

Faith-Based Security & Resilience Learning Series

Securing Sacred Spaces

FIRST QUARTER 2022

Thursday, January 27th | 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Register by Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at:

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The Pennsylvania Governor's Office of Homeland Security (GOHS), in partnership with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, Pennsylvania State Police, the three Fusion Centers (PaCIC, WPAHFC, DVIC) across the Commonwealth, Faith-based Information Sharing and Analysis Organization (FB-ISAO), and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), is offering a quarterly virtual learning series to Faith-based Organizations. This learning series will provide valuable information to religious leaders, security personnel and members of the houses of worship to enhance security and resilience.

Please join us for the first quarterly event on Thursday, January 27, 2022, with keynote speaker Director Shawn Brokos. Director Brokos, is a retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent and current Director of Community Security at the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. Director Brokos will be providing a case study on the Tree of Life Synagogue tragedy and lessons learned.

This presentation will review the importance of security procedures in our houses of worship, and how to best implement these procedures based on national best practices and potential funding sources. The discussion will focus on lessons learned from the deadly attack on the Tree of Life Synagogue on October 27, 2018, from both a security and a resilience perspective. David Kohanbash, Security Committee Chair, Shaare Torah Synagogue, in Pittsburgh, will also speak about building a security committee and the significance of having a security team. Guidance and further resources will be provided via handouts, and there will be time set aside at the end for Questions & Answers.

AGENDA

1:00 - 2:30 PM	<i>Shawn A. Brokos, Director of Community Security at the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh</i>	How to Best Secure our Houses of Worship: A Case Study on Lessons Learned from the Deadliest Antisemitic Attack in U.S. History
2:30 - 3:00 PM		Questions & Answers
3:00 - 3:30 PM	<i>David Kohanbash, Security Committee Chair, Shaare Torah Synagogue, Pittsburgh</i>	Building a Security Committee
3:30 - 4:00 PM		Open Discussion: Review of Resources/Handouts Questions & Answers



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PRESENTER: Shawn A. Brokos

Retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent and current

Director of Community Security at the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh



Shawn A. Brokos became a Special Agent (SA) for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on January 7, 1996 and retired December 31, 2019 after spending 24 years in federal law enforcement. After graduating from Quantico, she was assigned to the Newark (NJ) Division, where she worked Public Corruption, Gangs and Violent Crimes, and RICO-based investigations.

After 18 years in Newark, SA Brokos transferred to the Pittsburgh Division, where, from 2014 to 2016, she supervised the Complex Financial Crime Program, and established a Health Care Fraud Task Force (HCFTF) to tackle the onset of the Opioid Epidemic. From 2017 to 2018, Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) Brokos established a new Opioid Squad, comprised of the HCFTF, an

Opiate Overdose Task Force, and a Darknet Fentanyl Task Force. The focus was to dismantle the supply of illegal opioids and opiates that were responsible for the high number of fatal overdoses in Western PA. Those efforts contributed to a 43% decrease in fatal overdoses in Western PA from 2017 to 2018, while the state saw an 18% decrease and the US saw a 5% decrease.

In 2019, SSA Brokos became the supervisor for the Civil Rights, Public Corruption, and Complex Financial Crime Squad. The priority of this Squad was the prosecution of Hate Crimes, and SSA Brokos oversaw the Tree of Life investigation (US v. Robert Bowers).

In addition to her work as a squad supervisor, she was a Bureau-certified Crisis Negotiator since 2001 and served as the Coordinator for Pittsburgh's Crisis Negotiation Team from 2015-2018. From May 2018 to December 2019, she served as the FBI Pittsburgh's Crisis Management Coordinator (CMC). She had a leading role in the FBI's Pittsburgh Training Team who received the 2016 FBI Director's Award for Excellence in Training and Professional Development.

In January 2019, Brokos began her role as Director of Community Security for the Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh where she currently oversees physical security enhancements, Active Threat training, threat mitigation, and law enforcement and community liaison for the 50+ organizations that comprise Jewish Pittsburgh. From January 2020 to the present, Brokos has overseen the installation and training for the BluePoint emergency alert system in 16 Jewish locations, facilitated over \$2.5M in state and federal security grant awards for Jewish organizations, distributed life-saving GoBags to over 520 classrooms and facilities, and trained over 2,500 members of the community.



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