



PAULDING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE **SHERIFF**



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Courthouse Security

Paulding, Ohio—In conjunction with the Paulding County Commissioners, my office plans to implement full-time courthouse security by Monday, May 2, 2016. This comes as a result of talks between the Commissioners, Common Pleas Judge, County Prosecutor and the Sheriff to make our courthouse a safer place for our county employees to work, as well as for citizens to conduct their business.

“Over the past four weeks we have been putting plans in place to make this a fluid operation. We have talked to many people that have been doing this type of security and asking questions. We have toured other courthouses to see their operations and what works for them,” said Sheriff Jason K. Landers. “We want things to operate in a smooth friendly manner, all while limiting weapons and potential weapons from being possessed in the courthouse.”

The east door of the courthouse will be the only door utilized after the date of implementation. All persons entering the courthouse will walk through a metal detector. Folks will be required to empty their pockets and all baggage will be subject to search. No weapons will be allowed in the courthouse nor any items deemed a possible weapon by the deputies. Some examples of prohibited items include: firearms, knives, pepper spray and Leatherman style tools (which have knives inside). There will be a system in place for deputies to hold prohibited items while people conduct their business.

“I feel we have a very well thought-out plan. I also realize we will learn as time goes on, so some things might change as we gain experience,” said Sheriff Landers. “The east door was chosen due to its location on the square since it is not on US 127, and it allows more room for our equipment in the hallway. I ask for your patience as we get started. We are behind most counties in regards to courthouse security, so I am excited to move forward as we continue to work hard to better serve our community.”

Sheriff Jason K. Landers

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