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CHURCH MEMBERS ROBBED AT GUNPOINT

TOP NEWS STORY

Several church members were robbed at gunpoint inside Iglesia De Dios Evangelio Completo Pentecostes Church. Two men wearing masks walked into the church while a meeting was going on. There were about fifty people in attendance and they

threatened everyone that was there. The two men took cash, cell phones, wallets, and credit cards. Only one person was hurt during the robbery but not seriously. The suspects drove away and have not been captured yet. The pastor says their church does have armed security and that this is a reminder why there is a need for security in his church. "The people are concerned, I as a pastor am concerned. But it



makes us work more diligently with our measures we take for security. And we hope it doesn't happen again". [Click the link to read more]

Sources: <http://bit.ly/2PsZHeT>

TRAINING SPOTLIGHT

Active Shooter Situations

The number of Active Shooters and Deadly Force Incidents in churches has doubled of the past 10 years. And yet, few churches are prepared with even a basic Lockdown Procedure.

SDCS developed the Active Shooter Neutralization and Lock Down Drills course to teach your team how to Deter, Detect, Deny, Delay and Defend against a violent attack. That's everything from simple lockdowns to neutralization.

Hundreds of churches have used the Active Shooter Neutralization and Lock Down Drills course to prepare their teams.

We offer the training in two ways.

First, the instructor Training Bundle contains everything you need to teach the course. It includes streaming video, an unlocked PowerPoint presentation which can be modified to fit your church's unique size, setting and procedures and it includes an Instructor Guide with slide by slide instructions.

Second, the video-based online Individual Training course which you can earn a certificate from your own computer.

The Active Shooter Neutralization and Lock Down Drills course can be found with all our training resources at our online store. [CLICK PICTURE](#)



PROPERLY EQUIPPED FOR SERVICE

*Essential Equipment for Church Safety Ministry,
Featuring Items in the Sheepdog Church Security Store*



And the people of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt equipped for battle. (Exodus 13:18b)

... to equip the saints for the work of ministry. (Ephesians 4:12)

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)

EQUIPPED FOR THE JOB

Can you imagine digging in the garden with just your hands? Or driving nails with a rock and cutting boards with a pocket knife? That would get very old very quickly! To do a job, we need equipment. To do it well, we need the right equipment – spade and trowel for gardening, hammer and saw for carpentry. In a pinch, we may have to make do, but normally we should be properly equipped.

So it is when working in a Church Safety Ministry. We need the proper tools and supplies. Sheepdog Church Security has a store on Amazon with 25 items Kris Moloney recommends for use by church safety teams, plus a book. And he recommends another item which is not available on Amazon, therefore not in the store.

These 27 items have been featured in December's five articles:

Book - Defending the Flock.

Apparel - Security safety banner.

Communication - Two-way radio (with headsets and ear inserts), intercom, weather radio.

Medical equipment and supplies - First Aid kits, cabinet and bags, AED, CPR masks, tourniquets and pressure bandage, exam gloves.

Illumination – Flashlights

Tools - Multi-tool and tactical knife

Lockdown aids - Door bars, jams, and striker strips.

Defense weapon - pepper spray

QUESTIONS AND ACTION POINTS

Read the articles and listen to the podcasts. Note the items described in the articles and ask these questions: What equipment and supplies does our church safety team need? Take into consideration the specific needs of your congregation.

What equipment and supplies does it have? List these and discuss the need within the Safety Ministry.

Prioritize according to what is needed most and what your church can afford.

Plan for Safety. Prepare for Safety. Procure Equipment and Supplies for Safety.

Part of being prepared for emergencies is having the right equipment and supplies. Several key items are available in the Sheepdog Church Security Store on Amazon.

DIRECTOR'S FORUM

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Read & Put On Study - Identify - Wear

ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT FOR CHURCH SAFETY TEAMS

In the Bible

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15 - KJ21).

"The people of Israel shall camp each by his own standard, with the banners of their fathers' houses (Numbers 2:2 - ESV).

Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth ... and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace (Ephesians 6:14 -15 - ESV).

Study - Identify - Wear

It is easy to see three kinds of action urged in the biblical passages above. We as Christians are to study God's Word, to identify with God's people and with our own groups, and to wear armor for the battles we face. Let's see how these apply to us in church safety and security ministries.

Study

I know that the word translated as "study" in the Authorized (King James) Version is rendered as "be diligent" (or its equivalent) in newer translations. However, study is a diligent activity. Studying is implied, as this verse goes on to specify "rightly dividing [interpreting] the word of truth."

A certain amount of study is needed for any job, even if just listening and paying attention to instructions. Since we are literate, this includes instructions, reasoning, examples, and guidelines which are written down. Having these in written form (either digital or on paper), means that we can go back and review material, or look up specific points when needed.

Sheepdog Church Security founder Kris Moloney has written a guide for leaders of church safety/security ministries, *Defending the Flock*. The description on Amazon begins with, "For too many churches, security is only a passing concern." He goes on to say why church security matters and how to implement a safety & security ministry in your church. The fifteen chapters are spread out among five units. These concern (1) the rationale of church security, (2) setting up a church security ministry, (3) security assessments, (4) understanding attacks and threats, and (5) preparation for attacks and threats. Templates for a number of forms are in the appendices.

Moloney's description goes on to say, "We help you answer pressing questions, including:

Is your church prepared for emergencies?

What will your congregation do in the face of severe weather? Where will disabled congregation members evacuate to in the event of a fire?

Are the children within your congregation protected against physical and sexual abuse, as well as neglect?

Is your administrative staff trustworthy? Do you have practices in place to prevent financial theft?

