



# Protection Team Ministry

## *Startup Checklist*

### Unarmed Volunteers

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#### Greeting Ministry

Greet guests in the parking lot and at entrances while looking for suspicious activity. Communicate unusual behavior to team members when it is observed.

#### Join the team:

1. Complete application
2. Complete Virtus/Safe Environment Training
3. Attend a training session provided by Guardian Response to understand the various roles, communication protocols, behavioral profiling, emergency operations procedures and more
4. Provide proof of Self Defense Insurance (USCCA) for team members who choose to carry commercial self-defense pepper spray.
5. COST:
  - **Time**
    - Complete application
    - Complete Virtus training
    - Attend Guardian Response Ministry Training Course
    - Commitment to serve at weekend Mass or events
  - **Money**
    - Purchase Self Defense Insurance (**USCCA Affiliate #18146** or US Law Shield) **only if** self-defense pepper spray is carried
    - \$30/month or \$347/year



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#### Usher Ministry

Greet and seat guests inside of the structure while looking for suspicious activity. Ushers will also be responsible for communicating unusual behavior observed and help evacuate guests in the case of certain emergencies.

##### Join the Team:

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2. Complete Virtus/Safe Environment Training
3. Attend a training session provided by Guardian Response to understand the various roles, communication protocols, behavioral profiling, emergency operations procedures and more
4. Provide proof of Self Defense Insurance (USCCA) for team members who choose to carry commercial self-defense pepper spray.
5. COST:
  - **Time**
    - Complete application,
    - Complete Virtus training,
    - Attend Guardian Response Ministry Training Course
    - Commitment to serve at weekend Mass or events
  - **Money**
    - Purchase Self Defense Insurance (**USCCA Affiliate #18146** or US Law Shield) **only** if self-defense pepper spray is carried
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#### Medical Team

Provide early intervention during medical emergencies at church events until first responders can arrive. This team should be comprised of medical professionals with knowledge and experience in Basic First Aid/CPR, AED and trained in “Stop the Bleed” techniques (<https://www.bleedingcontrol.org/>)

#### Join the Team:

1. Complete application
2. Complete Virtus/Safe Environment Training
3. Provide documentation of medical training/certifications
4. Attend a training session provided by Guardian Response to understand the various roles, communication protocols, behavioral profiling, emergency operations procedures and more
5. COST:
  - Time
    - Complete application
    - Complete Virtus training
    - Attend Guardian Response Ministry Training Course
    - Commitment to be available at weekend Mass or events



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#### Armed Guardians

Utilizing discreet tactics, armed guardians will be tasked with responding to suspicious activity and other emergencies in order to restore order until first responders arrive. They will be armed in a concealed and discreet manner to respond to deadly force situations **only** when an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury is presented, and no other options are available in order to save lives.

#### Join the Team:

1. Complete application
2. Complete Virtus/Safe Environment Training
3. Provide proof of Texas License to Carry
4. Obtain and provide proof of Self Defense Insurance (USCCA)
5. Complete a Social History
6. Attend a training session provided by Guardian Response to understand the various roles, communication protocols, behavioral profiling, emergency operations procedures and more
7. Attend a firearms course provided by Guardian Response in which firearms proficiency skills will be taught and tested as well as training on various ways to respond to emergencies.
8. Train regularly in order to acquire and enhance your knowledge and skills

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### 9. COST:

#### ▪ Time

- Complete application
- Complete Virtus/Safe Environment training
- Complete Social History and meet with Leadership Board
- Attend Guardian Response training course
- Attend Guardian Response Firearms Course
- Commitment to serve at weekend Mass or events
- Commitment to train monthly

#### ▪ Money

- Purchase an approved pistol and retention holster
  - Approved Guns must be Compact or Standard size (9mm or greater) - \$400-\$500
    - Glock
    - Smith and Wesson
    - FN
    - Springfield Armory
    - Sig Sauer
  - Retention holster for outside or inside the waistband carry - \$100
- Acquire Texas LTC License/Training
  - \$50 individual/\$70 for couples
- Purchase Self Defense Insurance (**USCCA Affiliate #18146** or US Law Shield)
  - \$30/month or \$347/year



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