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Tuscarawas County Bar Association:

I was recently appointed to supervise the deputies who are assigned to the Tuscarawas County Common Pleas Courthouse and County Office Building and formalize the procedures that guide those employees.


I began reviewing how the deputies conduct themselves in their daily duties. As a result of observations and discussions with a team charged with the security of the county buildings, Sheriff Campbell has revised our policies addressing several changes that needed to be addressed.

One of these issues has to do with the process for all those who enter the screening entrance at the County Office Building. It was discovered that some local attorneys were not being screened the same as the general public. In fact, in one instance, an out of county attorney was screened heavily while a local attorney was allowed to enter with little screening at almost the same time and in view of one another. We believe that an administrative policy as such requires that we administer rules fairly and consistently.

This has been addressed in the new policy and the deputies assigned to those duties are now ordered to screen everyone that enters the County Office Building the same as if it was their first time in the building. This is necessary not only for security reasons and fairness, but for public perception as well.

This is a Sheriff's Office policy and may result in a deputy being disciplined for not following proper procedure.

Thank you for your understanding, patience and your continued cooperation for keeping our Courthouse and County Office Building safe. As officers of the court, we are certain that your commitment to a safe work environment equals our own.

  
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