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Memo

To: Pastors, Parochial Administrators, Parish Stewards, School Administrators
From: Glen Faulkner – Parish Security Coordinator
Date: October 07, 2024
Re: FBI Bomb Threat and SWATTING training

Last week the regional threat assessment center distributed a warning that an online extremist group with a history of making false threats was planning to make more SWATTING threats on October 3. The group actively solicited requests for names of schools to target.

These acts have followed a trend of hoax bomb and SWATTING threats made to schools and religious facilities across the country in recent months.

In response to these ongoing acts, FBI – Boston and the Massachusetts State Police are again offering their virtual “Responding to and Investigating Bomb Threats and Swatting Hoaxes” training sessions. Four presentations will be made on Wednesday October 9 (6:00 AM, 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM Pacific Time).

This program will offer an overview of these threats, and a review of current trends and statistics. They will also cover specific characteristics of hoax calls and best practices to follow when receiving these types of threats.

As with previous presentations of this subject, the course announcement is directed towards public safety and school officials, but the material is relevant to any parish operations.

A link to the course sign-up is included below:

[Responding to & Investigating Hoax Bomb Threats & Swatting \(October 9th, 2024\) \(google.com\)](#)