Are you prepared for gun-related violence within your church?"

Defending the Flock is available on Amazon in the Sheepdog Church Security Store [2].

Identify

In the wilderness, the Israelites used standards and banners to identify themselves as members of their clans and tribes. Today we have means of identifying our membership and roles in groups. Workers in retail establishments often wear certain clothes and name badges.

Identification as members of the Church Safety Team is useful in medium-sized congregations and larger. When some members are especially certified in medical response, their identification is also useful. This means that as you respond to situations, church members and visitors know that you are doing your job and not just stepping in. It also means they know whom to seek for help. This identification is usually done through clothing and/or ID tags.

If there is a violent disruption with a 911 call or an active killer incident, and law enforcement officers respond, it is important that they are able to immediately identify security team members when they come in. Kris Moloney recommends the DSM Security Banner [3]. It can be carried folded into a pocket, and quickly put on when needed. By the way: DSM means "Don't Shoot Me."

Wear

None of the following items is listed on the Sheepdog Church Security Store.

When we are working safety and security for our church, it is wise to dress smartly. OK, we know that for many it means being in style, but here we mean smart for safety, security, and functionality. Does it make us safer? Does it make us more secure? Does it help us work? Since we are, in a sense, soldiers in a spiritual war with on-the-ground, physical assignments, we can take some cues from the Armor of God passage in Ephesians (Eph. 6:13-17), focusing on the belt, shoes, breastplate, and helmet.

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ...

Belt

The first item of our armor is the belt. Today, tool belts are used by workers in several trades, as well as factory workers, to hold the tools they use. Likewise, security guards and law enforcement officers wear security belts designed to hold their tools of the trade: handcuffs, mace, baton, taser, and handgun holster. This kind of belt is sturdier than the one used to hold your trousers or tighten your coat. Items on your security belt could be the two-way-radio (and mobile phone), disposable CPR mask(s), tourniquet, pepper spray, and (if you have one) your handgun.

Shoes

The first consideration for shoes, besides being presentable, is traction. As a safety team member on duty, you may stand, walk or run on several surfaces - carpet, hardwood, concrete, tile, linoleum, gravel, blacktop, dirt, and grass - wet or dry. The shoes should not slip. Nor should they catch on things and trip you.

Shoes should also properly fit, with good arch support, and be breathable. Since you will be on your feet for a long time, foot health is an important consideration.

There are several stores, both online and brick & mortar, which have safety shoes for sale. Several places specialize in work shoes.

Breastplate

The modern equivalent of a breastplate is the impact-resistant "bullet-proof" vest, which would protect you during a knife or firearm assault. Church security personnel may or may not choose to wear these, but the point is that we protect our bodies. For those in northern climates, this includes protection from the elements in winter. You may serve inside the church building, but have to go outside to help someone or check on something.

Helmet

Don't expect to be wearing military or police type helmets on safety team duty. However, there is a place for headgear. For outdoor church activities, hats or baseball caps can serve as team identification. In frigid weather, they protect your head from the cold.

Conclusion

Because we protect the flock - God's people - from various threats, human and natural, we must have the knowledge, training and skills to do so. We also need the right tools. The New Testament (Ephesians 4:12, 16; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 13:20-21) refers to being equipped for service. Here we begin with studying, identification, and putting on those items that help us do our job.

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In the Bible

In the Bible we have examples of communication. The technology of communication is different today from what it was then, but the kinds of communication are the same. In these passages, we see communication used for (1) calling to attention, (2) requesting information, (3) relaying orders, (4) calling for help, and (5) warning of danger.

1. And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." (1 Samuel 3:10)

2. Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs, who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what this was and why it was. (Esther 4:5)

3. And Joshua commanded the officers of the people, "Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people, 'Prepare your provisions, ...'" (Joshua 1:10-12)

4. And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua at the camp in Gilgal, saying, "Do not relax your hand from your servants. Come up to us quickly and save us and help us." (Joshua 10:6)

5. Now the son of Paul's sister heard of their ambush, so he went and entered the barracks and told Paul. (Acts 23:16)

Communication - Key to Coordination

The responsibility of security in churches, protecting the flock, falls to a Church Safety/Security Ministry (by whatever name) and the Safety/Security Team. "Team" is a collective noun - many viewed as one, plural treated as singular. This means that although the Team has several members, they act as one by coordinating their actions. But just as the nervous system coordinates parts of the body, communication makes it possible for a team of several individual members to act as one.

Means of Communication

There are several ways to communicate: speaking one-on-one, speaking to or as a group, signals, sign language, writing, mental telepathy (all right - that last one is off the chart). Several of these ways can be enhanced through technology - for instance: clicks on telegraph, talking on a landline phone, talking and texting on mobile phones, email, faxing, social media, television, radio.

Safety Team Communication

As a matter of necessity, not all team members are together except for team meetings. We have to be covering different locations within and around the church. Therefore we need a reliable means of communicating, especially during developing and ongoing situations, as well as alerts and notification of incidents.

Fifty or sixty years ago, this could have been an in-house telephone system with a phone in each room or key area. Dial the number for that room, and anyone there could answer. Then two-way radios (walkie-talkies) became more available and affordable. At first mostly used to communicate between vehicles on the road, they are now common for in-house communication in factories, in warehouses, on spread-out worksites, in large retail stores, among restaurant staff, etc. Radio systems are now used by safety teams in churches, even small ones, to keep members in touch with each other. In some places, they are also used by church staff. There are good reasons for using radios. In a new document, Essential Equipment, Kris Moloney lists a few:

It is not always practical to meet in person. While on patrol, a Team member may call for help and be unable to leave their location.

