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Memo

To: Pastors, Parochial Administrators, Parish Stewards, School Administrators
From: Glen Faulkner – Parish Security Coordinator
Date: January 27, 2025
Re: Free Active Shooter Training

Sacramento's Regional Office of Homeland Security is hosting active threat/shooter training opportunities presented by Steven Smith with Guardian Defense. Smith has a unique instructor's perspective as a Florida law enforcement officer and SWAT team leader who has responded to two infamous mass shootings at schools.

The presentations are "live" 90-minute webinars with about 15 minutes reserved for questions and answers. The training focuses on teaching immediate decision making skills when a threat has been identified and the five immediate actions available to respond to the threat.

The Sacramento Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) program which normally covers only Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado, and Yolo Counties is offering this training to all churches and schools in the Sacramento Diocese. Smith and Guardian Defense provided similar training in 2023 and participants overwhelmingly rated it as outstanding.

Training sessions are scheduled for:

- Monday February 3 at 9:00 AM
- Monday February 3 at 1:00 PM
- Wednesday February 12 at 9:00 AM
- Wednesday February 12 at 5:00 PM

Please see the attached documents for course description and registration information.

Active Threat Response Program for Businesses

Active Threat Response Training

Syllabus

Training Description:

The Active Threat Response Training is a condensed, 90-minute version of the Active Threat Response Program for Businesses (ATRPB) which provides employees with the confidence needed in order to protect and defend their own lives and dependents in the event of an intruder, active shooter or threat, or other terror attack.

The Active Threat Response Training dives right into teaching employees **how to make a decision** and **respond when an active threat has been identified on site or property**.

Training Objectives:

- Understand why the **active shooter crisis** is unique compared to other emergencies; (*"Why is running away not always an option?"*)
- Define the terms **active shooter, active killer, and active threat**; (*"Does a person always have to be garnishing a weapon to be considered a threat?"*)
- Learn the **5 Immediate Actions** used to respond to an active threat; (*"What are my options and what do I do first?"*) and
- Know the most opportune time to **call 911** (*"When do I call 911 and alert others?"*)

Training Length:

The training is 90 minutes which includes approximately 75 minutes of content and 15 minutes for Q&A.

Methods of Delivery:

The training is conducted live, in webinar format utilizing a mix of auditory and visual learning methods. There will be a PowerPoint presentation and demonstrations with videos. Participants will be encouraged to interact with the instructor utilizing the chat feature.



Supplies for Participant:

Recording is not permitted. It is recommended that participants have a method to take notes readily available.

Prerequisites:

There are no prerequisites required for this course.

About the Company:

Guardian Defense was founded in 2013 following the horrific mass shooting incident at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT on December 14, 2012. Co-Founders and husband and wife team, Steven and Taylor Smith, recognized a need in society to bridge the gap between the time an incident occurred, and law enforcement arrived on scene. They were concerned for teachers and staff who are the true "first responders" when an active threat situation takes place. The first program for schools was developed and implemented in 2013, and quickly expanded to reach workplaces, places of worship, security guards and law enforcement officers.

About the Instructor:

Steven S. Smith, Co-Founder and President of Guardian Defense, is passionate about making a true change in the way schools, workplaces and law enforcement officers prepare for, and respond to, a threat on site. He developed active threat response training programs in order to build confidence and save time in the event of an intruder, active killer, or terror attack. Steve travels the nation training civilians and officers on threat response. He is also a current, certified law enforcement officer, serving as a Team Leader on the SWAT team. In 2017, Steve was awarded the Medal of Valor and Officer of the Year honor for his team's heroic actions during a hostage situation. In 2020, he was awarded the Lifesaving Award by his department for his swift action in applying a tourniquet to a victim of a car accident. In 2021, Steve was deputized with the U.S. Marshalls. During his police career, Steve has responded to two active shooter incidents: Fort Lauderdale Airport attack in 2017 and Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School attack in 2018, which provides a unique perspective to his training models.



Active Shooter Training for the Community Webinar

Hosted By: City of Sacramento

Presented By: Guardian Defense

TO: Sacramento Regional Office of Homeland Security

SUBJECT: Webinar Registration Link for Your Participants

RE: Please see the links below for your participants to register for the webinar.

Monday, February 3, 2025, at 9am PST

You are invited to register for a Zoom webinar!

When: Feb 3, 2025 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Active Shooter Training for the Community

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gKRNRlxZRA-BCjWwW82Gyw

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Monday, February 3, 2025, at 1pm PST

You are invited to register for a Zoom webinar!

When: Feb 3, 2025 01:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Active Shooter Training for the Community

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UEzpMYmDSce5neia-cyN0Q

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Guardian Defense

Webinar Form



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Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 5pm PST

You are invited to register for a Zoom webinar!

When: Feb 12, 2025 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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