



## Securing our Houses of Worship

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#### Incidents/Articles of Note:

- [Toccoa Man Charged With Stealing Catalytic Converters From Church Vehicles](#)
- [2 Juveniles To Be Charged After Vandalism Of Johnson Co. Church, Sheriff Says](#)
- [Juvenile Charged With Arson After Church Fire In Rutherford County](#)
- [Clergy Scams: How Impious Impostors Prey on the Faithful](#)
- [Pastor Describes Damage After Vandals Make Mess Inside Wilkes-Barre Church](#)
- [Montgomery Church Burglarized For Third Time, Pastor Says](#)

## TOOLS AND RESOURCES



Training | Spotsylvania Sheriff and Lifepoint Church

#### Securing the Faithful: Preventing and Addressing Crime in Places of Worship

We live in a time of violence, a time where everyone wants their few minutes of fame, even if they need die to receive it. Violence is rampant and the world needs the church now more than ever. Our faith leaders have an awesome responsibility to congregants to watch not only for their spiritual safety but also their physical safety. The burning question is how do we provide for the safety of our flock while remaining an open and inviting congregation? This seminar by an expert in this field will answer that question and provide guidance to many of the questions asked by faith leaders today.

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Resource | FEMA

#### Faith-Based Community Preparedness

Fires, tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, arson and active shooters can all affect houses of worship. With incidents occurring with little to no warning, many houses of worship are developing and updating plans and procedures to ensure the safety and security of their congregations, staff, and facilities.

Training and planning exercises may enhance the disaster preparedness – and response and recovery capabilities and capacity – of the voluntary, faith-based, and community partner organizations, staff and volunteers.

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