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## **Warren Schedules Informational Meeting November 29 for Churches To Prevent Mass Shooting**

**Warren, MI** – Warren Mayor Jim Fouts and Police Commissioner Bill Dwyer have scheduled a meeting with church leaders to discuss preventative measures on mass shooting.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, November 29 at 1 p.m. in the first floor conference room in city hall.

“We need to ensure the safety of churchgoers by making recommendations that will prevent tragedies like the one that occurred November 5 at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas,” said Mayor Fouts. “Most importantly, any kind of threat or potential violent behavior must be taken seriously.”

Dwyer said police personnel will distribute information regarding active shooter response and other emergencies that may occur in churches.

“Our police will also provide a questionnaire to church leaders so a tailored response plan specific to each church can be created,” said Dwyer.

Fouts said “prevention means alertness and common sense strategies and our police can be helpful with recommendations.”



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Dear Warren Churches and Faith-Based Organizations:

Warren Mayor James Fouts and Warren Police Commissioner William Dwyer are deeply concerned with the mass shooting that occurred on November 5, 2017 at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas. To help ensure that an incident of this magnitude does not happen in the City of Warren, the Mayor and the Police Commissioner are committed to assisting all of Warren's churches and faith-based organizations so that they will be better prepared in the event that they are involved with the terror of an active shooter.

The Warren Police Department will host an informational meeting on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall in the first-floor conference room. Officers will disseminate information regarding active shooter response and other emergencies that may face your church, its employees, and staff members. Officers will also provide a questionnaire to interested organizations so a tailored response plan, specific to your location, can be created.

If you or your staff plan to attend, please RSVP as soon as possible to Captain Cortland Larry at [clarry@warrenpd.org](mailto:clarry@warrenpd.org) or call at (586) 574-4866. Please include the number of participants attending.

Commissioner Dwyer and Mayor Fouts are committed to keeping our places of worship safe.

Sincerely,

Cortland Larry, Captain  
PATROL SERVICES BUREAU

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