In a widespread emergency, cell phones and land lines can fail or become overloaded. As long as their batteries are charged, radios will work.

Radio communications are instant and relatively secure.

Radios can be used for larger events and for offsite activities. Radios are rugged and designed for use outdoors, unlike the typical cell phone. [2]

In the church, using a radio system can connect more than members of the Safety Tea. By using more than one channel, it can connect to classrooms, the office, other campus buildings, and the platform. With different channels they can keep a conversation among the team, share information with the pastoral staff, or alert teachers or the nursery.

Using Radios

The Sheepdog Church Security training course "Church Safety and Security Volunteer Academy" [3] gives guidelines on the use of radios in a church safety ministry. This includes etiquette, using plain English, and using approved codes. Going on, what radios do we use? Three radios/systems are recommended - two-way radios, wireless intercom and weather radio. Also recommended are accessories for the two-way radios.

Selecting Two-way Radios

The obvious question is, "What is a good, reliable, and affordable two-way radio system our team can use?" Kris Maloney, founder of Sheepdog Church Security, recommends the Midland GXT1000VP4 [1.a] as "reliable and durable." Among other features it has waterproof protection, a 36-mile range, privacy codes, and NOAA weather scans and alerts. The batteries are rechargeable. These are sold in pairs, but can be consolidated into a system.

Headsets

Earpieces are highly recommended for use in church. For one thing, they do not distract others in a class, ceremony, or worship service. For another, they keep what you hear confidential. Compatible with the GXT1000VP4 are the Midland AVPH3 Transparent Security Headsets [1.b]. The headset itself is transparent, therefore not unduly distracting. Like the two-way radios, it comes in pairs.

Ear Inserts

Having the right ear inserts helps you hear more clearly. Also, having the right sizes makes them more comfortable, easier to use for several hours at a time. Compatible with the Midland headsets are the Semi-Custom Open Ear Inserts by TCG [1.c]. These do not completely block the ear, meaning that you can still hear what is going on around you. They come in packs of three, in three sizes (Small, Medium, and Large).

Intercom

Most of us already know what an intercom is, since generations have gone to schools where the office could contact any classroom or activity center and make an announcement specifically for that room. For example: "Mrs. Jones, please send Jed Brown to the Nurse's Station." With an intercom in the church, the church staff or the Safety Team lead person can send a message or question to a classroom or the nursery. Even better is when the teacher can answer back, or call the office.

Decades ago, all intercoms were connected the rooms by wires. Now there are wireless intercoms, such as the one Kris recommends: the Wireless Intercom System Hosmart [1.d]. This is available on Amazon at less than \$68 for two stations, \$138 for four, or \$200 for six. More stations can be added to the network to include more rooms. Being wireless and having rechargeable battery power, it can operate even when the power is out, the same advantage as two-way radios. Two-way radios can connect if they use "the same digital channel code."

Communication with children's Sunday school classrooms, pre-school child care areas, and nurseries helps in preventing child abuse and abduction. This is a valuable role for intercoms, as well as notifications of lockdowns and evacuations. As with the two-way radios, etiquette and clear speech must be used.

Weather Radio

Severe weather is a reality no matter where you are in the country. The kind and intensity vary by location. For instance, this year there have been tornadoes, hail, hurricanes, a nor'easter, snowstorms, floods, wildfires, extreme heat, and extreme cold. Some weather events, such as tornadoes, have little warning, while some, such as hurricanes and nor'easters, are tracked for more than a week before impact. Prudence means taking reasonable precautions.

If conditions develop rapidly - as with tornadoes, wildfires, and flash flooding - we need immediate notice. Emergency services, such as FEMA and state agencies, recommend weather radios for news and alerts. These alerts include general advisories, watches, and warnings.

Sheepdog Church Security recommends the MIDLAND WR300 Weather Radio [1.e]. It can receive all NOAA weather channels. It uses Specific Area Message Encoding (S.A.M.E.), which means it receives alerts specific to its location. It also has an AM/FM radio and a clock. To one side of the display are three lights to indicate the nature of an alert: Warning, Watch, or Advisory.

This is a desktop unit, more likely to be kept in an office. Therefore, it should be where it can be monitored. If the safety team has the GXT1000VP4 two-way radios described above, team members can receive alerts on their individual units. However, when there are no services, classes, or events, but staff are in the church office (such as during the week), they can receive weather alerts on the weather radio, allowing them to take appropriate action.

Conclusion

Communication is critical to the success of a safety team in a developing emergency situation. Having the right equipment for this will contribute to its efficiency.

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Attention! Medical Emergency Notify - Aid

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From the Bible

There are several notifications described in the Bible. There are also several references to items for treating wounds and illness.

Notification

"Announce in Judah and proclaim in Jerusalem and say: 'Sound the trumpet throughout the land!' Cry aloud and say: 'Gather together! Let us flee to the fortified cities!'" (Jeremiah 4:5)

When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; (Joshua 6:5

... and they called the whole community together ... (Numbers 1:18)

Medical Supplies

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. (Psalm 147:3)

He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. (Luke 10:34)

Then Isaiah said, "Prepare a poultice of figs." They did so and applied it to the boil, and he recovered. (2 Kings 20:7)

Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is there no healing for the wound of my people? (Jeremiah 8:22)

I counsel you to buy from me ... salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. (Revelation 3:18)

Help on the Way (a scenario)

Madeline Byers wavered slightly as she came through the door of Solid Rock Fellowship. She paused briefly with her hand on the door jamb, then walked the rest of the way in. "Are you all right, Sister Byers?" Jane Thomas, the greeter, reached out her hand to help. "I'll be OK, Janey. Thank you." Madeline smiled, took the bulletin, turned toward the sanctuary, then stalled, lost her balance, and fell. Jane bent over Madeline, then turned her head and waved to John Smith of the Eyes & Ears Team, beckoning him. He hurried over. John took her vital signs. Her heart was beating and she was breathing, but was semi-conscious. He checked her eyes. Pulling out his smart phone, he selected "Care Team" on the Alert App, and texted, "Need medic, entry, possible stroke." Dr. Ray Bonner texted back, "I'll be there."

