



## NRA Community Shield And School Shield



Statistics show that criminals target “gun-free” zones, particularly when they expect a large number of disarmed people in attendance. In fact, according to the Crime Prevention Research Center, a staggering 94% of U.S. mass-murder attempts have taken place in “gun-free” zones since 1950. (Even if you accept a much lower number claimed by gun-control activists, it should be obvious that you don’t want to openly assert that your location is a “soft target” since no one will be able to defend themselves or others.)

“Gun-free” zones are vulnerable. This is a fact that must be faced by society in general, but it’s even more relevant to those responsible for the wellbeing of others.

Accordingly, many churches are training security teams to respond should such a horrific crime be attempted on their congregants. The NRA Community Shield program exists to help implement such programs effectively. This program will help you to assess vulnerabilities and learn how to mitigate them. You’ll learn to develop a specific strategy for your location, including assessing whether to incorporate armed protection as part of your plan.

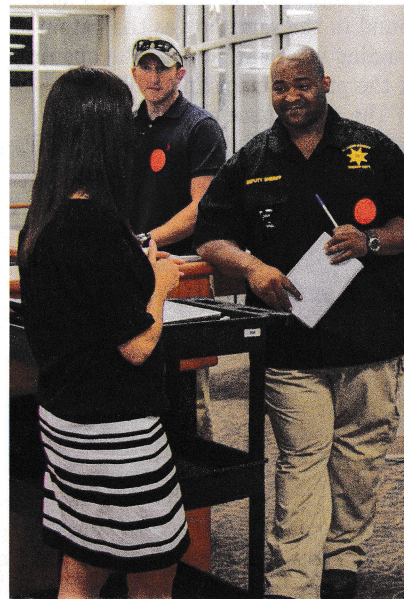
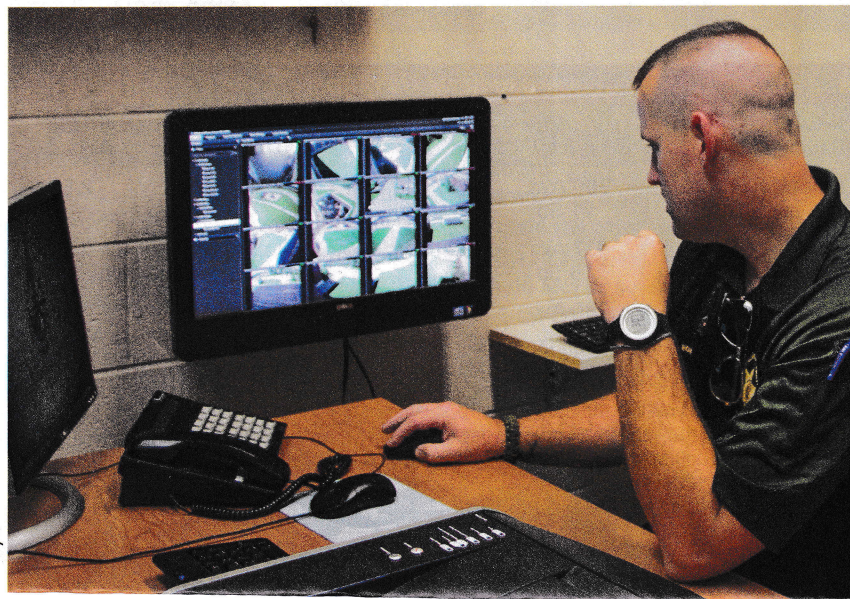
Similarly, the NRA School Shield program exists to help administrators assess the complex issue of adequately protecting staff members and the children entrusted in their care. The program will help you to develop and implement a

plan that addresses working with security and law-enforcement professionals, visitation policies, door-locking policies, planning and incorporating drills, emergency management and training personnel on situational awareness and threat detection.

If you’re not a church leader or school administrator, and you’re concerned about security in these locations, the programs’ websites can help you get started with asking the right questions and equipping others with the information they need.

Remember, it’s not just our duty to protect them; it’s our right to protect them.

Go to [le.nra.org/community-shield](http://le.nra.org/community-shield) or to [nraschoolshield.org](http://nraschoolshield.org) to learn more about these two important programs.



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