

HUNT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, GREENVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, COMMERCE POLICE DEPARTMENT, FAMILY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

PRESS RELEASE – Church Safety Seminar

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It is an unfortunate reality that in many places we used to feel the safest, events say we may not really be safe at all. Far too often in recent years, violence has crept into our places of worship. It has introduced thousands of innocent people to danger, lifelong emotional trauma, and even death. Also to consider, what would your Church do if a tornado or other natural disaster occurred during a public service? What do you do if a Church member falls ill or is injured? Is there anything we can do?

In order to partner for a safer community, the Hunt County Sheriff's Office, the Greenville Police Department, the Commerce Police Department and Family Fellowship Church have joined forces to bring a unique and exciting educational experience to Hunt County. A timely seminar concerning Church Safety will be held in Greenville on Monday morning, June 28. This event will be of great interest to all Pastors, Police Officers, Deputies, Law Enforcement Administrators, Deacons, Elders, Church Members, School Administrators and other interested citizens. This event is presented by your partners for a safer community, and is entirely free. The event will be held at Family Fellowship Church, I-30 @ Division Street (exit 95).

Two quest speakers will conduct the event. Investigator Jimmy MEEKS of the Hurst Police Department and Investigator Michel CARROLL of the Fort Worth Police Department will share valuable information and insight. MEEKS (no relation to Sheriff Randy MEEKS) is an expert on Church safety issues and a regular speaker in these types of events throughout Texas. He brings a unique approach and insight as a 29 year police veteran, as well as a Pastor.

Michel CARROLL, Lead Detective with the Fort Worth Police Department, was the principle Investigator at the 1999 Wedgewood Church shootings. He brings an informative, moving and sobering account of the events of that day. What most of us have only experienced through news reports comes alive in photos and reconstruction. CARROLL'S presentation challenges everyone to consider, "What if this was to happen here?" He also offers great insight on the human cost of this type of tragedy.

Topics include, "Creating a Safe Zone", "Protecting Your Children from Sexual Predators", "Providing for First Response in Medical Emergencies", "Beginning a Church Safety Ministry" and many others. The teaching is down to earth, practical, and valuable for Pastors, Law Enforcement and Church Leaders alike. Though not aimed primarily at schools, much of the information is applicable. Perhaps the best news of all, this event is completely free. It is provided entirely by the sponsoring partners.

All seating is open seating, and available first come first served; and please, no saving of seats. The seminar runs from 8 AM – 12:25 PM. Doors open at 7:30 AM. Juice and coffee will be available as long as they last. There is no need to pre-register. However, if you have any questions or need more information, please contact the Family Fellowship Office by phone @ 903-455-2360, or by email: joe@familyfellowship.us.

* Please note...

This seminar is pointed and specific, and contains some explicit information and images of a violent nature. As such, it is intended for a mature audience. It is NOT suitable for children.

Seminar Schedule

7:30 am

Doors Open (Juice and Coffee)

8:00 am

Welcome, Introductions and Prayer

Hunt County Undersheriff Joe KNIGHT
Family Fellowship Lead Pastor Paul BLUE

8:15-9:15 am 9:25-10:10 am

Session One

Fort Worth Investigator Michel CARROLL

10:10 am

Morning Break

10:20-11:20 am 11:30–12:15am

Session Two

Hurst Investigator Jimmy MEEKS

12:15 pm

Closing comments and Prayer

Hunt County Undersheriff Joe KNIGHT
Family Fellowship Lead Pastor Paul BLUE

12:25 pm

Seminar ends

MORE INFORMATION?

Family Fellowship Church – Lead Pastor Paul BLUE, 903-455-2360
Hunt County Sheriff's Office - Sheriff Randy MEEKS, 903-453-6800
Greenville Police Department – Interim Police Chief Scott SMITH, 903-457-2900
Commerce Police Department – Police Chief Kerry CREWS, (903) 886-1139

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