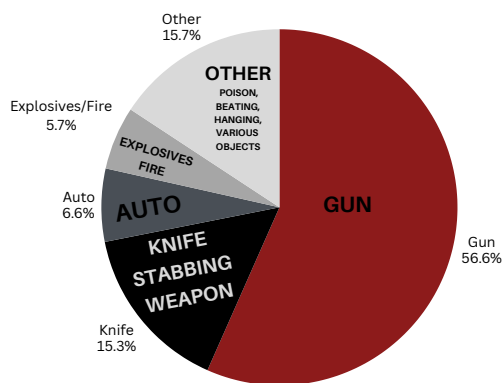




# Deadly Force

## Incident Study

Developing a security plan with accurate and relevant information



There are no guns or “active shooters” involved in nearly 50% of all deadly force incidents at faith-based organizations.

### WEAPONS USED

#### BE AWARE

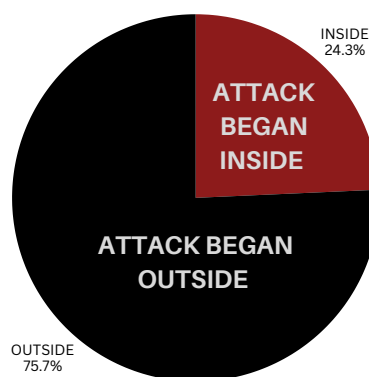
Look and practice readiness with threats other than a gun

#### PRACTICE SCENARIOS

Train and practice on scenarios that involve all types of weapons used

#### “ACTIVE KILLER”

Understanding that the term “active shooter” perpetuates a political agenda and skews initial responders readiness try changing your language to “Active Killer” when discussing or training on the threat.



Over 75% of deadly force incidents occurred (or began) outside on ministry property, parking lot or activity location

### ATTACK LOCATION

#### PARKING LOT

Your safety and security team's primary and first focus needs to be on the parking lot. Look for those behaviors, indicators, and individuals that “Dont Look Right” (DLR) before they even enter the door.

#### BE THE FRIENDLIEST GREETER

As soon as you are aware of a DLR situation, go practice aggressive hospitality or whatever term you can remember. Go talk to the individual of concern, shake their hand, a little discreet pat down for weapons when you hug them or pat them on the back.



Over 60% of attacks occurred when no event was happening

### TIME OF ATTACK

#### SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

Teach ministry staff situational awareness, avoid walking to vehicle alone at night

#### LOCK THE DOORS

#### WELL LIT PARKING LOT

In order for a criminal to commit a crime, it requires 3 things: Intent, Capacity, and Opportunity. We must focus on the element we can control: Opportunity. A well lit parking lot with no individual alone and vulnerable eliminates a whole lot of opportunity.



