

# Faith-Based Security & Resilience Learning Series

*Securing Sacred Spaces*

**SECOND QUARTER 2022**

**Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> | 1:00 - 4:00 PM**

**Register by Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/faith-based-security-and-resilience-learning-series-second-quarter-2022-tickets-288540471317>

The Pennsylvania Governor's Office of Homeland Security (GOHS), in partnership with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, Pennsylvania State Police, the three Fusion Centers (PaCIC, WPAHFC, DVIC) across the Commonwealth, Faith-based Information Sharing and Analysis Organization (FB-ISAO), and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), is offering a quarterly virtual learning series to Faith-based Organizations. This learning series will provide valuable information to religious leaders, security personnel and members of the houses of worship to enhance security and resilience.

Please join us for the second quarterly event on Thursday, April 7, 2022, with a presentation from Mr. Jeffrey McGarry, Supervisory Social Science Research Specialist for the U.S. Secret Service's National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC). Mr. McGarry will present on the findings and recommendations from NTAC's research study *Mass Attacks in Public Spaces – 2019*. The findings from this study, which analyzed 34 incidents of mass attacks (including incidents at houses of worship) indicate that targeted violence is preventable. This presentation will focus on how communities can use a multidisciplinary approach to identify, assess, and intervene with individuals exhibiting concerning or threatening behaviors.

Mr. Keith Shores, Director of Security Operations for the Lives Changed By Christ (LCBC) Church, will be joining us to speak about Best Security Practices for Houses of Worship. Mr. Shores will discuss the "Left of the Bang"/ event thinking; staff preparedness and building volunteer security teams; security cameras, radios, door access; research; and how to be your own detective.

Attendees will also receive an update on the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency's Non-Profit Security Grant Program and some guidance for submitting applications. There will be time set aside for Questions & Answers.



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## **PRESENTER: Jeffrey McGarry**

**Social Science Research Specialist**

**National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC)**



Jeffrey McGarry is a Supervisory Social Science Research Specialist with the U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC), where he conducts research on threat assessment and cases of targeted violence, such as assassinations, terrorism, and school violence. He provides trainings based on the findings of this research to federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.

Mr. McGarry has more than 15 years of experience in the criminal justice system. He earned a Master of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, NY.

Prior to joining the U.S. Secret Service, Mr. McGarry was a Community Supervision Officer (CSO) in the domestic violence unit at the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency CSOSA, a federal agency that has a local mission of serving offenders under supervision in the District of Columbia. Other highlights of Mr. McGarry's career include his work as a Probation/Pretrial Officer for Virginia's Prince William County where he in part served as a facilitator, training local probation officers across the State of Virginia. Mr. McGarry's research experience began at Columbia University in New York City, where he worked as a Senior Research Assistant, structuring a 4-year socio-behavioral study that focused on individuals involved in New York City's alternative-to-incarceration (ATI) programs.

## **PRESENTER: Keith Shores**

**Director of Security Operations**

**LCBC Church**



Keith Shores serves as the Director of Security Operations for the LCBC Church, where he supervises, coordinates, directs, plans, schedules, and trains a staff of 250 employees, contractors, and volunteers in the formulation and execution of a secure environment for all 19 LCBC Church locations; with an average weekly attendance of 25,000. He is responsible for managing

all physical security, risk management, reporting, access control, video surveillance, budget, and security management programs and operations of the LCBC organization. He participates in security presentation meetings with Christian leaders and business owners, alongside state and federal agencies, and provides security briefings and advice to senior offices.

Mr. Shores brings with him over 20 years of experience working for the Baltimore City Police Department in Maryland; first as a Patrol Officer, where he responded to emergencies, supported public safety, enforced motor vehicle and criminal laws, all the while promoting good community relations; and later serving as a Detective in the Computer Crimes Division, as the lead investigator for internet crime investigations, cyber related crimes and crimes of sexual exploitation committed against children.



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