

**FREE TRAINING on threat assessment for houses of worship, presented by the U.S. Secret Service**



## *Preventing Targeted Violence in Faith Communities: A Behavior-Based Approach*

Acts of targeted violence against houses of worship are a real—and potentially growing—problem in the United States and a top priority for Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul. The U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC) for more than 20 years has conducted research on the thinking and behaviors of those who commit acts of targeted violence, in an effort to prevent future acts from occurring. These attacks have impacted communities in the places that we live our daily lives, including houses of worship.

### **This presentation will include:**

- Findings and recommendations from NTAC's research examining mass attacks in public spaces
- Recommendations to identify, assess, and intervene with individuals that exhibit concerning or threatening behaviors
- Case studies that highlight relevant past incidents
- Resources that faith leaders can access for more information, in the event of a threat

This is a FREE virtual training. The material presented will take into account the unique considerations of faith leaders as they address both the spiritual and safety needs of congregants and the surrounding community. This is NOT active shooter response training.

For questions or to request reasonable accommodations, contact the Illinois Attorney General's Conference Registration Line at 866-376-7215 or email [specialevents@atg.state.il.us](mailto:specialevents@atg.state.il.us).

### **Event Details**

Date: March 2, 2021  
 Time: 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
 Platform: ZOOM (Link provided after registration)  
 Registration: Email [specialevents@atg.state.il.us](mailto:specialevents@atg.state.il.us) with your full name, title, organization, and email address.

### **Intended Audience from Illinois**

- Clergy
- Church Staff
- Church Safety and Security Personnel
- Mental Health Professionals
- Law Enforcement
- Anyone involved in risk detection or risk management

**Register by February 24, 2021.** Note: Registration prior to the deadline noted does not guarantee a space at the training. The Attorney General's Office may limit the number of attendees that an organization or geographical area may send.