Equipped to Make the Call

When you need someone to help NOW, you do not always have the time to go find them, or even to send someone to get them, especially when you have to stay on the scene and take care of the situation, such as in the scenario. There are other situations when we need to notify several people at the same time, such as cancellation of an event or service, a suspicious person, or updating others on an ongoing situation. We need to be able to make a mass call without walking to the office or a house phone to use the public address system. Or we want to tell just a select group. Above all, we do not want to distract or disrupt services, classes, or events unless necessary. This is where a notification service proves its worth. Not everyone is on the two-way radio system. We may need to call a specific group or the congregation as a whole. More than 100 notification services that do this are available, using phone messaging, SMS, social media, and email. Many are geared for large businesses, organizations, and institutions. There are some companies who serve smaller clients, such as churches. There are subscription fees for their services, and most offer free trials for a short time or a limited number of calls. One of these providers is Alert.Church. Their website [2] says

they reach people with text messages and emails. The local administrator (Church Safety Director) uses a dashboard to set up the app, to create target groups, and to sign up members. For the last item, the administrator sends a code to selected people for signing up. These persons are put into one or more groups (such as Dr. Bonner in the Care Team group).

Alert.Church has three plans at three subscription prices: Basic Coverage, Standard Plan, and Advanced. Each has unlimited emails and a covered number of SMS (with a per message fee for over that number).

Kris Moloney names a few of the groups you may set up: Safety Team, Children's Ministry, Staff and Volunteers, Congregation. Subjects of messages may include weather watch, following a suspicious person, calls for evacuation or lockdowns, medical emergencies, lost children, etc.

Equipped for Code Blue

In the scenario above, the medical emergency (Code Blue if called on the radio) was a likely stroke. What if the fall had caused cuts and bruises, or fractures? What if it had been a heart attack? What if it was wounds from an attack, or a severe allergic reaction? For these instances and others, we would need some medical equipment and/or supplies. The Sheepdog Church Security (SDCS) Store on Amazon [1] has ten items of medical equipment/supplies:

Medical Equipment & Supplies

Lightning X Products Premium Nylon MOLLE Emergency Kit
Wall Mountable Rapid Care First Aid 80093 First Aid Cabinet
MFASCO - First Aid Kit
Philips HeartStart Home Defibrillator
Pack of 10pcs CPR Mask Keychain Ring Emergency Kit
MCR Medical CPR Rescue Mask
C-A-T Resources CAT Combat Application Tourniquet
Emergency Pressure Bandage (Israeli Type) Dynarex 4 inch
RATS Rapid Application Tourniquet System
Nitrile Exam Gloves - Medical Grade

Kits

Lightning X Products Premium Nylon MOLLE Emergency Kit - This is a zippered pack made of lightweight load-carrying material and filled with North American Rescue gear, including First Aid and trauma response supplies. This is ideal to have on church sponsored outdoor activities away from the church campus. Price: \$99.99 [1.a].
Wall Mountable Rapid Care First Aid 80093 First Aid Cabinet - This metal First Aid kit can be mounted to the wall in the office, gym, kitchen, or other suitable location. It is filled with several kinds of supplies - tools, bandages for cuts and bruises, and treatments for burns and for eye injuries - as well as a pocket-sized First Aid guide booklet. It is available in three sizes: 2-shelf, 3-shelf, and 4-shelf. Fresh supplies can be purchased wherever reasonably priced. Prices are \$71.98 \$109.46, \$139.98. [1.b].
MFASCO - First Aid Kit - This orange, strap-secured bag has a complete emergency response kit for natural disasters. Besides First Aid supplies, it also includes a blood pressure cuff, stethoscope, emergency blanket, pen light, and select tools. This is a good way to take your supplies with you for a Code Blue with injuries. Price: \$79.99 [1.c].

AED, CPR

Philips HeartStart Home Defibrillator - There are times when CPR is not enough, and we need another way to restart a patient's heart. Thankfully, automatic external defibrillators were invented and are available. They are expensive, but reusable. The Philips HeartStart Home Defibrillator is recommended by Kris Moloney and is on the SDCS Store. The battery is good for 200+ jolts. Replacement contact pads and batteries are also available on Amazon (linked to from the SDCS Store page for the HeartStart). Prices: AED \$1,275.00, Pads, \$64.91, Battery \$169.00 [1.d]

Pack of 10pcs CPR Mask Keychain Ring Emergency Kit - A CPR mask protects both the patient and the responder during cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Because of contamination on

both sides, disposable ones are preferable. The two-fold advantage of the CPR Mask Keychain Ring Emergency Kit is (1) these masks can be carried with you, readily available, and (2) buying them 10 at a time is more economical (and if you use one, you already have another one). Of course, we need to be aware of our inventory and replenish so that if we do more than ten CPRs, we will not have run out. Price: \$10.99 [1.e].

