



The Armor-Bearer

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From the President’s Desk

By Jim Willis

With the New Year we often use New Year’s Resolutions as a way of reaffirming a dropped commitment or improving some aspect of our lives. This year consider resolving to improve your emergency response skills and being better prepared to meet unexpected emergencies.

Like exercise, it may not be fun to tackle, but it will have future benefits. Every new skill picked up, every new piece of information that you acquire, and every new lesson learned enhances your ability to respond effectively to the unexpected. Whether taking a CPR course, learning to verbally deescalate a confrontation, or escape from a violent situation, your life as well as the life of your loved ones and others will benefit from your efforts.



Spring 2016 Seminars

As you begin the New Year, you have a fresh opportunity to reevaluate the state of your church’s security and how you think about safety in general. As a part of your reflections, please consider hosting one of the security and safety seminars provided by InDev. We are rolling out our new docket of Spring 2016 programs designed to cover a diverse range of topics which will inform, entertain, and keep you current with the field of church security. Seminars range from responding to violent situations, general emergency preparedness, team building, verbal de-escalation, and much more. Also returning in 2016 is our *Grasping the Sheperd’s Staff* seminar, our general security awareness session designed to educate your members on the need for security and emergency planning.

Don’t miss out on this opportunity to start out the New Year right. For any questions or details on any of our seminars or courses, please contact us at 703-330-1836 or visit us at www.indevinc.com

A “Gun-Free Zone” is a “Safety-Free Zone”?

by Ken Shumaker



**“Always
remember that
your rights
come with
responsibilities”**



Like most, I enjoy taking my family out for a nice dinner on occasion. However, I have become very careful about where I eat, and not for the reason you are thinking. I prefer to go where officers of the law or people who exercise their Second Amendment rights are welcome. Restaurants that not only do not allow people to legally carry on their premises, often also place large and visible “Gun-Free Zone” signs should instead just put up a sign advertising that they are easy targets for potential criminals and terrorist.

There are several major restaurants in the nation that do not allow you to carry, however some of these go even further and will not even let our law-enforcement officers enter the premises unless they are unarmed. Buffalo Wild Wings is one such nearsighted business. My family and most of our friends have decided to never step foot in that place again until they end this dangerous policy. But when a serious emergency occurs, these same locations will desperately rely on the same officers, whom they don’t trust on their free time, to come to the rescue. I wish our police could say, “Sorry we can’t enter the building we’re armed.” Take a minute and think about where these cowards are attacking us. They in places that do not allow self-protection!

Remember back in history, what was one of the reasons that Japan was willing to attack Pearl Harbor and not the main land of the United States? As Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto is believed to have said, “You cannot invade the mainland United States. There would be a rifle behind every blade of grass”. It has become painfully clear that the places which are being targeted are places that do not allow citizens to carry. Since the Clinton Administration, military bases do not allow military personnel to carry on base. Imagine the attacks at Ft. Hood Texas, Knoxville Tennessee, or the Navy Yard in Washington, DC, if the soldiers, sailors, and marines who we allow to carry arms to attack those in other countries were allowed to protect themselves in their own homeland.

Now in saying that, be diligent if you carry a self-protection device as it will change many aspects of your life. If you plan on carrying, do it regularly, not just when you feel like it. Be smart and don’t be a show off. Many places have stopped people from carrying on their property because Johnny Be-Bad wants to strap a AK-47 or an AR-15 to his back and walk into Starbucks just to get a cup of coffee! If this is your attitude please leave it at home! Always remember that your rights come with responsibilities. Such obnoxious and thoughtless action just gives ammunition to the anti-gun establishment. Don’t go out of your way to appear like the monster people want to portray you as.

We as law-abiding American citizens should show respect to our law enforcement. If you are questioned about your weapon do exactly what the officer says. Make sure if you are stopped for a vehicle infraction when giving the officer your driver’s license you also give him your concealed license at the same time. Don’t surprise the officer, which can turn dangerous. You don’t want to escalate an otherwise routine stop with preventable issues. Be aware that when he runs your license he will be alerted by the police computer you are a carrier.

Carrying is a life changing event, don’t take it lightly! As a licensed carrier you have responsibilities, and one of these is be true to yourself. Ask yourself why am I carrying? Are you carrying just because everyone else is or just because it is your right? If those are the only reasons then maybe you should not carry. However, if you are carrying because you are trained and you want to protect your family and friends or even people that are not your friends but fellow citizens then do so safely.

If you are interested in the top of the line hand gun training please contact us at InDev Tactical. We have the still and the trainers to provide excellent defense training. Be smart and watch the signs No Weapons allowed and avoid these places they are not SAFE!

If you would like more information on personal carry options or augmenting your security team, please visit the InDev Specialists website at www.indevinc.com or call 703-330-1836.

A Watchful Eye

by James Willis, Jr.

An important, yet often neglected, aspect of providing proper security to a location is to keep a watchful eye on the property you are charged with itself. While it is easier, more entertaining, and often feels like more of an active duty to watch every new or strange guest at your facility with a wary eye, looking for the little things which might be out of place can often prove to be far more important of a task. A strange box or package against a wall, a trash can out of its normal place, an unknown car parked a bit too close or strangely too far away are all things which should be quickly noted by a keen eye. While most of the time these happenings have very innocent explanations, it's that rare exception that can prove deadly.

This past August provides a powerful example of this necessity. In Las Cruces, New Mexico, two bomb blasts rocked Sunday services at churches of different denominations. The intent was obviously to instill fear in the parishioners, but gladly they failed. One blast occurred at a local Catholic Church around 8 a.m. shortly after service had started. The bomber(s) had placed the explosives in a trash-can near the front doors, causing the glass panes to shatter at the explosion. The other bomb went off at a Baptist Church during communion, however the pastor calmly continued to administer the communion as a way to keep order amongst his parishioners while security team members responded to what many knew must have been a gun shot or blast. The bomb had been placed in a mailbox attached to the administrative offices of the church. The third bomb was discovered, unexploded at the Presbyterian Church because somebody happened to have noticed that the sprinkler box where the bomb was placed happened to be leaking. Thankfully nobody was injured in these explosions, but the reason behind these strange bombings is still an open question. It is considered to have been done by a local person(s) for local reasons. And this is one of the most troubling aspects of this events, as it shows that those who would try to do harm to a church body don't have to be some religious extremists or international terrorist group. It could be a disgruntled neighbor from two streets down. All the more reason to keep a weather eye out for anything out of the ordinary at your house of worship.



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The Kurdish “Angels of Death”

by James Willis, Jr

When one sees the new coverage of the war on ISIS and terrorism, it is easy to feel discouraged by the somber tones and terrible emotions which these stories create. However, there are some stories out there that can help bring us a sense of hope. One such tale is that of the all-female Kurdish fighting battalions who are bringing the pain to ISIS in Iraq. These brave ladies are fighting on the front lines and putting fear into the heart of the terrorist, who don't want to experience the “shame” of being killed by a woman. Their battalions have their own women officers and NCOs who lead them into battle, and go through the same training as the rest of the Kurdish Peshmerga soldiers. Though these women face not only execution but torture and rape if captured, these warrior women are tired of passively living in fear of terror and death.



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"Don't worry, we've got this!"

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Quote of the Month

*If you will it, it is no
dream.*

Theodor Herzl



Verse of the Month

Whether therefore ye
eat, or drink, or whatso-
ever ye do, do all to the
glory of God.

**1 Corinthians 10:31
(KJV)**