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**Charleston County Sheriff's Office host Training Seminar on Safety and Security for
Places of Worship.
*"Protecting Your Place of Worship in an Uncertain World"***

WHAT: Faith Based Community Training Seminar
WHEN: August 24-29, 2015, 8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.
WHERE: Charleston County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Center
3691 Leeds Avenue, North Charleston, South Carolina C 29405

DATES & TIMES: The online registration site will allow you to choose the date you wish to attend.

Monday, August 24, 2015
Tuesday, August 25, 2015
Thursday, August 27, 2015
Friday, August 28, 2015
Saturday, August 29, 2015

COST: Free

(North Charleston, S.C.) The Charleston County Sheriff's Office will be hosting a faith based community security and safety training seminar at the new Charleston County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Center located at 3691 Leeds Avenue, North Charleston, South Carolina on August 24 – 29, 2015. Instructors from Training Force USA, a Florida based company, will be conducting this training.

Due to the recent events that occurred in Charleston, South Carolina and around the country, safety and security is becoming increasingly important for churches, synagogues and faith-based service providers. From acts of violence and vandalism to disruption of church services, there has been a steady increase in security threats to places of worship across the country. Places of worship, such as churches, synagogues, temples, etc., today simply must be prepared to deal with a variety of threats and crisis situations.

Sheriff Cannon adds, "Unfortunately, places of worship have not been spared from tragedy and violence. It is crucial that congregations learn how to respond to a wide range of emergency situations which can occur."

The main goal of this seminar is to help the participants gain a better understanding of the need for ministry safety and security. The participants will learn about domestic violence and workplace violence. They will also learn about the importance of developing a safety and security policy.

Our target audience to attend this seminar will be all churches, synagogues, temple leaders, pastors, clergy, rabbis, church staff, elders, community and political leaders.

All participants are asked to park in the parking lot located on the Azalea Drive side of the Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Center. Designated parking spaces for participants will be available. In order to attend this training seminar all participants must register at www.regonline.com/worshipsecurity-NCharleston-0815.

For those who may experience difficulty in registering online can call the Sheriff's Office training administrative line at 843.554.2231 to register. Lunch will be provided by the Sheriff's Office. The class capacity is limited to no more than 50 participants each day of the seminar. However, if there is high demand, the amount of participants allowed to attend the seminar may increase.

Again, this is a free seminar sponsored by Sheriff J. Al Cannon, Jr.