

# Advanced Learning Workshop: House of Worship Security



**This workshop will focus on peer-to-peer interaction, designed to explore best practices and lessons learned from highly experienced practitioners and security professionals.**

Not too long ago a “house of worship” was considered a safe haven; a place to pray, a place of peace and a sanctuary for worshipping away from conflicts of the world. Today however, crime and violence have become far too prevalent and continue to breach our houses of worship.

**Is your House of Worship secure? You MUST ask the question.**

Recent events only serve to highlight the security challenges faced by faith-based institutions who must balance their mission to be open and welcoming to the communities they serve, but also protective of their worshipers and ministry staff. Multiple prevention strategies provide defenses that protect people and assets, deter offenders and help to avoid a major incident against a house of worship.

Topics include:

- Understand the threats and vulnerabilities
- Identify and mitigate risks
- Understand the adversary's perspective
- Think like the "bad guy"
- Organizing a security team
- How to train volunteers
- Networking and community outreach
- Provide resources, including components of a sound plan
- Round table discussions can include your facility

**Improve Church and House of Worship Security.**

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