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MEDIA RELEASE

Protecting Places of Worship Training

For Immediate Release

Date: October 16, 2023

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The Rock County Sheriff's Office cordially invites local faith-based leaders to a Protecting Places of Worship Training on November 29, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Resource Center, 1717 Center Avenue, Janesville, WI 53546.

This half-day session will provide faith-based leaders with information about religious hate crimes, law enforcement threat assessments, and state and federal resources and grants to improve worshiper safety. This program is offered in response to a series of violent acts and threats against houses of worship across the United States. The program is designed to facilitate dialogue and improve partnerships between law enforcement and faith communities.

The intended audience is clergy and faith leaders, emergency preparedness and management personnel, church/mosque/synagogue/temple security staff, and law enforcement.

This training is offered at no cost by the Rock County Sheriff's Office, the United States Department of Homeland Security – Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency, and the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Wisconsin.

Register on the Rock County Sheriff's Office website under Places of Worship Training:
<https://www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/sheriff-s-office/places-of-worship-training>

See the attached training announcement and agenda for additional information. Direct questions to Sergeant Andrew Reed at andrew.reed@co.rock.wi.us or 608-757-7932.

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By: Sgt. Andrew Reed
 Training Coordinator



**Rock County Sheriff's Office,
U.S. Department of Homeland Security –
Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency,
& U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Wisconsin
Invite You to Attend:**



**Protecting Places of Worship
Janesville, Wisconsin
November 29, 2023**

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Event Details

- Date:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023
- Location:** Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Resource Center
Beckman Mill Room
1717 Center Avenue
Janesville, Wisconsin 53546
- Time:** 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Fee:** Free
- Registration:** Register on the Rock County Sheriff's Office website under Places of Worship Training:
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Protecting Places of Worship
November 29, 2023, 8 am – 12:30 pm
Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Resource Center
Beckman Mill Room
Janesville, Wisconsin

8:00 – 8:15 am

Welcome and Introductions

Rock County Sheriff Curtis Fell & U.S. Attorney

8:15 – 9:15 am

Planning for the Worst: Understanding Threats to Places of Worship and Planning to Keep your Faith Communities Safe

*Det. Luke DuCharme, Rock County Sheriff's Office &
David Melby, U.S. Department of Homeland Security - Cybersecurity and
Infrastructure Security Agency*

9:15 – 10:00 am

Federal and Wisconsin Resources and Grants to Improve Worshiper Safety

*Garrison Ledbury, Wisconsin Emergency Management - Homeland Security Program
Manager*

10:00 – 10:15 am

BREAK

10:15 – 11:15 am

Protection Starts Before a 911 Call: Investigating and Deterring Hate Crime

*U.S. Attorney
FBI
U.S. Department of Justice - Community Relations Service
District Attorney*

11:15 – 11:45 am

Forging a Relationship Between Faith Leaders and First Responders

*Sgt. Andrew Reed, Rock County Sheriff's Office &
Chaplain Jeff Hanson, Rock County Sheriff's Office*

11:45 – 12:30 pm

Interfaith Peer to Peer Learning

*U.S. Department of Justice - Community Relations Service
Interfaith Leaders – TBD*

Following the program there will be an opportunity for one-on-one conversations with local law enforcement, emergency management, or U.S. DOJ personnel.

