

ASSIST[®] for Churches & Worship Centers

Advanced Security, Shooting & Incident Safety Training Active shooter and violence prevention

ASSIST[®] provides ministers, staff, and lay-leaders with the skills and confidence needed to deal with church violence. It dispels myths and misconceptions and presents simple techniques for surviving a crisis.

ASSIST meets federal requirements for annual counterterrorism training and provides up to 0.7 CEUs

YOU HAVE TWO OPTIONS FOR YOUR CHURCH

ASSIST Enhanced, (shown below), is an intensive six+ hour training course presented in three sessions. It includes InDev's exclusive "Rapid Security Assessment (RSA)"¹ of one facility prior to the training. The information gathered during the assessment is then discussed during the executive sessions.

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ASSIST Basic is a great choice for stretching training budgets. This two-session seminar covers basic ASSIST concepts and practices. The presentations take about four hours to complete.

MODULE I: Executive Session for Leaders and Administration

This pre-training session is for church leadership and administrators. It focuses on executive level issues that must be addressed to improve school security. Topics include:

Crisis and Counterterrorism: Planning, Training, Vigilance, & Deterrence

External Intervention: The fallacies of overreliance on external security resources

Creating a Safe Environment: The security focused campus; it's not what you've been led to believe

Establishing a Home Field Advantage: School vulnerabilities & solutions

MODULE II: ASSIST for Leaders, Staff, and Lay-leaders

Module II is the primary training session for all leaders, staff, and volunteers. It covers the realities of church violence and introduces skills anyone can employ to counter an attack. Attendees are engaged in confidence building exercises that introduce survival skills and reduce apprehension. Topics include:

Be Prepared; Not Paranoid: Dispelling myths, fear, & anxiety

Verbal Self-defense: Taking verbal command to defuse, de-escalate, & establish authority

Initial Contact and Commitment to Violence: The point of no return & surviving the first encounter

Under Attack: Dealing with deadly weapons & weapons-of-opportunity

Escape, Evasion, and Shelter-in-Place: Protecting yourself before & after the police arrive

Putting a Stop to It: Unarmed response techniques to stop & neutralize an aggressor

MODULE III: Executive Session - Crisis Management and Wrap-up Conference

The final session is intended for executive level personnel. With a focus on advanced crisis management, damage control, and decision-making, the session reviews issues that must be addressed during, and immediately after, a violent event. Topics include:

The Resulting Crisis and Aftermath: Event containment, damage control & mitigation

Crisis Command and Control: Understanding the ratcheting Chain-of-Command; who controls what

The After Party: Managing post-event issues & dealing with authorities, staff, families, & the media

Wrap-up Conference: A discussion of security vulnerabilities identified during the RSA and gleaned from participant interaction. Recommendations will be presented for follow-up and next steps, which may include the need for a Crisis Response Plan and establishing an Emergency Response Team (ERT).

ASSIST complements your existing policies and local law enforcement procedures.

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¹ "Rapid Security Assessment (RSA), a product of InDev Tactical, is a quick walk-thru survey of security vulnerabilities, weaknesses, & problem areas