to Washington, he met with various United States Senators and Congressmen with the goal of establishing national school safety and security standards.

John received his Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Temple University, Master of Science in Criminal Justice from St. Joseph's University, and is a graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School Executive Leaders Program. He is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and on the committee of the International Managers of Police Academy and College Training (IMPACT), the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals, and National Sheriffs' Association. He proudly serves on the Advisory Board of Blue HELP, whose mission it is to stem law enforcement suicide and its stigma.

Hector Gomez



Hector retired in December 2017 after a 31-year career with the US Marshals Service as the Supervisory Deputy of the Austin Division. Hector was hired as the first Court Security Director for the Texas Office of Court Administration overseeing the establishment of the state's Court Security Division. This position was created pursuant to Senate Bill 42, cited as *The Judge Julie Kocurek Judicial and Courthouse Security Act of 2017*.

His career highlights include serving in leadership and support roles involving national high-profile criminal trials involving Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs, Narcotics Cartels, Organized Crime, White Supremacists', John Gotti, Ted Kaczynski "Unabomber", and Timothy McVeigh. Assignments to the United Nations to augment personal security for visiting foreign ministers, supported security missions for US Supreme Court Justices, Deputy Attorney General, ONDCP Director - *Drug Czar*, and government high value VIP's. Responded to the Los Angeles Riots, hurricanes and natural disasters under Presidential directive.

Hector was responsible for overseeing and directing criminal investigators, judicial threat and inappropriate communication investigations, Court Security Officers, and accountable for the safety and physical security of the judiciary and courthouse facilities in the Austin Division.

In 2005 Hector established the Lone Star Fugitive Task Force in Austin, a multi-agency law enforcement partnership serving central Texas charged with locating and apprehending area violent offenders, gang members, sex offenders, and criminals posing the highest degree of risk to our communities and law enforcement.

The Lone Star Fugitive Task Force was recognized by the Justice Department as recipient of the Task Force of the Year Award, twice recipient of the 100 Club of Central Texas – Law Enforcement Group of the Year, and recognition from the Governor's Office, State Legislature and the United States Senate.

In his current role, Hector assists courts with conducting and reviewing security and emergency preparedness assessments, implementation of privacy protections for the judiciary, support establishment of court security committees, and serves as a clearinghouse of information regarding judicial and court security best practices.

Austin 16-Hour Court Security Schedule

Sunday, February 10th

Travel & Registration

Monday, February 11th

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Introduction to Court Security in Texas (SB 42, Collection funds, Requirements)
10:00 – 12:00 p.m.	Current Trends in Court Security & Threat Assessment
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Current Trends in Court Security & Threat Assessment
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Security Plans for Your Court: A Panel Discussion

Tuesday, February 12th

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Screening Basics (Include tech in this component)
10:00 – 12:00 p.m.	Explosives Recognition and Awareness
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Free Time

Wednesday, February 13th

8:00 – 12:00 p.m.	Case Studies (Include a technology tech study)
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Sunday, February 10th

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Registration
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Monday, February 11th

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Introduction to Court Security in Texas <i>Hector Gomez, Office of Court Administration</i>
10:00 – 12:00 p.m.	Current Trends in Court Security & Threat Assessment <i>John Muffler, Principal of Aequitas Global Security</i>
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Current Trends in Court Security & Threat Assessment <i>John Muffler, Principal of Aequitas Global Security</i>
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Security Plans for Your Court: A Panel Discussion <i>Moderator: Thea Whalen</i>

Tuesday, February 12th

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Screening Basics <i>Lt. Sal Rodriguez, Bexar County</i>
10:00 – 12:00 p.m.	Explosives Recognition and Awareness <i>Special Agent Matt Abowd, ATF</i>
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Free Time

Wednesday, February 13th

8:00 - 12:00 p.m.	Case Studies <i>Chief Deputy Bobby Gutierrez, Travis County</i>
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