

HOUSE OF WORSHIP SAFETY, SECURITY & RISK MANAGEMENT TRAINING

TRAINING DATE & LOCATION

SOUTHWEST OHIO

February 21, 2026

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Westwood United
Methodist Church**

3460 Epworth Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45211



WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Clergy and Faith Based Leaders
- Non-Profit Community Groups
- Law Enforcement
- Security Teams
- Ushers
- Staff
- Congregants & Members
- Crime Prevention Practitioners

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

\$75 - Attendee

\$60 - OCPA & ICPA Members

**INCLUDES REFERENCE MANUAL,
CPTED SURVEY WORKSHEET and
CERTIFICATE**

Registration and payment can be
completed on-line by visiting
WWW.OCPA-OH.ORG

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ACTIVE ASSAILANT (SHOOTER) IN PLACES OF WORSHIP

Because of their location, population, and open-door mentality, houses of worship can be highly vulnerable to active assailant attacks. The leadership team can take specific steps to minimize the risk of being involved in an active shooter incident, and this training will not only cover those steps but also best practices for surviving these types of incidents.

OTHER CRIMES IN PLACES OF WORSHIP - AN "ALL HAZARDS APPROACH"

In addition to active shooter/threat incidents, there are a growing number of property crimes committed against Houses of Worship, especially theft of funds, burglary, arson, and vandalism. Even more disturbing, House of Worship members and staff are just as vulnerable to occurrences of personal and physical abuse as are individuals in any other location. Those intent on victimizing the vulnerable know that the forgiving culture and easy-access environment of the House of Worship can inadvertently foster an opportune place to strike. House of Worship leaders are responsible for conscientiously screening candidates, setting boundaries, maintaining an atmosphere of ethical behavior, and sustaining a safe overall environment that is a hallmark of the House of Worship as a place of refuge and peace.

TRAINING PRESENTATION

Our presentation will cover topics to educate members, staff, leadership, and clergy on how to protect people and property: preventing accidents, injury, and neglect; safeguarding against loss from crime and theft of funds; and protecting members and staff from abuse, liability, false claims, and lawsuits. Protection of those entrusted to your care is a key element of a House of Worship. These proactive steps will demonstrate care and concern for your members, staff, and guests.

TOPICS TO BE COVERED INCLUDE:

Active Shooter/Threat	Physical Security	All Hazards Approach for Safety Teams
CCW Considerations	Critical Incidents	CPTED for Houses of Worship
Crime Prevention	Risk Management	Organizational Protocol for Safety Teams

WHY ATTEND THIS CLASS

This training course will inform and educate those responsible for maintaining a safe environment for the people and property associated with churches, chapels, synagogues, temples, mosques, or any other place of worship we reverently call a House of Worship. This course will assist in helping House of Worship leaders learn how to prevent, avoid, and control various risks associated with the members, staff, guests, and buildings that make up a House of Worship. Fortunately, most of the crimes mentioned above are preventable! FBI statistics reveal that property crimes listed above are the primary ones that are costing Houses of Worship nearly 500 Million Dollars in lost funds and insurance costs, not to mention the loss of parishioners.