



MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT
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SEMINAR ANNOUNCEMENT

**Personal Safety and Security:
A Seminar for Court Staff**

February 28, 2012

Michigan Hall of Justice Conference Center

9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION

All Michigan courts experience security incidents; including altercations, destruction of property, disorderly behavior, use of weapons, theft, fires, bomb threats, and in-custody defendant escapes. Such incidents are not isolated to any single court type, geographic location, or size of jurisdiction. In addition, many trial courts are experiencing a reduction in security staffing. It is within this context that the Michigan Judicial Institute (MJI) is presenting a one-day personal safety and security seminar for court staff.

DESCRIPTION

The seminar will address the following topics:

- How to Use your Powers of Observation to Identify Security Threats
- Developing Personal Safety Skills
- Recognizing and Defusing Hostile Situations

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

The primary audience for this seminar is court staff, including front-line staff, providing direct service to court users.

FACULTY

The seminar will be presented by Mr. Dennis Mac Donell, Trial Court Security Specialist with the Michigan Supreme Court (MSC). Dennis acts as a liaison between state and local judicial entities and law enforcement, and conducts research and analysis of security procedures and best practices. He also develops and presents security training and conducts safety/security evaluations.

Dennis spent over thirty years in law enforcement before coming to the MSC. For the majority of his law enforcement career he served with the Michigan State Police, at various locations throughout the state, including as the post commander of the Brighton Post. He holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and is a graduate of the 182nd session of the FBI National Academy.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

MJI is using online registration for this seminar. Use the following link to register: <http://courts.michigan.gov/MjiOnline>, and use the invitation code 9C45D9. The registration deadline is **Friday, February 3, 2012**. If you have questions regarding registration, please contact Anne DeMarco, demarcoa@courts.mi.gov, or 517-373-7349.

LODGING

Double-occupancy lodging, assigned by MJI, will be provided at the Lexington Lansing Hotel for all eligible participants. To be eligible for lodging the evening of Monday, February 27, your office must be located more than **100 miles** from the Michigan Hall of Justice.

If a single room is requested, the participant is responsible for the additional lodging room cost (approximately \$38.00 per night, plus applicable taxes). Please make the appropriate lodging request when you e-register. Facility space constraints do not allow MJI to make any arrangements for lodging of spouses, family, or friends of seminar participants.

If you are not eligible for MJI paid lodging and are willing to pay your own costs, you may contact the Lexington Lansing Hotel directly at (517) 323-7100. Let them know you are attending an MJI seminar. They may allow you to lodge at the MJI rate of \$76.00 per night (single or double occupancy) plus applicable taxes.

MEALS AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES

All seminar participants will be provided with refreshments and lunch. All other meals and incidental expenditures, including mileage, telephone calls, entertainment, etc., are the responsibility of each individual or his/her funding unit.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

The Michigan Hall of Justice accommodates persons with disabilities. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please indicate your needs when you e-register.

CONFIRMATION

Registrants selected for attendance will be e-mailed a confirmation letter and other pertinent information immediately following the close of registration. If you register for this seminar and do not receive confirmation at least ten days prior to the seminar, please contact MJI.

QUESTIONS

Questions concerning the seminar or registration process should be directed to Peter Stathakis, Program Manager, at stathakis@courts.mi.gov, or (517) 373-7607; or Anne DeMarco, Program Assistant, at demarcoa@courts.mi.gov, or (517) 373-7349.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2012**