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MINNESOTA STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX ASSESSMENT

The Assessment Mission

- Commissioned to evaluate security vulnerabilities across four Capitol Complex Buildings
 - State Capitol
 - Minnesota Senate Building
 - Centennial Office Building
 - Minnesota Judicial Center
- Objectives
 - Evaluate the current security environment
 - Identify vulnerabilities
 - Provide recommendations



Assessment Methodology

Evaluated as a State Capitol security ecosystem

- Site observations
- Systems testing
- Interviews and broad stakeholder engagement
- Document review
 - Previous assessments
 - Staffing and post orders
 - Emergency action plans
 - Policies
 - Training
- National benchmarking
- Focused **findings and options**, not policy decisions



Areas of Focus & Arrangement of Recommendations

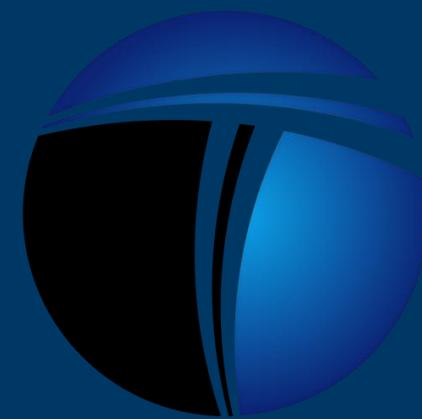
- Screening, Credential Oversight, and Visitor Management
- Internal Circulation and Zoning Controls
- Perimeter and Exterior Grounds
- Staffing, Post Orders, Operational Readiness
- Technology and Systems Integration
- Emergency Preparedness
- Protective Intelligence



Key Takeaways

- Highly capable personnel working in uneven security systems
 - The MSP is responsible for security outcomes, but does not control all of the tools, infrastructure, or resources required to achieve its statutory mission
 - The current system inhibits timely and necessary security adjustments
 - Observations identify opportunities for improvement, not failures of personnel
- Recommendations offer layered options
- The report provides options for informed decisions
- The decision on acceptable risk rests with the state.
- MSP proactively implemented security changes throughout the evaluation





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Thank You
Questions