

# Judicial Security Specialist Development Program (JSSDP)

**A VCPI training program that prepares participants to enhance the safety of  
judicial officials, their families, and other judicial staff.**

JSSDP explores current and best practices in judicial security. The premise of the JSSDP curriculum framework is that the areas of judicial security that are covered in this course (workplace/court security, travel and transit safety, and personal safety and home security) can be addressed by the Diagnose–Prescribe–Care medical model. For instance, before changing security practices at a courthouse, security personnel should first assess the current operations using their expertise (Diagnose), make actionable and evidence-based recommendations to the appropriate judicial staff (Prescribe), and finally, work collaboratively with the staff to implement and sustain security improvements (Care).

JSSDP consists of a core curriculum designed as a two-day, instructor-led course for direct dissemination to law enforcement practitioners, either in a traditional or virtual classroom environment. Supporting the core curriculum is a three-day instructor development program which prepares instructors to further disseminate the core curriculum in an efficient, consistent, and measurable manner.

The instructional design for this training program is based on a scaffold approach that encourages participants to progress from content awareness through application of learning. The JSSDP core curriculum consist of four (4) content modules, covering a wide variety of topics related to the foundations of judicial security, including:

- The significant role that court security personnel have in ensuring the safety and security of judicial officials and their families;
- The identification and exploration of judicial security tools such as application of crime prevention principles, opportunity mitigation, the four-D approach to crime prevention, and the importance of relationship management and leveraging; and
- Judicial security best practices at the courthouse, at home, and during travel and transit.

In addition to direct instruction, JSSDP's interactive curriculum incorporates multi-media presentations, facilitated discussions and activities to create an instructional framework that allows instructors to introduce best practices in a way that participants can apply in their daily work. The curriculum also includes an assortment of multimedia resources which deputies and other court security personnel can utilize to educate judicial staff and their families.

JSSDP is designed for law enforcement personnel primarily assigned to court security or related functions. Although designed specifically for practitioners, the program is appropriate for all personnel, regardless of rank or position, which are charged with court security and the protection of judicial personnel.