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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PINAL

IN THE MATTER OF COURT SECURITY)
AS IT APPLIES TO PEACE OFFICERS WITHIN)
PINAL COUNTY COURT FACILITIES)
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 2019 - 00019
(Replacing Administrative
Order No. 2019-00003)

WHEREAS, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Arizona in Pinal County exercises administrative supervision over the Superior Court and Justices of the Peace in Pinal County;

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 38-1113 authorizes the Presiding Judge to establish rules and policies relating to peace officers' ability to carry firearms in court buildings;

WHEREAS, the Presiding Judge is required to establish court security policies and procedures to provide a safe work environment for judicial employees, litigants and users of the court pursuant to Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Order 2017-15 and Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Order 2017-79; and,

WHEREAS, the below policies seek to ensure compliance with A.R.S. § 38-1113, Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Order 2017-15 and Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Order 2017-79 while maintaining a safe environment for all who enter the court facility.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that

1. All persons entering court facilities with security personnel and equipment will be required to clear said security regardless of employment status, purpose or function within the building.
2. Regarding firearms:

Certified Peace Officers:

- May be armed at any time, at any location within the building, including all locations within a courtroom, when they are on official business.

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The Court recognizes that Peace Officers in uniform who appear in Court in the normal course of their duties are, by virtue of their duties, also additional security officials within the courthouse. The Peace Officer shall follow the polity of each Judge regarding the handling of weapons in the courtroom.

- May NOT be armed anywhere within the building when they are on personal business.
- Plain clothed officers who are in official business must wear a clearly visible identification badge, designating them as a Certified Peace Officer.

County Attorney's Office Investigators:

- As long as they are certified Peace Officers, the same standards as above will apply.
- Lock boxes should be provided within the County Attorney's Office for when those Investigators are working within the office and choose to remove their weapons.

Probation and Surveillance Officers:

- As long as they are on duty, probation officers and surveillance officers may be armed anywhere in the building, EXCEPT in courtrooms and EXCEPT in Judges' chambers.
- If the officers are off duty, or if the officers are in the courthouse on personal business, they may NOT be armed anywhere within the Courthouse.
- Because these officers are often dressed in street clothes, they must at all times wear their badge prominently next to their weapon.

Constables:

- Subject to the approval of the Justice of the Peace; and as long as they are performing their official duties, constables who have successfully completed the required training specified in A.R.S. § 22-137(E) and meet the following requirements, may be armed in court facilities.

- A constable who is NOT a current/active AZPOST certified peace officer must meet the following minimum requirements:
 - a) Successfully complete an AZPOST approved Firearms Training Class;
 - b) Successfully complete AZPOST approved classes on Use of Force, Law of Arrest and Arrest and Control Techniques;
 - c) Pass an AZPOST approved psychological examination;
 - d) Possess a valid Arizona Concealed Weapon License;
 - e) Qualify for coverage under the Arizona Counties Insurance Pool, including an AZPOST approved background check if requested.
 - f) Must maintain coverage for Law Enforcement Activities under ACIP MOC Endorsement No. 15;
 - g) Pass an AZPOST firearms qualification and target identification and judgment qualification yearly; and,
 - h) Attend 16 hours of AZPOST approved training each year, pursuant to A.R.S. § 22-137 (E).
 - May NOT be armed anywhere within the court facilities when they are on personal business.
 - Plain clothed constables who are on official business must wear a clearly visible identification badge, designating them as a Constable.
 - This provision applies to any Deputy Constable.
1. The annual certification(s) required by each of the positions listed above shall be provided to Court Administration of the Pinal County Superior Court. Failure to provide said certification shall automatically suspend the right to possess a firearm in any court facility subject to this policy.
 2. The Pinal County Superior Court Presiding Judge reserves the right to restrict, suspend or revoke the right of any person to possess a firearm for good cause in any court facility subject to this policy.
 3. Certified Peace Officers/Constables entering the Superior Courthouse for official business must complete a written log provided by Court Security.

Dated this 1st day of March 2018-2019. ^{SFM}



Honorable Stephen F. McCarville,
Presiding Judge

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