

FIREARM TRAINERS LLC

Knowledge is Power



Protecting Houses of Worship

Firearm Trainers LLC: Training Protectors and Defenders

Seven minutes, 24 seconds.

That's how long it took a gunman who opened fire at a Baptist church in rural Sutherland Springs, Texas, to kill 26 people. Many in the church on November 5, 2017 took cover under the pews. Tragically, that made them an easier target for the gunman. The gunman later died by suicide after an armed passerby confronted him.

During religious services on Sunday, Dec. 29, 2019, a man clad in black with a shotgun hidden under his coat opened fire on the parishioners of the West Freeway Church of Christ in White Settlement, Texas. Thanks to the training, vigilance and heroic bravery of the church's security team, the attacker was stopped in just six seconds.

From Sutherland Springs to Pittsburgh to Poway, it's becoming sadly common: worshippers gunned down during their religious services. Faith-based organizations are open and welcoming to any and all individuals, providing both comfort and a sense of community. Sadly, this can also leave the place of worship susceptible to be targeted in an act of violence.

Firearm Trainers LLC works with Houses of Worship to create a safe environment for day-to-day operations and worship while maintaining an open, friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

Our customized faith-based organization planning and training solution includes:

- Assessing your current security posture (daily operations, worship periods and active shooter response);
- Training your staff and volunteers on how to effectively use firearms and non-lethal devices;
- Drafting and/or revising your security plan for daily operations and worship services;
- Training your staff and volunteers on your security plan for daily operations and worship services;
- Building an active shooter response plan;
- Training your staff and volunteers on your active shooter response plan (see sample outline below); and
- Implement soft security deterrence to discourage violence.

Sample Training Outline: *Preparing for an Active Shooter Incident*

- Preventing an Active Shooter Incident: Warning Signs and Threat Assessment Teams
- Planning for an Active Shooter Incident
- Training: Exercising the Plan and Planning a Scalable Emergency Exercise
- Responding to an Active Shooter Incident: Respond Immediately, Run, Hide, Fight and Interacting with First Responders
- After an active Shooter Incident: Public Crisis Communication Plan and Survivor/Victim/Family Communication Plan