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AMERICAN CRIME PREVENTION INSTITUTE HELPS CHURCHES REDUCE VULNERABILITY TO CRIME

Churches Need to Implement Practical, Cost-Effective Strategies to Reduce Crime Risks

Louisville, KY, April 6, 2009 ... Across America, churches have increasingly become victims of property, financial and violent crime. The Orangeburg Department of Public Safety and the American Crime Prevention Institute (ACPI) are presenting a one-day seminar designed for both church leaders and law enforcement officials that provides practical and economical strategies to reduce church vulnerability to crime. The focus of this seminar is the identification of risks and threats that exist in church environments and how to protect the church by utilizing effective crime prevention strategies.

Churches represent unique crime prevention and security challenges. Because of their nature and mission, churches are open and trusting environments. The unfortunate reality is that many criminals specifically target churches due to their openness. Churches are frequently victims of property crime, crimes against persons, financial fraud, vandalism, arson and hate crimes.

To assist churches in proactively reducing the risk of these crimes, the American Crime Prevention Institute developed the one-day Church Crime Prevention Seminar. This seminar is designed to explore the internal and external security risks associated with churches and identify steps to mitigate risk while maintaining the mission of the church.

On Thursday, May 28, 2009, the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety is sponsoring the Church Crime Prevention Seminar, presented by the American Crime Prevention Institute. This on-day seminar will be held at Corner Stone Community Church: 1481 Chestnut Street, So. Carolina 29115. The cost of attending the Church Crime Prevention Seminar is \$85.00 for each participant. For more information and to register, visit www.ACPIonline.com.

The American Crime Prevention Institute provides crime prevention training, resource material, and consulting services to law enforcement agencies, private organizations and communities throughout the nation. ACPI instructors are among the most knowledgeable and experienced crime prevention authorities with impressive law enforcement and academic credentials.

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