

WASHINGTON COUNTY

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TESTIMONY ON WORKER SAFETY

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LEGISLATIVE/EXECUTIVE OBLIGATIONS

- **State and Federal OSHA** laws require that a safe work environment be provided to all employees;
<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/workplaceviolence/>
- **OSHA has updated** its guidelines for Social Worker Safety:
<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/osha3148.pdf>



Scott Williams after receiving VFW Life Saving Award

This is what it looks like when someone has to face down a killer, while unarmed, and lives.

This is the aftermath



MONEY IS NOT THE ANSWER

- But it could really help with some things
 - Basic physical plant security
 - The only courthouse that I am aware of in this state that has adequate entry-point security is Costello in Burlington-the physical entrance is generally adequate (though the doors and entry windows should be at least pistol resistant).
 - Security is only as good as what you pay for, and expect
 - Sometimes, you have to make a show. But don't fool yourselves by thinking the show means something.

WHAT TO SPEND MONEY ON

Securing Parking	Denial of entry	Training for non-security staff	Intelligence development	Interior Security
Armed? Or radio linked to state and local LE	Airlocks- metal detecting/gen. assessment occurs before full entry.	If you work in Gov. you must be willing to be responsible for yourself	Who may be a threat? Why?	Washco SA's staff are at risk. Corrections staff are at risk.
Fences	Threat reduction materials	Situational Awareness. Personal safety	Centralized threat bank w/regular emails	Example- absconded probationer
Video Surveillance	Armed, trained, and alert security	Pay for security training. Education does	ERS style	Example- David G.
	Remote door locks			