



## Fact Sheet

# Judicial Security

2013

- ▶ Since 1789, the U.S. Marshals Service has been the enforcement arm of the federal courts and has been responsible for protecting the federal judicial process.

<i>2013 Data</i>	
Number of federal court districts protected by the Marshals	94
Number of court locations protected by the U.S. Marshals Service	approx. 400
Number of federal judges protected by the Marshals	approx. 2,200
Number of other court officials (U.S. attorneys, assistant U.S. attorneys and judicial branch employees) protected by the Marshals	approx. 10,000
Number of threats and inappropriate communications against the judiciary assessed, mitigated and deterred by the Marshals in fiscal 2012	1,370

- ▶ Employing a national network of deputy U.S. marshals, physical security specialists, intelligence analysts and support staff, the agency:
  - Ensures the safe and secure conduct of judicial proceedings
  - Provides protection for federal judges, other court officials, jurors, the visiting public and prisoners
  - Provides a 24/7 response capability to review and respond to threats against the judiciary through a national Threat Management Center
  - Coordinates security for judicial conferences throughout the United States
  - Protects Supreme Court justices when outside of Washington and the director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the deputy attorney general in Washington and when they travel
  - Provides protective details for foreign officials during U.N. General Assembly sessions
  - Continuously develops and uses innovative protective techniques
  - Manages facility and personal security programs around the globe
- ▶ U.S. Marshals also manage the security for federal court facilities, including:
  - Daily operations and personnel management of the Court Security Officer program
  - Contract responsibilities for private security contracts at all federal courthouses
  - Management of security and monitoring systems for judicial spaces
  - Daily oversight responsibility of the courts security funding
- ▶ The U.S. Marshals Court Security Officer program and security systems for space occupied by the judiciary are funded separately by a court security appropriation. The appropriation also funds certain employees who administer daily courthouse security functions.
- ▶ The National Center for Judicial Security provides support to federal, state, local and international jurisdictions on matters of judicial security. NCJS programs and activities include threat assessment, training, information sharing and technology review.