



# Welcoming While Securing

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A Security Conference for Places of Worship

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**The need for your house of worship to have a security element is real. Although most religious institutions don't live by fear, there is no reason not to prepare for the worst.**

**In Luke 22:36, during the Last Supper, Jesus encouraged his followers to protect themselves saying, "Sell Your Cloak to Buy a Sword."**

**Statistically, attacks on houses of worship are on the rise. In the last decade, we have seen clearly what the enemy can and will do to an unprepared congregation. We developed "Welcoming While Securing" to counter this situation.**



## Overview

Designed for those interested in developing or serving on a security team at their house of worship, this two-day, comprehensive conference, hosted by Journey Christian Church, is designed to address the foundational needs for any worship security team.

This event will consist of a roundtable discussion among church leaders and law enforcement officers on Day One, an in-depth look at Situational Awareness on Day Two, and ten imperative aspects of being part of a security team in breakout sessions throughout the conference to further your understanding.

We will delve into the unique aspects of keeping your community, house of worship, and its congregation safe while maintaining a welcoming environment.

*\*A continental breakfast and box lunches will be served both days, followed by an awards banquet featuring a keynote speaker.*





# Breakout Sessions

## 1. Mental Balance - "Welcoming while Securing"

"Welcoming while Securing" is an overview on key points to building a secure facility while maintaining an open and welcoming environment.

## 2. Escalation/De-escalation

Escalation/de-escalation techniques are key to embracing the Welcoming while Securing mindset. In this session, we will address the basic personal communication skills required to handle individuals in crisis.

## 3. Use-of-Force Continuum

Possibly one of the most controversial aspects of securing a facility is the use-of-force continuum. This overview will instruct on the basics of use of force and how it applies to welcoming while securing.

## 4. Traumatic Wound Care

In this breakout attendees will learn the basics of traumatic wound care to include: Rapid Trauma Assessment, Tourniquet use and placement, wound-packing techniques, use and placement of pressure dressing, and airway management.

## 5. Close Quarters Crisis

Close Quarters Crisis (CQC) is a process developed from Close Quarters Battle (CQB) but designed to be applied in the "Welcoming while Securing" methodology. CQC is a response to any situation ranging from a missing child to a hostile threat. In this session, participants will walk into role-playing situations and apply CQC.





# Breakout Sessions

## 6. Friend or Foe? Part of Situational Awareness (S.A.)

The Friend or Foe breakout session is on the basis of situational awareness training and the use of body language. We will cover basic body movement that helps to determine friend from foe.

## 7. Team Building

Building a team is not something you can snap your fingers and do. In this session, we provide the basic road map to developing your safety team.

## 8. Weapons, Tools, and Standard Operating Procedures

Selection and setup of weapons and other defensive tools are key to your standard operating procedures. This session covers a variety of options and the benefits/liabilities of each.

## 9. Securing the Facility

This session covers the basics of developing your SOPs and securing your facility so that open arms should be what people see and feel. Behind the scenes of a welcoming environment are the policies and procedures that keep your worship community safe!

## 10. Communication

Communication among the staff, safety team, and other volunteers is critical to maintaining a "Welcoming while Securing" environment. This session will cover methods of communication from hand signals to modern electronics.





# Main Sessions

## 1.Round Table (Day 1)

Conducted between law enforcement and religious leaders, this round table will focus on why church security is needed. It will include thoughts on understanding the threats and the unique aspects of securing a house of worship. This will include experts in Counterterrorism from various Agencies and departments nationwide as well as a cross section of local religious leaders.

## 2.Situational Awareness (Day 2)

An in-depth look at situational awareness and how it applies to “Welcoming while Securing”. This will be both a presentation and an interactive session and will be led by two situational awareness experts.



# Workshop Goals:

1. Present concepts of the balance required to create and maintain a secure yet welcoming facility.
2. Identify escalation and de-escalation techniques and communication skills to address disruptive situations and maintain control.
3. Examine the principles and applications of use-of-force based on the potential threat.
4. Learn first-aid techniques for medical situations in a place of worship.
5. Integrate processes of Close-Quarters-Crisis management.
6. Utilize situational awareness to assess whether you are dealing with a friend-or-foe.
7. Learn the basics of building a team for improving security in your place of worship.
8. Examine the types and purposes of weapons available for in the implementation of security.
9. Provide tips for securing your facility physically.
10. Develop the channels of communications necessary to secure the facility, such as:
  - Staff
  - Security Team
  - Other Volunteers



# Conference Schedule

## Day 1:

7:45-8:25	Arrival/sign-in
8:30-9:00	Welcoming Event
9:00-9:15	Break
9:15-10:00	Break-out sessions
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-11:00	Break-out sessions
11:00-12:00	Exhibit Hall
12:00-1:30	Lunch & Round Table
1:30-1:45	Break
1:45-2:30	Breakout sessions
2:30-2:45	Break
2:45-3:30	Breakout sessions
3:30-3:45	Break
3:45-4:30	Breakout sessions
4:30-5:00	End-of-day wrap up in lobby and exhibit area
5:00	Adjourn for the evening

## Day 2:

8:30-9:00	Meet-and-greet (Lobby and exhibit hall)
9:00-9:45	Break out session
9:45-10:00	Break
10:00-10:45	Breakout sessions
10:45-11:00	Break
12:00-1:30	Lunch & Presentation
1:30-2:00	Open discussion in the lobby and vendor
2:00-2:45	forum
2:45-3:00	Breakout session
3:00-3:45	Break
3:45-4:00	Breakout sessions
4:00-6:00	Wrap-up and adjournment
6:00-8:00	Free time and exhibit hall
	Awards banquet and Keynote Speaker



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