MCR Medical CPR Rescue Mask - This costs more per mask than the keychain CPR masks, but it does have some advantages: (1) It has a port for attaching an oxygen tube. (2) It comes with nitrile gloves and antiseptic wipes. (3) The MCR can be cleaned, and it uses a disposable filter. (4) It comes in a hard case. Price: \$8.95 [1.f]

Bleeding Control

C-A-T Resources CAT Combat Application Tourniquet - Tourniquets are used to stop severe bleeding, making them literally life-saving instruments. Made by North American Rescue, this is the official tourniquet of the U.S. Army. Basically, it is a belt with a windlass. It has several features making it easier to use under battlefield conditions, meaning it should be easy enough for most potential uses in church security. To avoid leaving on too long, it has a writable tab for jotting down the time it was applied. Price: \$28.90 [1.g].
Emergency Pressure Bandage (Israeli Type) Dynarex 4 inch - Pressure bandages are used to control severe bleeding when tourniquets are not necessary. First Aid training teaches us to apply pressure to a cut to slow then stop the blood flow. With this Israeli type pressure bandage, you do not have to hold your thumb or hand on the wound for a long time. It is like a cross between a large-pad bandage and an ace bandage. The wrap fastened by a clip holds the pad and pressure node with constant pressure on the wound. Price: \$6.89 [1.h].
RATS Rapid Application Tourniquet System - Designed by Special Forces veterans and made in the U.S.A. by Readyman, the Rapid Application Tourniquet System can be self-applied if needed, and is easy to use on others. Also, the extra long cord can be used on limbs too large for some other tourniquets. Price: \$17.99 [1.i].

Protective Gear

Nitrile Exam Gloves - Medical Grade - Flexible sterile gloves are now the standard protection to avoid contamination of products handled. They are commonly worn by bakery and deli workers. They are also worn by healthcare professionals as they work on patients. This is two-way protection. It protects vulnerable patients from infections, and it protects care givers from contamination by patient-borne infectious agents. For applying First Aid in Code Blue situations, Sheepdog Church Security recommends medical grade nitrile exam gloves. No worry about latex allergies. Price: Dispenser Pack of 100 - \$9.90, 1,000 - \$34.65.

Get the free download, Equipped for Success, Essential Equipment for Safety Ministries by following this link: <https://sheepdogchurchsecurity.lpages.co/pdf-essential-equipment/>

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Light & Lift Illuminate - Evacuate

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Lightbulb in dark room

In the Bible

Light is a constant theme throughout the Bible, including ways of providing light at night. Also described are times when people were evacuated from danger to a place of safety.

Light

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. (Genesis 1:3)

"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it?" (Luke 15:8)

Evacuation

But Jehosheba ... took Joash the son of Ahaziah and stole him away ... and she put him and his nurse in a bedroom. Thus they hid him from Athaliah, so that he was not put to death. (2 Kings 11:2)

... the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. (1 Peter 3:20)

What if ...

At Prairie Heights Chapel, classes are in session, the worship team is practicing in the sanctuary, and the pastoral staff is in the office. A tornado warning is received on the weather radio. Using all channels on the radio, Safety Team Leader Gary Smith relays the tornado warning and calls for everyone to move to the church's tornado shelter.

Thanks to tornado drills, all know where to go. The Pre-School class files into the hallway led by the teacher, holding onto a long walking rope. Others lines of students make their way toward the shelter, following assigned routes.

The power goes out.

Most emergency lights come on, except those in the main corridor - the batteries fail. Safety Team members pull out their flashlights to show the way. Two members begin checking emptied rooms for anyone left behind, shining their lights into corners, behind the desk, etc. They also check the restrooms.

John Wing finds 82-year old Tom Lane on the floor in the Men's Room. Before trying to pick Tom up, he calls for help. As John is pulling Tom into a sitting position, Gary comes in with an evacuation chair. They help Tom into the chair and take him to the shelter.

Everyone makes it into the shelter just in time. The tornado hits the church.

Illuminate, Evacuate

We need light to see, especially when inspecting rooms, guiding people after dark, etc. Then, when the building is evacuated or everyone has to go to shelter [2][3][4], some may need assistance.

Flashlights

All of us know that if it is after dark and we are outside or the power is out, we need something we can carry to provide light so that we can see - a lantern or flashlight. The flashlight (called a "torch" in Britain) is preferred, because it can be aimed at what we want to see. As safety team members, we also need flashlights in the daytime to see into dark corners, behind or under furnishings, and in unlit closets.

The real question here is not whether to get a flashlight, but what flashlight to get. For our purposes, there are three basic types of flashlights to consider.

Large "Police" Flashlight

First is the big flashlight with 2-to-6 D or C batteries. The classic flashlights with 4-6 cells have long been associated with police and security guards. When all flashlight bulbs were incandescent, these were the ones with the most light, a must for looking into dark alleys and down stairwells. One additional advantage of a larger, heavier flashlight is that it can be used as a defensive weapon.

Now with halogen bulbs, we can get the same amount of light with lighter batteries - fewer and/or smaller cells. Brighter still with less battery weight are LEDs (light-emitting diodes).

Mini Flashlights

Second are mini flashlights. These range from cylindrical ones that stretch across your palm to keychain fobs. They are the newer version of the penlights of a generation ago. The chief advantage of a mini flashlight is its small size. It can be carried inconspicuously, yet still be ready to use. Kris Moloney recommends the Maglite Mini PRO LED, available in the Sheepdog Church Security Store on Amazon. With 272 lumens, it uses 2 AA cells, has a beam distance of 535 feet, and is drop resistant at 3¼ feet. It also comes with a belt pouch, making it even handier. Price: \$15.75 [1.a].

Tactical Flashlights

Third are tactical flashlights (tac lights). The name comes from lights originally designed to be mounted on rifles to illuminate targets for night shooting. They can be adjusted to have a very narrow beam. The profile is an anti-roll cross-section so it takes more than a slight incline for them to roll away. Today's tac lights, with LED bulbs, can be cycled to pulsate, blink SOS in Morse code, change intensity, or other configurations, depending on the brand or model.

