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U.S. Marshals Service successfully conducts active shooter training in lobby of Dirksen U.S. Courthouse

Chicago, Ill.- Today in the lobby of the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse, the United States Marshals Service, in cooperation with the Dirksen Courthouse Building Security Committee, successfully completed an active shooter training exercise. Today's drill is one of many that courthouse staff have participated in over the last two years as part of an ongoing effort to train courthouse employees and law enforcement officers on how to respond to an active shooter situation.

"Improving courthouse security is a top priority. We are committed to continuing to work with the U.S. Marshals Service to ensure the safety of all judges, courthouse employees, jurors and courthouse visitors," said Chief Judge Rubén Castillo, who serves as Chair of the Dirksen Courthouse Building Security Committee.

In the past year, the Dirksen Courthouse Building Security Committee has made a renewed effort to focus on enhancing security, resulting in both obvious and less visible security upgrades throughout the courthouse.

The U.S. Marshals Service is charged with protecting the safety of the federal court system.

Today's training exercise was the result of collaboration and planning between the Dirksen Courthouse Building Security Committee and the U.S. Marshals Service.

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