

Church Security

Some Preparations to Consider

- Put additional staff in the Sanctuary, one close to the front and one in the rear at minimum.
- Do not allow unknown people to approach the podium or stage.
- Keep security staff in the foyers and parking lots.
- If you are not using radios for discrete communication, you need to start soon.
- Be aware of your surroundings and the people in them.
- Be on the look out for inappropriate conduct and suspicious activities such as people in unusual areas of the church, or sitting alone in a car in the church parking lot and surrounding streets.
- Also, recognize the potential areas of concern such as the back parking lots, balconies, back stage areas or baptisteries.
- Watch for people wearing unusual clothes that could hide weapons.
- Watch for large packages such as duffle bags, music instrument cases that could hide a rifle or shotgun.
- Watch for people that appear to be very emotional or distressed as well as displaying signs of unrest such as sweating or nervously glancing in all directions.
- Watch for people entering after the start of the service.
- Consider reducing the number of unlocked doors and funnel members and guests through one or two doors that are being watched by the greeters and security team members.
- Make sure that you have medical staff available if possible.