

FELLOWSHIP FROM TWO BROTHERS FAMILIAR WITH ACTIVE SHOOTER PREPAREDNESS:
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1. There is a national conglomerate of federal, state and local police agencies that are focused on criminal and terrorist threats involving schools, churches, and other facilities. Every locality should connect with their local "intelligence assessment center". In Orange County, the agency is [OCIAC](http://ociac.ca.gov) (ociac.ca.gov). You can contact them and get on their mailing list. They will send out any threat alerts and notify of training sessions. In the past, they have even done safety assessments of buildings. I don't know if they still do this.
2. Train ushers to watch for unusual activity and de-escalate whenever possible. The best way to prevent things from happening is by cultivating a culture in which: A. unusual activity is recognized and addressed immediately and B. everyone can report any unusual activity to have it addressed quickly.
3. Train ushers to "Stop the Bleed" since many wounds are not fatal if treated quickly and properly. Local trauma centers have training sessions and will also send nurses to do training for a large enough group. Here is more info - <https://www.stopthebleed.org/>
4. Flashlights can disorient a shooter. Extremely bright flashlights are a very good non-weapon deterrent. They distract, disorient, and can help in a lot of situations. Lights over 1,000 lumens will still blind you during the day. It is intimidating as well. It helps someone gain more control or the upper hand in certain situations. When someone is shining a light on you and you can't see their face while they are talking to you, then people tend to focus on the light and not what they were angry about.
5. Invite local police to love feasts since police presence lessons soft target potential. Most on duty police are very busy these days. They love being able to drive up somewhere and have a hot plate of food handed to them. Sometimes just calling dispatch and letting them know you have food, and they can swing by and pick up a plate and use the restroom will get a good number of them coming through the parking lot. It also helps establish a connection with them and you will find them hanging out in the parking lot for a little break.
6. There is a good book by Kevin Robertson who is head of security at Saddleback church. Here is the link - <https://www.amazon.com/Church-Security-Providing-Worship-Environment/dp/1422803163>.
7. Founded in 1955, ASIS International is the largest international organization for security professionals. Their 'ASIS Cultural Properties Council' came up with a carefully researched list of Best Practices for Houses of Worship which I think should be distributed to every locality (see attached). The list includes multiple recommendations for leveraging existing and new relationships with local law enforcement. It is an excellent reference and highly recommends close relationships with local police including hiring off duty officers for events, inviting them to do reports in the facility parking lot, inviting them to events, etc.

Paul's response concerning ASIS:

I think, in general the principles are good. They would mainly apply to larger localities. If localities have the appetite and resources to pick up that level of safety and security, then it would be ok. A lot of times people/groups get caught up in too many details. That's why I like to focus on simple principles. They are easier to implement quicker and to remember in emergencies