

PHYSICAL SECURITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

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Background

- Building security affects daily operations and the health and safety of employees and the public
- Government buildings can be faced with threats of unlawful entry, terrorism, and acts of workplace violence
- Wide-range of security measures employed at public buildings
 - Exterior barriers, x-ray and metal detectors, closed-circuit television, security personnel, etc.
- No national standard for local government buildings



Previous Regional Efforts

- In 2013, Montgomery County conducted an Inter-Jurisdiction Security Assessment Survey
 - Jurisdictions included: Montgomery, Prince George's, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William, and the District
 - Although survey did not draw any conclusions, did reveal some interesting information:
 - Installing exterior barriers was one of primary security measures planned for jurisdictions information
 - 100% of jurisdictions employed closed circuit TV in their buildings
- Montgomery County's survey provides a foundation upon which to build and gather more comprehensive information on security measures employed at local government buildings in the region

Approach for COG 2018 Local Building Security Activities

- Use Montgomery County's survey as a template to conduct a regional survey on physical security of local government buildings
- Survey will be disseminated to all COG jurisdictions and focus on:
 1. Types of buildings with added physical security measures
 - Courthouses, police stations, schools, government executive or administrative offices, libraries, etc.
 2. Security measures employed at those buildings
 - Also scan best practices at state and Federal levels
 3. Planned security measure upgrades at local government buildings

Timeline

- Proposed timeline for completing the survey and presenting findings to the Board:
 - Develop survey: March 14 – April 13
 - Consult COG committees and other Subject Matters Experts (SMEs)
 - Field survey: April 16 – May 4
 - Analyze results and draft findings: May 7 – June 8
 - Panel with Subject Matter Experts – June 13
 - Present findings to COG Board: September 12

Discussion

- Approach
- Jurisdictional leaders are informed of current and emerging practices local government build security practices of their peers

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