

Legislative and OJD History of the Marshal's Office

OJD actively expanded its security program following the Oregon Legislative Assembly's enactment of court security legislation in 2005. ([Chapter 804, Oregon Laws 2005](#))

Following enactment of this legislation, the OJD State Security and Preparedness Committee (renamed Security and Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (SEPAC) in 2008) prepared and distributed a model template to the circuit courts to help them develop their individual plans for security, emergency preparedness, and business continuity.

In 2007, security, emergency preparedness, and business continuity operations were transferred within OSCA, from the Appellate Court Services Division to the Business and Fiscal Services Division (BFSD). Following the transfer, SEPO was formed and a security manager was hired to develop the security, emergency preparedness, and business continuity program. The security manager later became the Chief Marshal. In 2009, SEPO began directly reporting to the State Court Administrator.

Also in 2007, OJD contracted with the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) to conduct detailed security assessments of 17 court facilities throughout Oregon. The NCSC report provided OJD with additional perspectives for addressing security concerns and enhancing the governance structure surrounding the security of the circuit courts. SEPO, in support of SEPAC, has been developing security standards for the appellate courts, tax court, circuit courts, and OSCA, as well as a five-year strategic plan to implement the standards. Changes needed to meet the security standards established in the five-year plan ([SEPO Five-Year Implementation Plan](#)) are funded from the State Court Facilities Security Account (SCFSA).

In 2012, the Oregon Legislative Assembly enacted legislation allowed for OJD Marshals to receive and maintain basic police training and certification through the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. ([Chapter 88, Oregon Laws 2012](#))

In February 2012, the Chief Justice swore in the first Chief Marshal and Deputy Marshal.

In 2013, the Oregon Legislative Assembly enacted legislation that

confirmed the use of “marshal” for certain SEPO positions and included OJD SEPO marshals in the statutory definition of peace officer. The legislation noted that persons appointed as judicial marshals are subject to the personnel rules and policies established by the Chief Justice under ORS 1.002. The legislation also authorized the Chief Justice to adopt standards and plans for the physical security of judges and staff. ([Chapter 154, Oregon Laws 2013](#); ORS 1.177)

In 2017, pursuant to CJO 17-038, SEPO became the Oregon Judicial Department's Marshal's Office

OSCA and all appellate, tax, and circuit courts have security, emergency preparedness, and business continuity plans in place and on file with the Marshal's. The plans for OSCA, the appellate courts, and the tax court are managed by the Marshal's Office.