

**THREAT LEVELS**

**EXTREME HIGH**

A prior attempt has been made on the witness and those responsible have not been apprehended

and / or

Completely reliable information indicates an attempt will be made to harm the witness and those involved have access to heavy weapons, explosives, etc. and such an assault may result in injuries to the witness and to other persons

and / or

The group has previously demonstrated the ability and willingness to stage an assault regardless of a police presence

and / or

Plans or information has been received that an assault will be undertaken and will involve a number of persons making the assault

And/or

Gang Affiliations,

**HIGH**

Information believed reliable that an attempt may be made to harm the witness and the source of the threat has previously demonstrated the ability to take offensive action, ie. criminal records for assault with weapon, availability of weapons to carry out threat, deranged state of mind of persons likely to cause harm to a witness, extreme instability of threat due to alcohol, drugs or other causes, previous police occurrences with accused involving violence; accused have resources sufficient to contract an assault on a witness

**MEDIUM**

Alleged threats (unsupported), alleging harm to the witness. Previous criminal records do not indicate a high propensity for violence, however, due to unforeseen factors, harm could be done to the witness.

**LOW**

Threats have been made, however, the source of the threat has no background towards violence nor the resources to have anyone act on their behalf.

**\*NOTE\***

Each case must be evaluated on its own merit.

The circumstances, as well as the threat level of the case, will dictate whether you require your Police Services - Tactical Squads ie.

- E.T.F. Emergency Task Force
- E.R.T. Emergency Response Team
- T.R.U. Tactical Response Unit
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Or are you better off utilizing your plain clothes officers and or uniform personnel.

Your Police Service may have a procedure in place that you are to use.

Keep in mind, by using your high profile tactical units, you draw attention to your witness as well as your witness protection handlers.

Your threat level can also be modified due to the physical layout of your court locations and court rooms.