

# Protecting Your House of Worship with Compassion and Common Sense



A comprehensive training on best practices to promote safety and security for places of worship and faith-based organizations. For faith leaders, clergy, lay ministers, staff from churches, temples, synagogues, mosques, and meeting houses; law enforcement personnel; government leaders from Hampshire and Franklin counties and Athol.

**Tuesday, March 5, 2019**

**8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Northampton Senior Center, 67 Conz Street, Northampton, MA**

**Cost: \$55.00 per person - Registration Link: [www.regonline.com/WorshipSecurity-NorthamptonMA-030519](http://www.regonline.com/WorshipSecurity-NorthamptonMA-030519)**

Safety and security planning is increasingly important for places of worship and faith-based organizations. From acts of violence and vandalism to disruption of services, there are a wide range of security threats to houses of worship across the country. Law enforcement sources identify places of worship and faith communities as especially vulnerable targets, but there are ways to strengthen their protection. During this one-day training, instructors will review cases of violence in places of worship, talk through ways to prevent incidents and respond to an active shooter event and its aftermath, including effectively working with the media.

In addition, instructors will guide participants in how to undertake comprehensive safety and security risk assessments and develop policies to effectively address not only acts of targeted violence, but also other areas of vulnerability including sexual misconduct, financial exploitation and other crisis situations.

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The Training Class is presented by Training Force USA

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