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National Center for Judicial Security (NCJS) Fellowship Program

On June 17, 2009, Major John D. Horne, Assistant Sheriff, St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, graduated the United States Marshal's Service Judicial Security Division Fellowship Program. As described by Michael J. Prout, Assistant Director, Judicial Security Division, the National Center for Judicial Security Fellowship Program (NCJSFP) is designed to afford a professional opportunity to state, local and international court security managers to train and serve with United States Marshals Service (USMS) counterparts in all facets of the USMS program as well as experiencing high level executive protection and security operations in the Fortune 1000 private sector. The United States Marshals Service is the principal federal law enforcement agency dedicated to the protection of the federal judiciary, the judicial process, public officials and facilities.

The Judicial Security Fellows (JSF) participate in joint training with court administrators at the National Center for State Courts in Williamsburg, Virginia, in areas such as coordination of public and media relations in high visibility trials, coordinated approaches to policy and procedures implementation, consolidated training for clerical staff in security awareness and response, procedures and dealing with the judiciary. During the course of the fellowship, the JSF is exposed to all aspects of the USMS judicial security and court security mission including assignments to the Office of Protective Operations, Office of Protective Intelligence, Office of Security Systems and the Office of Courthouse Management. The JSF receive briefings and orientations on the operation of the Federal Court system and tour several U.S. District Courts, United States Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

While participating in the fellowship, the JSF travel to sites of ongoing high-threat trials, protective details, and intern with security professionals from a large private corporation. Additionally, through arrangements made with other federal law enforcement agencies, the JSF receive briefings on security and protection protocols employed at national monuments, historical sites, military installations, and other facilities requiring security.

The Judicial Security Fellowship Program is provided through grant funding. Applicants must complete an arduous application process and background investigation prior to being selected to participate. Major John D. Horne successfully completed all facets of the thirteen-week fellowship, is deputized as a Special Deputy United States Marshal and will continue as a part of the USMS Judicial Security Fellowship Network.

"This is an amazing program and opportunity for law enforcement professionals to come together with their federal counterparts to share and experience the professionalism of the US Marshals' Service. The vast array of knowledge and experience that is shared with the fellowship participants is second to none, allowing a new or different perspective to be offered dealing with security of the courts and Judiciary as well as the available resources offered by the Marshals

Service. I highly encourage agencies whose duties and responsibilities encompass that of court and judicial security, along with prisoner transport and housing, to investigate the opportunity for participation in this program.” - John D. Horne, Major



Major John Horne and U.S. Marshals Service Director John F. Clark