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Presentation Title: *“SAFE: Sanctuary Actions for Emergency™”*

Presentation Description:

“If I were the devil, I’d prove to people that even God is sometimes absent from church.” - Paul Harvey in his radio speech “If I Were the Devil” on April 3rd, 1965.

The SAFE™ program is designed for church staff and addresses emergencies that can typically occur during Sunday church services. A recent survey by the Christian Security Network of churches in the United States found that 75% of churches have no safety and security plan. Unfortunately, violence towards church members has risen more than 36% in the last couple of years, a trend that experts agree will continue. Many churches have taken the initiative to create a church safety and security ministry to protect their parishioners.

In this presentation, attendees will learn and discuss the meaning of several scriptures that address safety and security in the church. The “Just War” theory will be discussed with theological implications. In addition, the presenters will discuss the opinion of many famous theological experts on church safety and security. Attendees will also be taught about the legal liability of not addressing safety and security threats in their church and the consequences for failing to provide adequate security. Lawsuits against churches have risen more than 2,000% since 1992, with the average judgment against a church exceeding \$100,000.00.

This presentation focuses on the most likely emergencies that can occur during typical Sunday service, including an active shooter/active assailant, armed robbery of the tithes and offerings, disruptive attendee, child abduction, lost/missing child, medical emergencies, weather emergencies, bomb threats, fires, and domestic situations. A review of church emergency statistics will be given along with an overview of recent church emergencies in the United States. Church staff will be taught basic response procedures for each of these events.

Last, church members will be taught how to create functional church safety and security plans. Attendees will be taught how to divide the safety and security plans into management sections. Attendees will also be taught how to perform a risk assessment on the church and how to prioritize safety and security funding.

Presentation Objectives:

1. At the conclusion of this program, attendees will be able to describe specific Biblical scriptures that reference the safety and security of church attendees.
2. At the conclusion of this program, attendees will be able to describe statistical crime data involving churches in the United States.
3. At the conclusion of this program, attendees will be able to describe their legal obligation to ensure that basic safety and security threats have been addressed by the church
4. At the conclusion of this program, attendees will be able to describe recent significant emergencies that have occurred at churches in the United States.
5. At the conclusion of this program, attendees will be able to describe basic response procedures for the most common emergencies that can occur during a Sunday church service.

Amount of time needed:

This is a three hour class.

Prerequisites:

None

Resources Needed:

Computer, projector, audio