The one that Moloney recommends is the Streamlight 88065 Pro Tac HL-X. It is only about 5½" long, making it easy to carry and hold. It is powered either by two CR123A lithium batteries (non-rechargeable) or by one rechargeable 18650 button top lithium ion battery (which can be USB charged) - choose when buying it. The charging kit is sold separately, but it can be plugged in with a cord to a USB charger. The tail-end push button switch can select for high power, strobe, or low power. The head has an anti-roll design. The long pocket clip is removable. Price: w/ CR123A Batteries, \$77.29, w/ USB Rechargeable 18650 Batteries \$82.99 [1.b].

Evacuation Aids

When an emergency requires getting those in attendance to shelter within the building (such as a tornado warning) or out of the building (such as during a fire), some individuals may not be able to move on their own or find their way. These include infants and small children, as well as mobility-impaired and injured persons. Evacuation aids are available for helping them. Three of these are on the Sheepdog Church Security Store: LA Baby The Condo Metal Evacuation Window Crib, LINE2design Stair Chair 70010-BL Emergency Evacuation Medical Transport Chair, and Brand New World WR99 Safety Walking Rope.

The Condo Metal Evacuation Window Crib by LA Baby This has an all-metal frame with a baked-on finish - no worry about toxic paint. The height of the mattress support can be adjusted according to the age and size of the infants. It has casters that can be locked for use in the nursery or day care, or be unlocked for moving the occupied crib to another room, to shelter, or out of the building. By the way, here is where it pays to have the nursery and/or day care on a floor with a ground level exit. Price: \$219.00 [1.c]

LINE2design Stair Chair 70010-BL Emergency Evacuation Medical Transport Chair

It's easy enough to carry a baby or toddler out of a building or down to the tornado shelter, but what about older children or adults who are unable for whatever reason to move out on their own? The person can sit in a chair while two men carry it, but what about narrow doors and stairways?

There are wheeled chairs designed to be taken up or down steps. The Sheepdog Church Security Store has the LINE2design Stair Chair 70010-BL Emergency Evacuation Medical Transport Chair. It has a number of features facilitating moving a patient down or up stairs, including handles which can be lowered and extended to make it easier for the rescuer on the lower steps.

This chair also has restraining straps to secure the patient. This makes it safer, keeping the passenger from sliding out. It has a 350-lb. carrying capacity, and folds to 8" thick for easy storage when not in use. Price: \$269.95 [1.d].

Brand New World WR99 Safety Walking Rope

Leading young children and cognitively challenged youth and adults from one place to another can be challenging enough

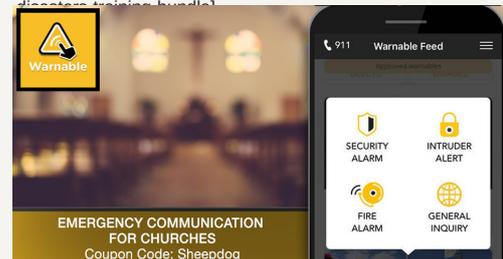
under normal circumstances, let alone during an emergency. Keeping them in line and moving toward the destination is critical when called to evacuate or move to an interior shelter. Having held fire drills and tornado drills helps, but there is more. Most of us have seen lines of pre-school and Kindergarten children moving down a sidewalk in a line holding on to a rope or cord with a teacher or assistant at either end. That is the principle used in the Brand New World WR99 Safety Walking Rope, which is in the Sheepdog Church Security Store.

Using the Safety Walking Rope for exploratory walks trains children to use it and stay together in an emergency. Made of web nylon and over 12 feet long, it has handholds in pairs for 12 persons. Two of these can be linked via Velcro for a longer rope. Price: \$14.29. A shorter version is available for \$11.88 [1.e].

Get the free download, Equipped for Success, Essential Equipment for Safety Ministries by following this link: <https://sheepdogchurchsecurity.lpages.co/pdf-essential-equipment/>

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The Gift of Safety and Tools of Defense Give Safety - Bar the Doors

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In the Bible Gifts

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

Give, and it will be given to you. (Luke 6:38)

Tools

[Implements in the Tabernacle]... the flowers, the lamps, and the tongs, (2 Chronicles 4:21)

The ironsmith takes a cutting tool and works it over the coals. (Isaiah 44:12)

Bars

And [King Asa] said to Judah, "Let us build these cities and surround them with walls and towers, gates and bars. (2 Chronicles 14:7)

... the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the [authorities] (John 20:19)

Defensive Weapon

In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; (Ephesians 6:16)

Give the Gift of Safety

For most people, Christmas is the season of giving gifts. The Bible has much to say about gifts, with many examples of giving. God has given us life itself, along with many blessings. Christmas celebrates God's gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. The Christmas story continues with Magi coming about a year later with gifts for Him. Thirty years later, Jesus tells us, "Give, and it will be given to you" (Luke 6:38).

It also has much to say about defense, from God being our defense to defensive measures we can take. God offers us protection from our enemies, Satan and those who do his work. At the same time, He expects us to take some responsibility for the safety of ourselves and others. Holidays have their own risks. These include fire hazards, icy roads and walkways, crowds, contagious sicknesses, thieves, and anti-Christian hate crimes. As Church Safety Ministry members, at this season and through the year, along with good cheer we can give the gift of safety.

