

Court Security Conference

Major Case Tips for Law Enforcement

1. You will never have enough people-when people offer take it
2. You only get one shot at this so make sure you are prepared-over prepare
3. Remember security is more than victim you have family, suspect, suspect family and attorney's
4. Practice-Run through scenarios
5. Create relationship before events happen-courts, media
6. Give staff power to make decisions
7. Plan and then plan more
8. Don't be afraid to over prepare-you only get one shot at this
9. If you restrict items, coats etc you have to have a place for them-Think WI weather

Learned

1. Underestimated the amount of media and that they would all listen to the rules
2. We thought we had enough space
3. Only so many seats in a courtroom-telling family some had to stay out
4. Lottery for court room seats worked well-as long as it is done in front of media
5. Originally did not have a plan for outbursts by defendant to gallery
6. Even for 10 minute court hearings-media, family all came
7. Seating for all your law enforcement partners-FBI, DCI
8. FBI/DCI Victim Witness staff-use them
9. Make sure your overflow video/sound work-Use one of media in buildings feed