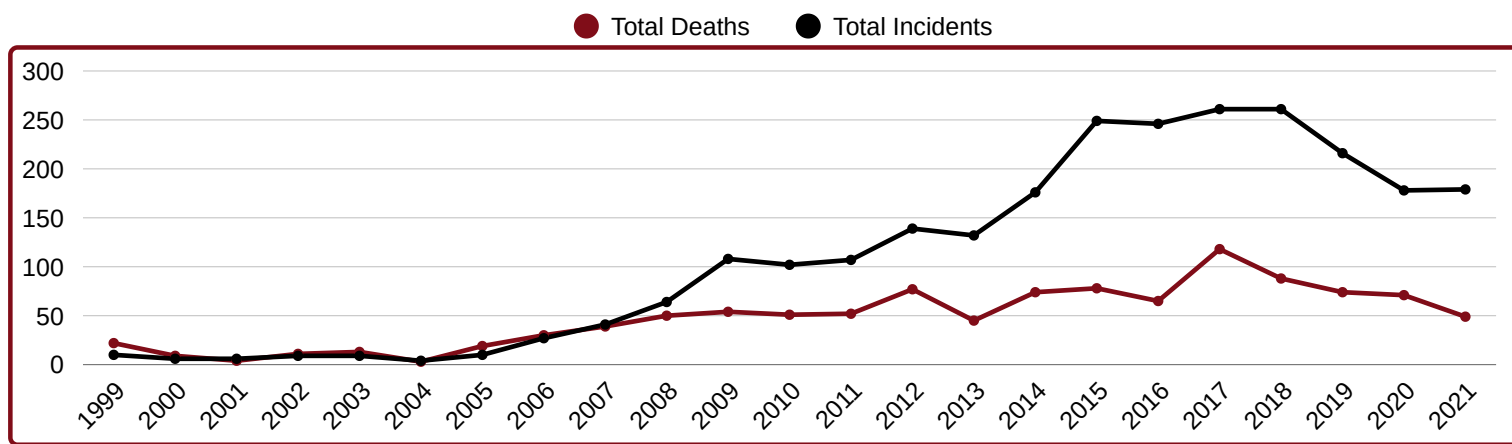


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### 1999-2021 Deadly Force Incidents by year

In 23 years of data: **2,540 DFI's** – 658 DFI's resulted in murder(s) - **1,096 violent deaths** at FBO's



**"THE BEST SECURITY PLAN IS DEVELOPED WITH ACCURATE AND RELEVANT INFORMATION."**

#### ATTACK TRIGGER

##### ROBBERIES

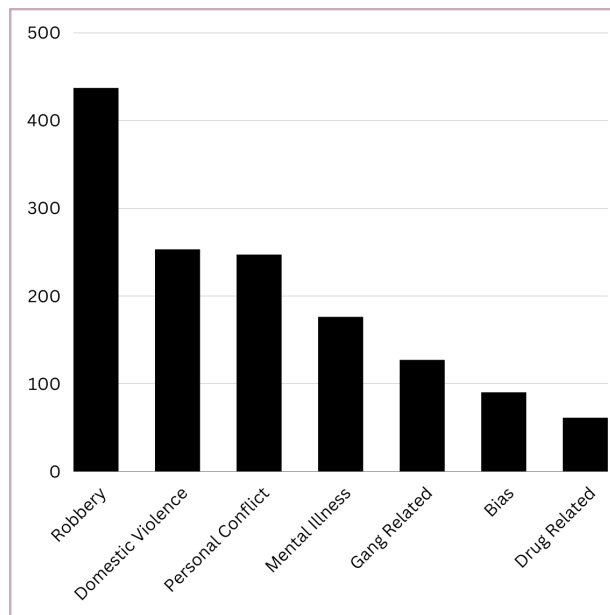
Over 20% of all deadly force incidents at faith based organizations are triggered by robbery

##### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/PERSONAL CONFLICT

Domestic violence is the 2nd most common attack trigger (14.15%) for all 2,183 incidents as well as the 2nd most common (4 or 25%) of the mass murder events. Personal conflict comes in number 3 right behind Domestic Violence.

##### MENTAL ILLNESS

While robbery is the most common reason a deadly force incident has occurred of the overall study (24.68% of event triggers) it has only resulted in 1 mass murder event at a ministry.





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## Mass Murder Statistics at FBO's

