

Course Overview:

Active Shooter Response Training for Church Safety Officers

Empowering Church Safety Personnel and Instructors for Crisis Situations

Course Purpose

This specialized training course is designed for Church Safety Officers who serve as the first line of defense in the event of an active shooter incident on church grounds or campus. The course focuses on equipping safety personnel with the skills, knowledge, and confidence necessary to respond quickly and effectively to protect congregants, staff, and visitors during a crisis.

Target Audience

- Church Safety Officers: Individuals tasked with maintaining security and responding to emergencies within the church environment.
- Church Class Instructors: The course may also be adapted and delivered separately to instructors who oversee church classes, ensuring they know how to act and instruct others during an active shooter event.

Course Objectives

1. Understand the dynamics and warning signs of an active shooter situation.
2. Learn best practices for immediate response and communication with law enforcement.
3. Develop strategies for securing church facilities and protecting individuals, i.e.: Avoid, Deny, Defend.
4. Practice emergency protocols, including evacuation, lockdown, and shelter-in-place procedures.
5. Enhance situational awareness and decision-making under stress.
6. Receive guidance on post-incident actions and support for affected individuals.

Course Format

The training is delivered through a combination of classroom instruction, scenario-based exercises, firearms training and interactive discussions. Courses may be tailored to the specific layout and needs of your church campus or grounds. Separate sessions can be arranged for Church Class Instructors, focusing on their unique responsibilities and the safety of their classes.

Why This Training Matters

Churches are places of community and sanctuary, but they are not immune to threats. Proactive preparation and training empower safety officers and instructors to act decisively, mitigate harm, and potentially save lives during critical moments. This course ensures that those entrusted with church safety are ready to respond with professionalism and care.