



The Denton County Sheriff's Office
& Training Force USA Present...

A FAITH BASED COMMUNITY EVENT!

Safety and Security for Places of Worship

"Protecting Your Place of Worship in an Uncertain World"

**January 12, 2016- The Village Church 1700 Highland Village Rd.
@ (Desiree Lane), Highland Village**

**January 13, 2016- Denton Bible Church, 2300 E. University Dr.
Denton**

TOPIC: As a church/synagogue/temple leader have you ever thought about these situations?

A child goes missing from the children's ministry during Sunday Service. A violent or unstable person enters and disrupts the sanctuary during an Evening Service. Your receptionist is confronted by a hostile person at the church/synagogue office. A non-custodial parent takes their child from the ministry classroom without proper authority and leaves the church/synagogue/temple. A church mission trip to Mexico turns into a hostage situation with a group of missionaries from your church. A person shows up at your place of worship with a gun...What do you do? Are you prepared? Is your ministry team prepared?

Safety and Security is becoming increasingly important for churches, synagogues and faith-based service providers. From acts of violence and vandalism to disruption of church services, there has been a steady increase in security threats to places of worship across the country. With the recent events in Charleston, South Carolina, churches/synagogues/temples today simply must be prepared for a variety of threats and crisis situations, such as medical emergencies, domestic violence, child care protection, disruptive or violent visitors, and they must prepare to ensure safe mission trips. Faith-Based Communities must be prepared for any emergency. Safety and security are critical operational issues for churches and synagogues of all sizes that are often overlooked or not emphasized. The facts show that 44 percent of churches with more than 200 attendees don't have a formal security program for their congregation during worship services.

During this 8-Hour Class, participants will gain a better understanding of the need for ministry safety and security. Students will learn about intimate partner violence, domestic violence, and workplace violence. They will learn about the importance of developing a safety / security policy and a child

protection policy. They will be able to recognize high risk areas in their place of worship and offices. Students will learn about the legal, insurance and liability issues. Participants will learn how to prepare for emergencies such as medical, natural disasters, an active shooter and other forms of extreme violence. Students will develop a church/synagogue/temple security assessment checklist that includes persons and property protection, financial protection, transportation protection and mission team protection. We will discuss various incidents, how to address the aftermath of a critical incident and working with the media.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

All church/synagogue/temple leaders (pastors, clergy, rabbis, church staff, etc.) and leaders of their congregations (elders, deacons, etc.). Training is also excellent for all members of the criminal justice community and political leaders.

DATES ,TIMES & LOCATION:

Tuesday, January 12, 2016 (8:30am -5pm) Village Church (Maximum 75)

Wednesday January 13, 2016 (8:30am-5pm) Denton Bible Church (Maximum 75)

COST: \$ 0 (Lunch is provided)

REGISTRATION: [Click here for Denton Bible Church](#), [here for The Village Church](#), or contact Randy.Plemons@Dentoncounty.com

- Please follow the page prompts for quick, easy registration and confirmation.
- Be sure to include in your email the location you will be attending

CANCELLATIONS AND SUBSTITUTIONS:

- Please note: If you cannot attend, please notify us in order to allow a substitution.
- Substitutions may be made at any time by phone, e-mail or online at the registration site.

QUESTIONS: Call Asst. Chief Randy Plemons, (940) 349-1622 or

Email: Randy.Plemons@dentoncounty.com

“This may be the most important training event you will attend this Year. I encourage representatives from all Faiths to attend this community event in these uncertain times.”

Sheriff William B. Travis

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