

Municipal Security 2026

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Finding a Partner in Public Safety

Every municipality must walk a thin line between the safety of their public buildings and the requirements of a well rounded and balanced budget. Much important work is accomplished in the Town Halls, City Councils, and municipal buildings in our Commonwealth. In order to ensure peace of mind, municipalities should have a robust safety and security program to ensure that their people, assets, and local identities are protected. However, this can often be considered a luxury expense in many smaller towns and cities.

This does not have to be the case! There are many simple steps you can take to ensure the safety and security of your constituents, employees and elected officials. This bulletin will include a few case studies, ideas and a checklist to gauge the security awareness and overall preparedness of your municipality. Every day is a great to increase safety and security in your city or town and Lexington Security Consultants wants to make sure you have all the tools you need for success.

GOVERNMENT FACILITIES AND POLITICALLY MOTIVATED VIOLENCE

Municipal buildings are far more than just enclosures for the functions of local governments. They are a point of civic pride. They serve as a place for the public to congregate, to make themselves heard in the political process, as well as a place for them to personally interact with, and receive services from, their local (government, municipality??). They are also often prestige works of architecture or buildings of historic significance.



For these reasons, civic buildings are a favored target of ideologically motivated attacks. The fact that these buildings are generally busy and full makes them appealing to (threat actors, change word) who desire a mass casualty incident. Additionally, their cultural significance makes them ideal for (agitators) who wish to make a specific political statement, as these events are usually seen as a direct attack on the government.



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COMMON MUNICIPAL SECURITY ISSUES

There are many common problems that municipalities can encounter when considering their security program which include:

1. Having a haphazardly designed program and/or lacking a single POC for security related issues.
2. Lacking a centrally planned security program which includes many systems which do not communicate.
3. Not having the in-house expertise to design a cost-effective system which is scalable and future proof.

4. Having outdated security technology in place which does not allow for use of best security practices and which may be end of life.
5. Lacking an effective training program to ensure municipal employees can handle emergencies.

Fortunately, there are many cost effective ways to improve this and security guidance can help!

ATTACKS ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS

ICE Facility Attacks – Texas – 2025

<https://apnews.com/article/ice-facility-shooting-dallas-immigration-d49f76ffc95572970ede58ef15769fe4>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/08/us/ice-detention-facility-shooting-texas.html>

Arson – PA Governor's Mansion – April 2025

<https://www.npr.org/2025/04/14/nx-s1-5364554/what-we-know-arson-josh-shapiros-residence>

Shooting: Disgruntled Municipal Employee – City of Virginia Beach – May 2019

<https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/norfolk/news/press-releases/fbi-provides-final-briefing-on-the-virginia-beach-municipal-center-shooting-to-the-virginia-beach-police-department>



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THE BOTTOM LINE

There are many practical and affordable solutions available that can strengthen the security of your facility without making it feel like an unwelcoming dystopian fortress.

A strong security program can greatly reduce the appeal of a target facility to potential (threat actors) and will also increase the feeling of safety held by both municipal employees and the public.