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House of Worship Security Strategies

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Houses of Worship (HOW) can no longer rely on just traditional security strategies.

A Security Risk Analysis Process is required to identify and mitigate risk from changing threats.

- Global terrorist organizations such as ISIS and Boko Haram are focusing more on Christian Houses of Worship but all are under increased attacks. We must enhance traditional protection efforts with non-traditional strategies:
- 1) **Intelligence Resources** must be added into the equations; open source, police, security organizations such as ASIS International, community and neighborhood organizations; in some cities, community and neighborhood engagement will help immensely.
 - 2) HOW must increase awareness in non-traditional areas, such as: Surveillance Detection and IED Awareness while continuing to improve traditional methods such as; controlling access points.
 - 3) HOW should reach out to security vendors/partners to obtain agreements to install portable security strategies if needed such as, bollards and New Jersey Barriers for IED threats.

The Security Risk Analysis Process Summary

- Establish Ad Hoc Safety Focus Team
- Identify critical assets for protection
- Conduct Security Survey
- Prioritize protection efforts by:

Assessing levels of undesirable consequence and assigning a value of High-Medium-Low or numerical 1-5 and,

Assessing Probability of Occurrence by assigning value of High-Medium-Low or numerical 1-5.

- Select cost effective security strategies.
- Conduct a gap analysis.
- Audit and revise security strategies as necessary to meet changing threats.

The SRA Process is available for ASIS Members on the ASIS International website under Cultural Properties Council.

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