Driving Faith-based Security Forward

Training Cost and Time: (per person)

“Security Officer Core Subjects Entry-Level”
- DCJS Course 01E
- Two—9 hour days, 18 hours total
- Cost: $250 per person

“Armed Security Officer Arrest Authority”
- DCJS Course 05E (8 hours total).
- Cost: $150 per person

“Security Officer Handgun”
- DCJS Course 75E
- Three—8 hour days, 24 hours total, plus range time
- Cost: $375 per person plus range fees and cost of ammo.

“CHL”
- Cost $80

Total Training Cost for Armed Security Officer Course Package with 01E, 05E and 75E: $755

OPTIONAL: “Shotgun”
- DCJS Course 08E (3 hours total)
- Cost: $100 per person

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ABOUT US:
Gatekeepers is a licensed security company that provides security services ONLY for the faith-based community. The Gatekeepers model trains, certifies, licenses and insures trusted members of the specific church customer for a minimal cost.

To speak with us about the bringing Gatekeepers to your church please call or email us.

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The Gatekeeper Program™
Our Founding Scripture - Chronicles 9:21

21 And later Zechariah son of Meshelemiah had been responsible for guarding the entrance of the tabernacle. 22 In all, there were 212 Gatekeepers in those days, and they were listed by genealogies in their villages. David and Samuel the seer had appointed their ancestors because they were reliable men. 23 These gatekeepers and their descendants, by their divisions, were responsible for guarding the entrance to the house of the LORD, the house that was formerly a tent. 24 The gatekeepers were stationed on all four sides—east, west, north, and south.
THE NEED:

Faith-based organizations should be intentional in the safety & security of their staff, visitors, congregations and assets. Being a ministry does not exempt us from the dangers applicable to other places. Ministries, now more than ever before, are recognizing the responsibility to prevent or manage the many dangers facing them.

As an example, in the 10-year period from 2003 to 2012 there were no less than 237 homicide incidents at faith-based organizations (mostly churches). There were also many less violent crimes at these traditional soft targets.

Crimes such as domestic violence, robbery, and active shooters have all occurred in what was once considered the safe haven of our houses of worship.

Faith-based organizations must increase their awareness of, and preparation for, the accidental, criminal, negligent and environmental hazards capable of compromising their primary purpose.

THE CHALLENGES:

LEGALITY: In many state or area jurisdictions, security operations are regulated by law. Many prohibit the carrying of a handgun in church as a part of a security team (concealed permit or not). Some regulate any intentional security action, mandating proper training, licensing and regulatory compliance. It is common for those with a protective heart to read the laws with such a strong desire to protect, that they make errors in the interpretation of the law.

COST: Many churches recognize the need for effective security, but struggle with the cost of off-duty law enforcement, security contractors or full-time security staff.

CULTURE: Many have been to the courthouse, through airports or have seen police or security at community or sporting events and resist such a look and feel at their open-door culture. Even if they accept security, a conspicuous uniformed officer would not fit in well.

RISK: Due to the donation-based culture of ministries, security is often by volunteers who have very little, if any, current training. Many churches have given little consideration to the liability if a volunteer gets hurt or is involved in a litigious action.

INCONSISTENCY: Many churches are in the process of inventing their own wheel, missing out on the benefits of the momentum of others. The church insurance industry is now faced with many policy holders having myriad levels of training and operational protocols.

THE SOLUTION:

The National Organization of Church Security & Safety Management (NOCSSM) is the premier & established association focused exclusively on faith-based security operations. NOCSSM pioneered The Gatekeeper Program™ in Texas, which is one of the most regulated states in the nation when it comes to security operations in houses of worship. This time-tested and proven model is now being introduced to other states.

The Gatekeeper Program™ leads the way in volunteers who are trained, legal and insured at a fraction of the cost of extra-duty officers or traditional guard companies. The volunteers are trusted church members with a vested interest in protecting their home church property, congregation and staff.

The program trains, certifies, licenses, and insures volunteer operators in the required levels of security operations.

CONCLUSION:

Gatekeepers Security Services, LLC (Gatekeepers) is the experienced and licensed security company that trains, certifies and manages security personnel for faith-based operations. As a part of this commitment, we have cleared the path for ministries to effectively provide their own security with their own people.

THE COSTS:

Operational Costs: (per person)

Gatekeepers enters into an agreement with the church to provide trained, licensed and insured operators (chosen by, and members of, the church) for the security operations. The church is invoiced on a per hour rate when officers are "on duty" which is typically a few hours per week.

The hourly rate is negotiated with the specific ministry based upon the number of officers and the number of hours worked.