Tools for Our Defense

Equipment for church safety & security ministries includes defensive tools of various kinds. Three categories in the Sheepdog Church Security Store are covered here; General Tools (multi-tools and tactical knives), Lockdown Bars, and a Weapon (pepper spray - other weapons, such as batons, tasers, and firearms are not in the SDCS Store).

General Tools

Two general tools in the Sheepdog Church Security Store are a multi-tool and a tactical knife.

Multi-tool

Multi-tools have been around for a long time; the classic one is the Swiss Army Knife. Another well-known line is by Leatherman. Multi-tools are very versatile, many tools in one, such as knife, saw, screwdrivers, file, etc. The multi-tool recommended by Moloney is the Gerber Suspension Multi-Plier [22-01471]. It is made by Gerber Legendary Blades, a manufacturer of premium and custom knives in Oregon. They temper their steel for high strength and edge-holding. The Multi-Plier integrates 12 tools in an open-frame handle. The locking system keeps a tool in place while you're using it. The needle-nosed pliers are spring loaded so that all you need to open them is lighten your grip. Besides the pliers, tools include wire cutter, fine edge knife, serrated edge knife, saw, scissors, crosspoint screwdriver, small and medium flat drivers, can opener, and bottle opener (listed by Gerber [2]). It has a hole for a lanyard and comes with a sheath. Price: \$19.97 [1.a].

Tactical Knife

The tactical knife Moloney recommends is the Schrade

SCHA3BS Folding Knife. The 3" stainless steel blade folds into the 4½" aluminum handle. It is 7½" long when extended. "Assisted opening" means that it opens with a push on the ambidextrous button so you don't need two hands, as with an ordinary pocket knife. A safety lock keeps the blade from folding while in use. A partial serration at the rear of the blade enables the user to saw through difficult materials, such as a seat belt when getting a person out of a wrecked vehicle. Since this is a knife, it can double as a defensive weapon. Price: \$36.33 [1.b].

Lockdown Aids

The Sheepdog Church Security Store has five lockdown aids to keep doors from being opened during an active shooter situation: Bearcade Lockdown Response System for Inward and Outward-Swinging Doors, Barracuda Door Defense System, Intruder Defense System - Inward Swinging Commercial Doors, DSI-1, Intruder Defense System - Commercial Doors With Scissor Closers, DCS-1, and 5 Pack - Full Size Lockdown Magnetic Strips for School Lockdowns. These devices use different methods of keeping a door from opening. Two work with both outward and inward swinging doors. One is specific for doors that swing inward, and two work only with outward swinging doors. They range in price from \$19.96 to \$154.95.

Bearcade Lockdown Response System for Inward and Outward-Swinging Doors

Slide this device under the door, close, and drop the pin into a 5/16" hole in the floor. It will hold the door against 4,800 lbs. of force. Price: \$59.00 [1.c].

Barracuda Door Defense System

The Barracuda is a bar that is put across an outward-swinging door. A fork fits across the shaft of the door handle and is rotated into a locking position, barring the door from opening. It fits 36" doors, but can be used on a narrower door if there is enough room on the wall past the hinge. Price: \$152.99 [1.d].

Intruder Defense System, Inward Swinging Commercial Doors, DSI-1

The DSI-1 fits under the door from the inside. Plates slide out and across the door jamb, then are locked in place by pins. This is designed for 36" wide commercial entry doors. Price: \$154.95 [1.e].

Intruder Defense System, Commercial Doors with Scissor Closers, DCS-1

The DCS-1 fits over the elbow of a jointed door closer, keeping it from operating. Price: \$82.43 [1.f].

5 Pack - Full Size Lockdown Magnetic Strips for School Lockdowns

The Amazon tagline for these magnetic strips is "Simple Method to Lock Doors Quickly." This is true. However, your rooms need steel door frames. All the above devices need to be mounted on the wall next to the door. Not these. The strip can be stored on the steel door frame. When you open the room, lock the door and put the strip across the strike plate. If a lockdown (or lockdown drill) is called, open the door, remove the strip, and re-close the door - it's already locked. Price: \$19.96 [1.g].

Defensive Weapon

The one weapon in the Sheepdog Church Security Store (not counting the tactical knife) is pepper spray. This type of device is carried by many people for personal defense, and it has ended many unpleasant confrontations, including assault and battery, sexual assault, attempted abduction, and robbery. The active ingredient is oleoresin capsicum (OC), an oil extracted from hot peppers. Surprising as this may be to many, some states ban or restrict the use of pepper spray except by law enforcement, so check your state's laws before buying it.

The pepper spray recommended by Moloney is SABRE 3-IN-1 Pepper Spray, which is police strength. It is preferred by several police departments, sheriff's offices, and U.S. Marshalls. It comes with a link to free training videos. Price: \$6.99 [1.h].

Reminder

Part of being prepared for emergencies is having the right equipment and supplies. Several key items are available in the Sheepdog Church Security Store on Amazon.

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Read & Put On: Study - Identify - Wear

Because we protect the flock – God’s people – from various threats, human and natural, we must have the knowledge, training and skills to do so. We also need the right tools. The New Testament refers to being equipped for service. Here we begin with studying, identification, and putting on those items that help us do our job.

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"Go Ahead": Call - Answer - Monitor

Communication is critical to the success of a safety team in a developing emergency situation. Having the right equipment for this will contribute to its efficiency.

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Attention! Medical Emergency: Notify - Aid

When you need someone to help NOW, you do not always have the time to go find them, or even to send someone to get them, especially when you have to stay on the scene and take care of the situation, such as in the scenario. When these types of situations arise, are you equipped to make the call?

