

KNOX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Jimmy "J.J." Jones
Sheriff

August 6, 2009

Dear Administrator:

As the Sheriff of Knox County, I can think of nothing more important than protecting the safety of our worship community. Recent incidents, locally and nationally, underscore the need for worship centers to develop and employ comprehensive crime prevention strategies to heighten security.

Due to the success of the first series of seminars and requests made by other local worship centers we are once again offering this program.

You or your designees from your place of worship are invited to attend our series of Worship Center Crime Prevention Seminars. The first seminar will take place on **Saturday, August 29, 2009, beginning at 8:00am**. The seminar will be presented by officers from the Knox County Sheriff's Office and hosted by Faith Promise Church. Please see the enclosed flyer for details. ***Registration must be completed by August 24, 2009.***

Religious centers are an important part of our community. By working together, we can best protect these places of worship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jimmy J.J. Jones".

Jimmy "J.J." Jones
SHERIFF



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Worship Center Crime Prevention Series

Session 1 **Crime Prevention – an Overview** **August 29, 2009**

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| Security Awareness – Risk Assessment | Protecting Our Youth |
| Physical Security | Crisis Response |
| Church Management – Policy and Procedures | Executive Protection |
| Private Protective Services | Media Response |

Who Should Attend: The leadership personnel at your Worship Center, including any volunteers who oversees various groups with your worship center

Session 2 **Crisis Intervention** **October 17, 2009**

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| Crisis Intervention Skills | Verbal Intervention |
| Crisis Development | Integrated Experience |
| Communication Skills | Team Approach |

Who Should Attend: Key Personnel with direct contact with the public. This includes pastors, administrators, counselors, receptionists, front office staff, ushers, and greeters.

Session 3 **Protecting Our Church** **December 12, 2009**

Private Protective Services – State Certification Training
Legal Issues and Requirements

Who Should Attend: The Selected Group of Personnel you have designated to fulfill the role of security or protection for your church

Session 4 **Use of Force** **January 16, 2010**

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| Use of Force Continuums | Taser Certification |
| Chemical Agent Certification | |

Who Should Attend: Anyone who has attended session three for protection specifically at your house of worship, anyone who has attended any previous sessions or for anyone that has an interest in the use of the taser or chemical agent for personal protection.

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Presents

Worship Center Crime Prevention

How our worship centers respond to a situation can have a dramatic effect on the outcome of the event, the immediate aftermath, and the church's long term stability.

Saturday, August 29, 2009
8 A.M. – 5 P.M.

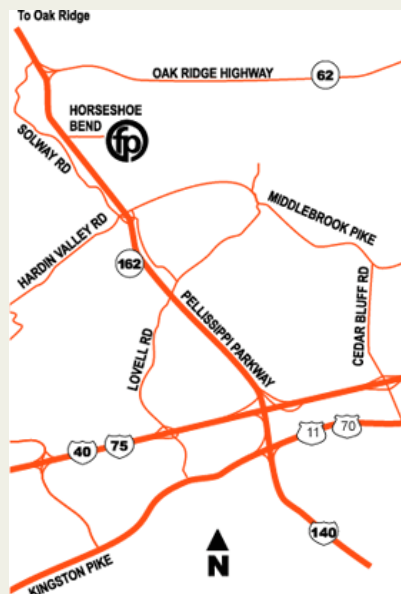
Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

How at risk is your place of worship? What are the types of safety and security issues facing your organization? Learn and develop strategies to reduce victimization of worship centers and congregants and effectively manage crisis situations. Discover ways to respond proactively to protect your worship family without intruding on the vital mission of your organization.

Complete the enclosed registration form, to allow three of your members to attend. This free seminar will equip you and your congregation to develop your own worship security plan. Your registration includes a worship center safety and security protection packet with accompanying DVDs.

The Seminar will be conducted at:

Faith Promise Church
10740 Faith Promise Lane,
Knoxville, TN 37931
Tel: (865) 251-2590



For more information contact:

Knox County Sheriff's Office

1000 N. Central Ave.
Knoxville, Tennessee 37917
Phone (865) 215-5633
www.knoxsheriff.org



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Worship Center Crime Prevention Registration Form

Name of Organization

Phone Number

Address

City

State

Zip

Contact Person

Phone Number

Minister/Pastor/Spiritual Leader's Name

List the Names of Persons Attending Conference

Phone #

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Number of Members: _____

Average Worship Attendance: _____

Number of full-time
staff: _____

Number of part-time staff: _____

I am not available to attend on this date. Please contact me regarding the next seminar.

This information is for conference purposes only and will not be distributed to outside vendors. If you do not want the above contact information shared with other conference attendees please check this

box.

Please mail or fax the completed registration no later than August 24, 2009

Mail to:

Captain Brian Stannard
Knox County Sheriff's Office
1000 North Central Avenue
Knoxville, TN 37917

Fax to: (865) 215-5617

For further information contact the Knox County Sheriff's Office at (865) 215-5633