128 INNOCENT LIVES TAKEN  
IN AN INCREASING TREND

### MASS MURDER BY YEAR

**1963-1979: 1 INCIDENT IN 17 YEARS**  
Total Deaths = 4 (average of .24 victims per year)

**1980-1989: 2 INCIDENTS IN 10 YEARS**  
Total Deaths = 9 (nearly 1 victim per year)

**1990-1999: 3 INCIDENTS IN 10 YEARS**  
Total Deaths = 20 (average of 2 victims per year)

**2000-2009: 5 INCIDENTS IN 10 YEARS**  
Total Deaths = 25 (average of 2.5 victims per year)

**2010-2019: 5 INCIDENTS IN 10 YEARS**  
Total Deaths = 60 (average of 6 victims per year)

**2020-2024: 2 INCIDENTS IN 4 YEARS**  
Total Deaths = 10 (average of 3 victims per year)

### ATTACK TRIGGER

#### BIAS

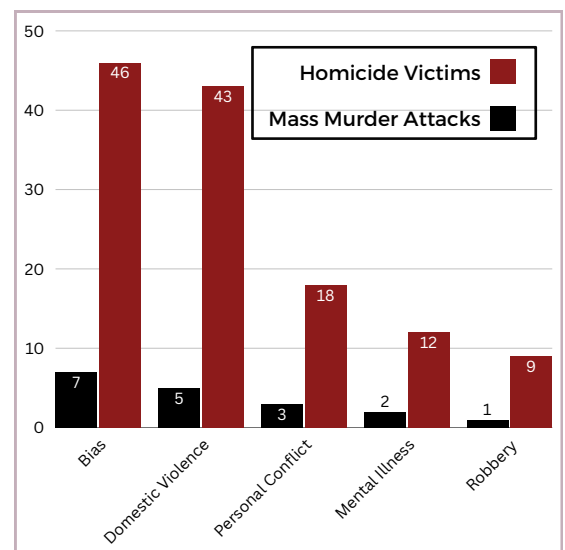
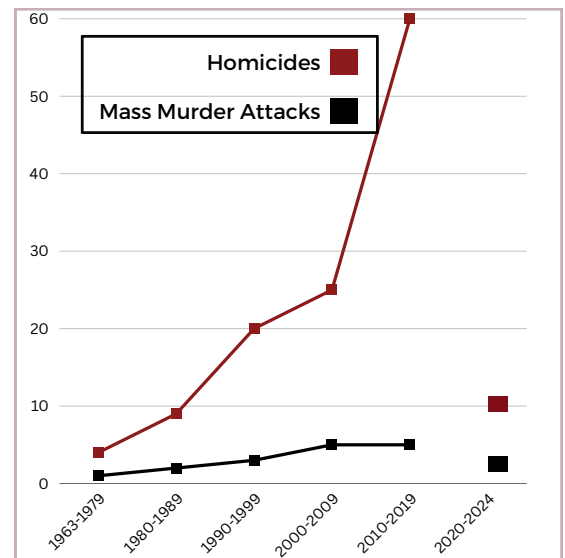
While "bias" related incidents are very uncommon (5.08%) of 2,183 recorded incidents, it is the most common reason for a mass murder event. 7 of those 18 attacks (39%) were bias motivated.

#### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence however is the 2nd most common attack trigger (14.3%) for all 2,183 incidents as well as the 2nd most common (5 or 28%) of the mass murder events.

#### ROBBERY

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## Incident Study

Trauma can be disturbing enough to cause one to remember life before, compared to life after – “it”.

A deadly force incident in a church is painful enough to do that. We don't expect to see blood, hear gunshots, smell smoke or feel the concussion of explosion in a house of worship. Our church is our sanctuary. When evil invades it, that day marks the separation of life before and after for those who were there.

The wounded survivors from the horrific 1963 16th Street Baptist Church bombing that left four innocent little girls dead will never forget it. The angry darkness of smoke replaced the bright futures of 11-year-old Denise McNair and 14-year-olds Addie Mae Collins, Carole Robertson and Cynthia Wesley.

The entire town of Daingerfield Texas changed on Sunday morning June 22nd, 1980, when a killer invaded the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church. The atmosphere of worship was shattered when he yelled “This is War!” and began randomly shooting into the congregation. Before being stopped by men who carry the scars today, he murdered 5 people ranging in ages from 9 to 78-years-old. His surprise attack left Daingerfield residents asking not only why – but how.

How?? In order for any criminal to commit a crime, regardless of the crime, it requires three things;

1. The attacker must have the intent to do wrong.
2. The attacker must have the capacity to do what he intends to do.
3. The attacker must have an opportunity to do it.

Of those three (intent, capacity and opportunity) potential victim(s) have no control over the intent or capacity of others to harm them.

No amount of mental health services and education is ever going to rid the world of the evil intent of mankind. No conglomeration of more restrictive laws is going to change every killer's capacity. They will find a way.

Will education and laws help at all? To some degree, yes. But there is only one thing we truly have power over; the opportunity given to a bad actor.

Every time you serve your ministry in the capacity of protection, you are lessening the opportunity of trauma in people's lives.

I am grateful for the defenders; uniformed  
and citizen, who protect every day,

**Carl Chinn, President, FBSN**