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As requested by the Loudoun County Department of Capital Infrastructure and Transportation, on behalf of the Leesburg Board of Architectural Review Committee, the following information is basic input from the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office in regards to the location and design concept of the new Loudoun County Courthouse expansion project.

The Sheriff's Office-Court Security Section actively manages all security aspects of the Loudoun County Courthouse, as prescribed by Virginia State Code 53.1-120. Fundamental to that is to specifically ensure the safety of the staff, citizens, and prisoners occupying the courthouse, individual courtrooms, public access areas, and the prisoner holding areas and all who work and visit the facility do so in a safe and orderly environment. This does not exclude the responsibilities of active monitoring, prevention, intervention, and enforcement of the exterior perimeter and boundaries of the complex.

Exterior considerations include:

- a. A controlled perimeter. Typically, a physical separation between the public area and courts area is achieved. When this is not achievable, other security measures must be strengthened.
- b. Provide "stand-off distances" as required by "U.S. Courts Design Guide" and referenced documents where achievable. This includes pedestrian and vehicular traffic paths and roads, as well as uncontrolled parking spaces and areas.
- c. Provide sight lines and view angles as prescribed by "U.S. Courts Design Guide".
- d. Unobstructed space. Provide a clear field of view from the courthouse to streets, parking areas, and entrances where ever possible.
- e. Minimize concealment areas of exterior spaces where one could hide or place an object prohibited on the courthouse campus.
- f. Minimize concealment spaces of interior spaces where one could hide or place an object not authorized inside the courthouse.

In conclusion, our charge is to protect the safety of those using, as well as working in and around the proposed courthouse expansion. It is important that we meet as many as the above stated guidelines and requests, as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CHRISTOPHER R. HARMISON".

Christopher R. Harmison
Lieutenant Colonel