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Light & Lift: Illuminate - Evacuate

We need light to see, especially when inspecting rooms, guiding people after dark, etc. Then, when the building is evacuated or everyone has to go to shelter, some may need assistance. Do you have the necessary equipment needed to keep people safe when the lights go out?

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MAIL CALL

Messages from
Sheepdogs across the
country

JERRY

Thank you for all the information you send I am head of security at our church we have in house training once a month shooting range 3 times a year, they are required to shoot 90% to be on the security team, you have been very helpful, have a great day brother.

AUTUMN N

Thank you for the amazing and valuable resources you share with others. I am in pursuit of joining our churches Security Team and have been training for a few months.

Growing up my father did competition & was a gunsmith, so our home was very firearm-friendly!

Being a female, I hope to educate other women in our church about firearm safety, women's CCW, and even how to prepare for joining a ST being the only female is a bit daunting but I know this is where Christ is leading!

I think there is a good yet little known niche for women on a church ST - being at women's only events, nursery watch, children's church and women's only day trips - all areas where a female would be excellent service. I hope to give other women the knowledge and confidence needed to fill these specialty roles!

My husband is also looking into joining as well, though we would be doing different jobs on the team.

Thank you so very much - and have a blessed day!!

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Equipment?
Your Safety Ministry will need a number of essential items to make the execution of its Safety Team's duties safer and more efficient.

Saying, "The sky is the limit," when it comes to the variety of tactical equipment available to Safety Ministries, is not an exaggeration. Just type "tactical equipment for sale," into your favorite search engine and see what pops up.

To help you choose the right tools to get you started, we offer this quick overview. You can see options for each category [here](#) or search on the individual items recommended.

Why is this the best equipment to start with?
The following list is what we have found to be the bare minimum to equip your Safety Team. Quantities in each category will depend on factors such as available budget, number of Safety Team members active at any given time, and so forth.

- Two-way radios
- Tactical flashlights
- Medical gloves
- CPR masks
- Tourniquet
- Pepper-spray (if legal)

In the following sections we will talk about the rationale for each item listed.

Two-way radios
Over the air (OTA) communication is as old as history itself. Even wildlife uses OTA communication. When it comes to humans it started with yelling then (probably) followed this progression; runners, smoke signals, telegraph, telephone, radio, cell phone, satellite phone, and may end up with mental telepathy. How what could possibly go wrong with that last option?

Why does your team need radios? Aren't you close enough to simply meet and communicate face-to-face?

- It is not always practical to meet in person. While on patrol, a Team member may call for help and be unable to leave their location.
- In a widespread emergency, cell phones and land lines can fail or become overloaded. As long as their batteries are charged, radios will work.
- Radio communications are instant and relatively secure.
- Radios can be used for larger events and for offsite activities.
- Radios are rugged and designed for use outdoors, unlike the typical cell phone.

The Midland GXT1000P4, 50 Channel GMRS Two-Way Radio has proven to be a reliable and durable radio. It has excellent range and is affordable.

Do you know the best equipment to get for your team? This resource will help you get started!

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CROSSING THE “GOAL”-LINE

“INSTEAD, YOU OUGHT TO SAY, ‘IF IT IS THE LORD’S WILL, WE WILL LIVE & DO THIS OR THAT.’” (JAMES 4:15 NIV)

Do you ever set goals in your life? How about spiritual goals? That could include growth in your walk with the Lord, doing more Bible study, prayer, perhaps a project at your church. Being a valued member of your safety and security team, it could include goals your team has set, such as continuing your training with Sheepdog Church Security. We set goals as we look forward to the future, always striving to improve and be better than we were. However.....

As James 4:13-16 plainly shows, having a goal is great, but if it leaves God out of it, we’re going to be really disappointed! As we just noted, we set goals as we look to the future, but the Lord holds the future in His hands. You can plan all you want, but how will you react if God steps in and rearranges those plans for His great will and purpose? Of course we need to plan and have goals, just remember to put God at the center of them!

The late Scottish evangelist Oswald Chambers summed it up perfectly, “The question of whether we arrive at a particular goal is of little importance, and reaching it merely becomes an episode along the way. What we see as only the process of reaching a particular end, God sees as the goal itself.” As a believer, we must keep this important fact in mind; human goals are looking toward the future, something we plan and train for. However, in our spiritual life, it’s just the opposite - - God’s training is for now, not later. As we just mentioned, what we call preparation, God sees as the goal itself!

It boils down to this; as a Christian, your “goal” is not to be uptight about the next step, not to be overly concerned about looking far down the road, not eager to choose the path, not feeling the heavy responsibilities of the future, but obeying the Master each moment, one step at a time!



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SHEEPDOG CORNER

Hi Sheepdog,

My church is conducting a little experiment with our Safety Team. I was approached by some team members that wanted a more challenging role on the team. Their basic concept is to work like a Special Response Team. (or SWAT) They would be mobilized when our church has a specific threat, during high profile events and visiting controversial speakers. To become qualified for higher risk duty, they would participate in more specialized training and be on-call at all times.

I had several concerns which they addressed. First, I was concerned this would become a second team with no responsibilities to work Sunday services. They assured me to qualify for the team, they have to be in good standing with the Safety Team rules and requirements which includes working two services per month and attending team training.

Second, I was concerned about the cost and organizing the training. Our church budget is limited and my time is precious. They said they would take ownership of both the cost and organizing the training. Basically, they pay for all their own training and they set it up on their own.

Third, I was concerned about the team becoming a clique for the Cool Kids. It doesn't serve the team to exclude people from advanced training opportunities. They assured me that all would be invited to their training events. All of this is in the early stages. I have no idea if it will work or if it will last beyond the first few months. Stay tuned.

Your loyal companion in Christ,

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