



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 154
[2009 Assembly Bill 128]

**Deputizing Security Officers
at Military Installations**

2009 Wisconsin Act 154 authorizes a county sheriff to deputize security officers employed by the Department of Military Affairs (DMA), subject to approval by the adjutant general or his or her designee, for the purpose of conducting “routine external security checks” around military installations in the state. A “routine external security check” is defined as a security check of areas immediately adjacent to a military installation, or of critical concern to the installation’s commander, as determined by the commander, for the sole purpose of protecting the installation’s state and federal personnel, assets, and equipment.

A deputized DMA security officer remains a state employee for all purposes and may not bring a worker’s compensation action against the county in which the officer conducts the security checks or against the deputizing authority. The deputized officer is treated as a state employee for purposes of the payment of any judgment or the payment of attorney fees and costs if the officer is sued for any act committed while carrying out the duties he or she is deputized to perform.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.