

Gatekeepers then enters into a written contract with the church to provide those officers (your officers) to the church for the protection of the pastor, staff and congregants.

Training Cost and Time:
(per person):

The objective is to gain a level 4 license and certification. This certification requires level 2/3 and 4 training and certification.

- Level 3 training is 4 days Wed-Sat
- Level 4 training is 2 days Fri/Sat
- Level 4 licensing also requires psychological testing on Sat
- GSS Badge
- CSI Range fees

Total training cost -

Approx. \$640

State licensing: (cost per person)

- * Fingerprint fees
- * Level 3 license fees
- (renewal required every 2 years)
- * Level 4 license fees
- (renewal required every 2 years)
- * Military/Veterans discounts

Licensing fees:

Approx. \$174

Cost to Church: The church is invoiced on a per hour rate when officers are "on duty", usually a few hours per week.

CONCLUSION:

The church has hired a state licensed security company to provide the security services the church needs. The church gets its trusted members who has been fully training, licensed and insured as their Gatekeepers for a minimal cost.

To speak with us about the bringing Gatekeepers to your church please call or email us.

Highest Regards & God Bless,

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The Gatekeeper Program™

*Our Founding Scripture -
Chronicles 9:21*

21 And later Zechariah son of Meshelemiah had been responsible for guarding the entrance of the tabernacle. 22 In all, there were 212 Gatekeepers in those days, and they were listed by genealogies in their villages. David and Samuel the seer had appointed their ancestors because they were reliable men. 23 These gatekeepers and their descendants, by their divisions, were responsible for guarding the entrance to the house of the LORD, the house that was formerly a tent. 24 The gatekeepers were stationed on all four sides—east, west, north, and south.

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Church Security Team Certification and Licensing

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Gatekeeper Program - Security Liability and Your Church

In this litigious society we live in today; **Liability** is at the top of the concerns of all churches, especially when it comes to armed security teams. Imagine the damage a single mistake could cost your church. If your security team should be responsible for the injury or death of an innocent person or found guilty of assault, false arrest or wrongful death.

There are few options when it comes to armed "Church Security Teams" in Texas.

- **Hire local law enforcement to provide security.** Cost is \$35 - \$55 per hour. | Immediate liability falls on local government.
- **Hire a local contract security provider.** Cost is \$18 – 30 per hour. | Immediate liability falls on security provider's commercial insurance
- **Have the church operate under a "Letter of Authority".** If volunteers, annual cost is about \$1,000 per year plus cost of armed guard insurance. | Immediate liability falls on the church and the church's armed guard insurance.
- **Join the Gatekeeper Program™.** Cost is \$4-\$11 per hour. | **Immediate liability falls on Gatekeepers and our armed guard insurance.**

- **Designate Uninsured Volunteers** – Cost is \$0 if nothing bad happens. Perhaps millions if anything bad happens. Now legal under TX SB 2065 effective 9/1/2017.

Obviously the cheapest option is the last option. The question is, how much is the church willing to gamble that nothing goes wrong and the church is sued into oblivion. Will your church insurer continue to insure the church that has an armed security team?

In Texas, we favor—The Gatekeeper Program™. Your trusted qualified volunteers are vetted, background checked by the F.B.I., then trained in the same methods universally taught to professional security officers by certified and state license professional security instructors.

Training - Your Selected individuals go through Texas state professional Commissioned Security Officer and additional Personal Protection Officer certification classes.

THE SOLUTION: State Security Licensing

Texas state security regulations provide several levels of licensing of security officers:

Non-Commissioned Security Officer - Level 2 - A level two officer is an unarmed and uniformed security guard. This is the usual type of officer seen at malls and office buildings. The training is mostly in the understanding of

- The private security statutes and rules and the understanding of the principles of observe and report, detect and deter.
- **Commissioned Security Officer - Level 3** - A level three officer in an armed (clearly visible/unconcealed) and uniformed security guard. Additional firearms and use of force training.
- **Personal Protection Officer - Level 4** - (bodyguard) A level four officer is an armed (concealed carry) and plain clothed officer assign to protect a person or persons. Additional training in defensive tactics and personal protection of a third party.

Gatekeepers Security Services™ (Gatekeepers) is a state licensed security company that provide volunteer security personnel to dozens of churches in Texas. As a part of our continued commitment to help provide security resources to churches, Gatekeepers has cleared a path for churches to provide their own security with their own people.

THE PATH:

Becoming a Gatekeeper

Upon acceptance into the program Gatekeepers will train the church's candidates through our state licensed school - The Christian Security Institute located in DFW area.

After training and testing the candidates are licensed under Gatekeepers Security Services™ (a class B security services company) as professional Commissioned Security Officers and Personal Protection Officers.