**Court Security Specialist Update Course Objectives**

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**Course #21015**

**Texas Commission on Law Enforcement**

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**Court Security Specialist Update (21015)**

**Abstract:** To keep the court security specialist certificate valid, the holder must successfully complete an update course (#21015) or be assigned primarily as a court security specialist by the appointing chief administrator once every two years.

If the certificate becomes invalid, a holder may obtain a new certificate under the initial application standards. Refer to TCOLE website for current copy of application form: [www.tcole.texas.gov](http://www.tcole.texas.gov).

It is the responsibility of the training coordinator to ensure that a lesson plan is constructed for this course per the attached course objectives and instructor resource guide and this curriculum and lesson plans are kept up to date and on file at your individual departments or academies. This procedure should be completed per guidelines obtained from the rules section of the commission website at: [www.tcole.texas.gov](http://www.tcole.texas.gov).

This portion of the course is designed for those wishing to keep their Court Security Specialist certificate valid – Court Security Specialist Update (21015).

**Note: This class only renews the TCOLE Court Security Specialist Certification. It does not count towards TCOLE 10999 or other court security training requirements.**

**Instructor(s):**  TCOLE instructor and/or documented experience in content area of court security or similar security areas; and a Defensive Tactics instructor and/or firearms instructor for scenario portion of curriculum.

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**Time Allotted:** Minimum of four (4) hours

**Target Population:** This course is intended as an update course for law enforcement and corrections personnel wishing to obtain knowledge, proficiency and/or certification in the arena of court security, including courtroom and courthouse security and working high security and/or high profile trials.

**Prerequisites:** Court Security Specialist Certificate

**Number of Students:**

The number of students is limited to the classroom capacity and number of available seats (see also firearms instructor to participant ratios listed under “Space Requirements” below).

**Space Requirements:**

A standard classroom with sufficient seating for all participants

**Evaluation Procedure:**

Each participant must actively interact with instructor and peers though class discussion, oral and written participation through case study, and/or and written tests as instructor and department deems appropriate.

Participants must complete a written exam with a minimum passing score of 70% or higher.

**Method/Techniques:**

Lecture

Demonstration

**Training Material:** LCD projector

Movie screen or clear wall space

Computer with presentation software (PowerPoint or Keynote or other presentation software)

Note taking material

Handouts

Written test and answer key

**Equipment and Supplies:** (see Training Material above)

**Student Material:** Note taking material such as a laptop, iPad, electronic tablet, paper and writing instruments, etc.

***Note to Instructor:*** *If any participants use electronic media to take notes and/or record portions of the program, advise the participants not to record any material deemed “security” sensitive.*

**Learning Objectives:**

* **Goal:** Skill and Knowledge review an update for the Court Security Specialist
* Summarize basic court security knowledge as applicable in a court setting
* Identify current technological trends in court security systems
* Identify current judicial protection practices

**Instructor Resource Guide:**

1. **21001 Introduction to Court Security Update**
   * Review 21001 course material
   * Overview of changes in legislation, practices and case law related to court security in general
2. **21002 Bailiff Function in Court Security Update**
   * Review 21002 course material
   * Overview of changes in legislation, practices and case law related to bailiff functions
3. **21003 Court Security Screening Basics Update**
   * Review 21003 course material
   * Overview of changes in legislation, practices and case law related to court security screening
4. **21004 Explosive Recognition and Awareness Update**
   * Review 21004 course material
   * Overview of changes in legislation, practices and case law related to explosive recognition and awareness
5. **21005 Introduction to Technology Update**
   * Review 21005 course material
   * Overview of changes in legislation, practices and case law related to technology
6. **Judicial Security Overview**
   * Review practices in judicial security
   * Overview of changes in legislation, practices and case law related to judicial security

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