

Mark C. Curran Jr., Sheriff

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Lake County Sheriff's Office and Advocate Health Care Conduct Training Summit on Violence

Today, the Lake County Sheriff's Office and Advocate Health Care teamed-up to address Lake County, McHenry County, and Kane County clergy and religious organizations, discussing violence in places of worship. The training summit, led by subject-matter experts, lasts the entire day and is being hosted by Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Libertyville Township. Hundreds of attendees are participating in the event.

Sheriff Mark Curran and members of his staff are providing clergy and members of religious organizations with valuable safety tips to better secure houses of worship and planning for a potential violent situation. Speakers consist of members of the Lake County Sheriff's Community & School Safety Team, Lake County Sheriff's Tactical Response Team, Lake County Homeland Security, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Some of the topics discussed were:

Hometown Security

Active Threats

Targeted Violence: Pre-Attach Behaviors and Warning Signs

Vulnerability Assessment and Planning

Continuity and Recovery

Run, Hide, and Fight, A.L.I.C.E. Model

Sheriff Mark Curran said, "All faiths and religions are targets of violent acts. Nationally, over the years, many schools, businesses, and places of worship experienced vandalism, threats, and shootings. As your Sheriff, I understand the importance of being prepared and proactive when it comes to violence in schools, places of worship, or businesses. We have a team of experts at the Lake County Sheriff's Office willing to assist your school, religious organization or business in planning and preparedness."

For more information please visit: <http://www.lakecountyl.gov/4010/Community-Safety-Team>

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