

Press Release/Public Notice

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St. Croix County Government Center Screening to begin September 1st 2015

In response to concerns of both employees and the public, the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors has ordered the implementation of screening people who enter the St. Croix County Government Center/Courthouse which is located at 1101 Carmichael Road in the City of Hudson. "We will have a couple of days of trial screening in August in an effort to identify areas that may need some fine tuning and to ensure that the equipment and layout are functioning as expected, the date set for the screening to formally begin is September 1st 2015" said St. Croix County Sheriff John Shilts, who has been tasked with overseeing the screening operations.

A previous County Board had declared the Government Center as a "Courthouse" and by doing so has limited the ability of people to bring weapons into the facility. The implementation of the screening is an effort to better ensure that weapons are not being brought in the facility.

Visitors to the main facility will be limited to a single point of access for most county operations that are housed in the Government Center/Courthouse. The designated entry point will be the main level entryway that is located on the east side of the courthouse complex.

There will be only one exception to screening; visitors wanting to access only Sheriff's Office and Jail or the Emergency Support Services Department may access these areas by using the south side of the lower level entryway. Visitors will not have access to the other areas of the Government Center/Courthouse from those offices. Once you exit the secure area of the

Government Center/Courthouse the only way to re-enter will be through the screening area at the main level entryway.

By Supreme Court Rule, because the Government Center is home to the Courts the Chief Judge of the 10th Judicial District has the final say in what the security plan looks like. According to Sheriff Shilts there may be some adjustments made to the security plan “if we identify the need and if the Chief Judge of the 10th Judicial District approves the changes”.

Delivery personnel should report to the designated “delivery area” near the Facilities Department on the north side of the lower level of the complex.

Anyone with questions may contact the St. Croix County Sheriff's Court Services Unit at 715-381-4341 or send an email to Courtservices@co.saint-croix.wi.us.