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39+Years of Continuous Safety and Security Experience: Duration: 1980 - Present

- Security Detail SNCO
- Protected military leaders, including:
- Chief of Naval Operations (CNO)
- Commandant and Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps
- Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command
- Commander, United States Central Command
- Protected senior embassy leaders and distinguished foreign dignitaries

Combat Veteran with Extensive overseas deployments:

- Iraq
- Afghanistan
- Horn of Africa
- Other undisclosed locations

A LITTLE ABOUT ME

Distinguished Shooter

• Member of the Marine Corps Shooting Team (8 years)

Marine Corps Drill Instructor

- Tenure: 4 years
- Guided over 10,000 recruits, focusing on:
- Civilian to military lifestyle transformation
- Team building proficiency
- Discipline and rule enforcement
- Basic combat survival training

Versatile Expertise

- Focus: Combat skills, security tactics, countersurveillance, situational awareness
- Security Provider for Dignitaries
- Protected senior officers to distinguished foreign visitors

A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT ME



THE LAST LITTLE BIT OF ME

Professional Development Instructor

- Topics: Security awareness, offensive and defensive skills
- Skills Covered: Situational awareness, grappling, detaining, protective fighting techniques

Diverse Contributions

 Showcasing unwavering dedication to duty and excellence while contributing significantly to the United States of America and upholding Christian morals, principles, and values.



1. Protecting God's Flock:

•In John 10:11, Jesus identifies Himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. As His followers, we are called to emulate His love and care. Implementing church security measures expresses our responsibility to protect and care for God's flock, ensuring their physical safety and peace of mind.

2. Maintaining Worship Focus:

•In 1 Corinthians 14:33, the Bible teaches us that God is a God of order, not confusion. Church security helps maintain a peaceful environment where congregants can focus on worship without worrying about their safety or disruptions. A secure sanctuary allows worshippers to engage with God during services more fully.

3. Responding to Emergencies:

•Galatians 6:2 reminds us to "carry each other's burdens," including responding to emergencies. Church security teams can assist during medical emergencies, natural disasters, or unexpected situations, demonstrating Christ-like compassion and care for one another.

4. Being Good Stewards:

•• In 1 Corinthians 4:2, we are called to be trustworthy stewards of what God has entrusted us. Implementing security measures is responsible for stewarding the resources and facilities God has provided our church community.

BIBLICAL REFERENCES TO CHURCH SAFETY





In 1 Chronicles 9:19, we find reference to the Levites appointed as gatekeepers for the house of the Lord, responsible for safeguarding the temple.

BIBLICAL REFERENCES TO CHURCH GUARDIANS AND SAFETY



Nehemiah 4:9 speaks of those who stood guard while the temple was being rebuilt, highlighting the importance of security even during construction and rebuilding.



These biblical examples demonstrate God's desire for order, protection, and reverence in His sanctuary, which provides a foundation for understanding the significance of church security.



DISCUSSION TOPICS – 10 THINGS TO CONSIDER

Possible and Worst- Case Scenarios	Church Preparedness Identities	Existing Facility (environment)
Coordinative with Local Law Enforcement – Fire – EMS	Plans – Policies – Procedures/Best Practices	Essential Communication Skills
Training – Drills – Practice	Evacuation Planning	Recovery/Continuity Planning
	Available Resources	

POSSIBLE AND WORST-CASE SCENARIOS



- Vehicle Parking Accidents
- Civil disturbances
- HAZMAT incidents
- Power failures
- Telecommunications failures
- Medical emergencies



CHURCH PREPAREDNESS IDENTITIES



EXISTING FACILITY (ENVIRONMENT)



Age

Structure (when built / last renovation)
Systems (plumbing, electric, sprinkler, alarms, etc.)

Construction type

- Impact on response, evacuation plans
- Location
- How many stories?
- Unique features
- Floor plan
- Proximity to and availability of emergency services

COORDINATING WITH POLICE – FIRE – EMS







PLANS – POLICIES – PROCEDURES



The best plan is KNOWLEDGE IS POWER ONLY IF SHARED:

Guests

Congregation	
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Staff

Visitors

Emergency Responders

COMMUNICATION

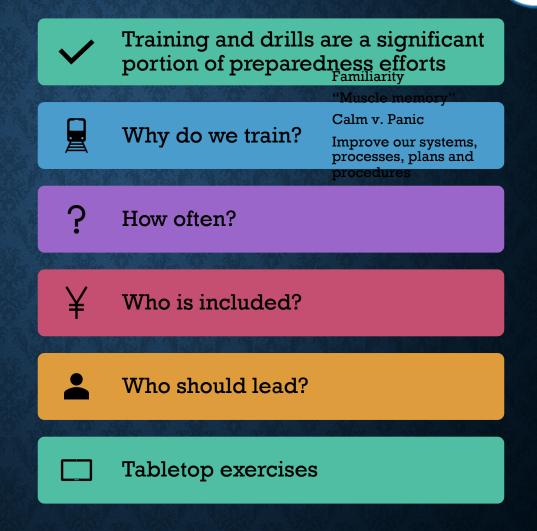
Protocols need to be established for communicating FACTS during inprogress incidents

Single point of contact

Helps reduce anxiety and eliminate panic

Media relations

TRAINING – DRILLS – PRACTICE







EVACUATION PLANNING





What does your church need to stay operational and serve the public?



Who is in charge of final determination and authority? (primary, secondary...)

RECOVERY / CONTINUITY PLANNING



Authorized bank signatories (i.e., financial planners or board approvers)

Church financial records

Offsite backup location or contingency

Documentation Inventory of all assets Descriptions, serial numbers, and value Recent itemized Photos



Alternative worship space/location map

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department

<u>www.hcso.tampa.fl.us</u> 2008 E 8th Ave Tampa, FL (813) 247-8000

Hillsborough County Fire Rescue <u>www.hillsboroughcounty.org</u> 2709 E Hanna Ave Tampa, FL (813) 272-6600

Department of Homeland Security <u>www.dhs.gov</u>

FBI tip Web Site www.ifccfbi.gov

Federal Emergency Management Agency <u>www.fema.gov</u>



CONCLUSION/ QUESTIONS

GOD BLESS YOU!

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