

Church Safety Facts

- Each year there are two times more shootings on church properties than there are on school properties. In 2015 there were 248 acts of violence in U.S. churches.
- About half of violent incidences in churches are a spillover of violence that started at home.
- About 25% of the attackers were affiliated with the church as a member, employee or volunteer.
- Most churches have no established safety plan. Does that include yours?

“The one who guards a fig tree will eat its fruit, and whoever protects their master will be honored.”

-Proverbs 27:18

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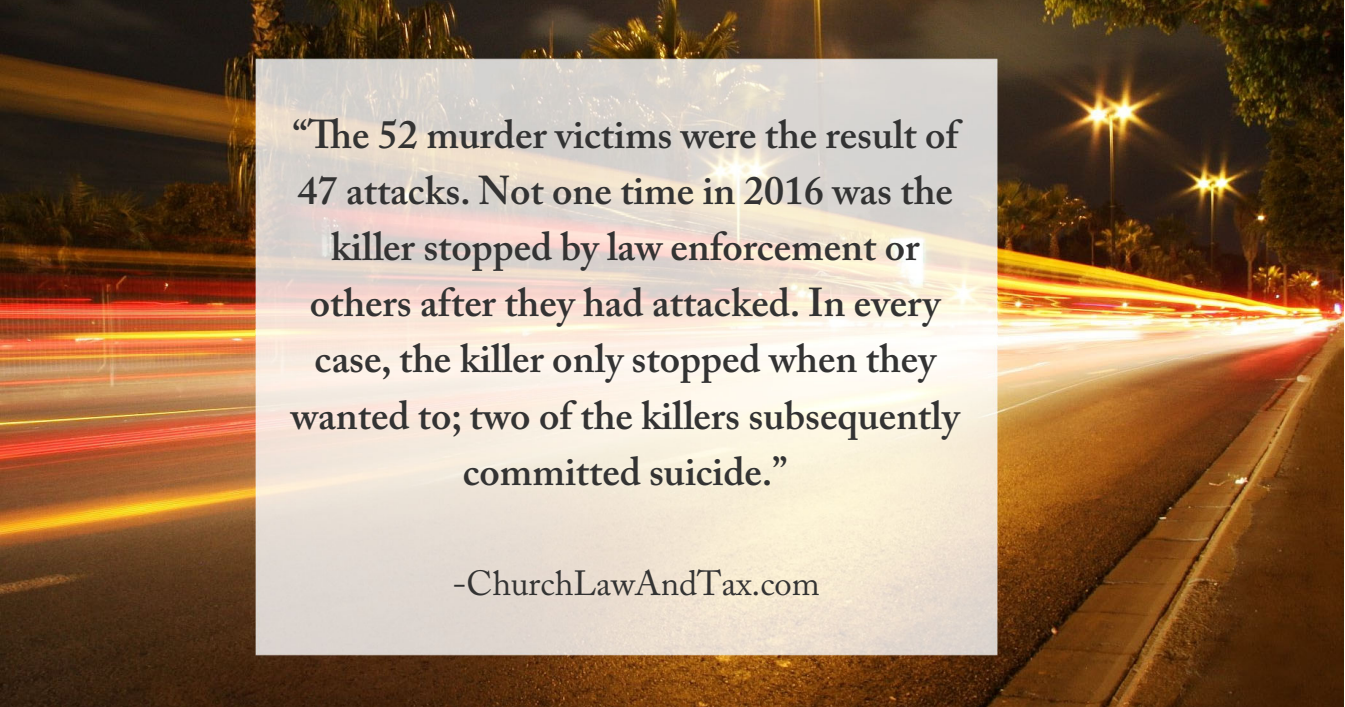


CHURCH
PROTECTION
MINISTRY
TEAM

How Your Church Can Benefit From The Church Protection Ministry

The Church Protection Ministry Team offers flexible consultations and trainings to fit any size or type of church. They have educational materials, can lead training events, individual consultations. Among these services, the team would like to help your church with:

- **A Church Safety Audit:** This would include a walk-through your current facilities as well as a sit-down review with church leaders of existing policies, protocols, and procedures. After the audit, a written list of recommendations will be given to your leaders for implementation.
- **Training of your safety team:** Church Protection Team members are certified trainers by ALERRT (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training) for teaching the “Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events” (CRASE). This training can be tailored to fit the needs of your congregation. Suggested people to receive this training are your (1) Church Safety Team (2) All staff (3) Greeters



“The 52 murder victims were the result of 47 attacks. Not one time in 2016 was the killer stopped by law enforcement or others after they had attacked. In every case, the killer only stopped when they wanted to; two of the killers subsequently committed suicide.”

-ChurchLawAndTax.com

Ways Your Church Can Get Involved

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- 1) Ask our team to conduct a Safety Audit together with your church leadership.
 - 2) Host a C.R.A.S.E. training event for your church leaders and invite neighboring churches to participate with you.
 - 3) Form a Church Safety Ministry Team
 - 4) Request a Free Checklist for Church Safety from the Association office. (Provided by Brotherhood Mutual).
 - 5) Delegate specific tasks to different leaders and teams with a due date and then follow up to be sure priority changes are implemented.
 - 6) Teach the basics of crowd safety during a few minutes of a large gathering once each year.