

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

2013- 4

COURTHOUSE, COURT SERVICES AND COURT TRUSTEE SECURITY

1. It is the responsibility of the Judicial Branch to create and maintain a fair, safe, secure, unintimidating and civilized forum for the resolution of legal disputes, in which parties, witnesses and victims may present their positions and evidence, in which staff may function, and in which the Court may fearlessly render its decisions.
2. In cooperation with the County for funding the Sheriff's operations and the Court's operations, the Judicial Branch, with the expertise of the Sheriff and reasonable funding from the County, has a duty to maintain a stable, understandable, and effective security protocol that is consistent with the primary mission of the Judicial Branch.
3. The District Court has a constitutional responsibility for the administration of justice under state law.
4. The Sheriff has the general duty to maintain the peace in the county. The Sheriff also provides Court and courthouse security. Searches for Court and court related security purposes are authorized and controlled by the Court's orders regarding a secure and safe courthouse and court operations. As threat levels vary, levels of security intervention may be adjusted by the Sheriff accordingly.
5. In Johnson County, therefore, courthouse security, including any Court related facilities outside the courthouse (e.g., Court Services and Court Trustee located at 588 Sante Fe, Olathe, Kansas), is a cooperative effort of the Court, the Sheriff, and the BOCC.
6. Law violations discovered in the course of security performance are the primary responsibility of the Sheriff as the law enforcement officer.
7. Violations of the Court security policies enforced by the Sheriff may be punishable as contempt of Court and/or may be law violations.

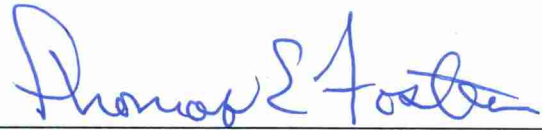
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8. Therefore, in the interest of maintaining a fair, safe, secure, unthreatening and civil forum for all, no person other than Sheriff's deputies and the Highway Patrol Liaison Trooper shall possess a firearm or other weapon within the Johnson County Courthouse or within the Johnson County Court Services or Court Trustee offices.
9. Notices shall be prominently posted regarding the security authority of the Sheriff and his Deputies pursuant to this Order, related to the courthouse and Court related offices, and that any violation of the same shall be punishable by statute and/or as a contempt of Court by the Chief Judge or any Division of this District Court.

FOR THE COURT

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thomas E. Foster", written over a horizontal line.

Chief Judge

June 28, 2013



NO WEAPONS PERMITTED

All persons are prohibited from carrying any firearms or weapons, concealed or otherwise, into the Courthouse. This prohibition is pursuant to 10th Judicial District Administrative Orders 2013- 4 and 2013- 5, June 28, 2013.

This order may be enforced by the contempt power of the Court and/or as a violation of law.