

Why a Full-Time Security Director?

- 24-hour access to a security professional for crisis response and/or guidance
- Threat Vulnerability Risk Assessments (physical security)
- Special-event security and planning
- Guidance and training for Emergency Operations Plan (all hazards)
- Training for community and staff members
- Intelligence/threat management
- Coordination and collaboration with federal, state, and local law enforcement
- Coordination and collaboration with Jewish Federations across Ohio and nationally
- Point of contact and trainer for Secure Community Network programs
- Liaison with Ohio Statewide Terrorism Analysis and Crime Center
- Active Shooter/Threat training throughout the U.S.

Every dollar raised for security allows us to implement critical safety measures to help protect our community. In turn, we are able to live Jewishly with confidence, knowing that while we cannot control the actions of others, we can apply the necessary protocols to help us maintain safety and security in Jewish Dayton.

Please consider making an additional gift to the Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton to help support security initiatives in our community.

A Secure Jewish Community is a Thriving Jewish Community

According to the most recent FBI data, in 2025, **69% of religion-based hate crimes in the U.S. targeted Jewish communities.** Help us provide safeguards for the Dayton Jewish community so we can continue to thrive and live fulfilling Jewish lives.



On October 27, 2018 an unthinkable antisemitic attack on the Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh shocked the worldwide Jewish community and shattered our sense of safety.

In response to this horrific attack, Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), in collaboration with the Secure Community Network (SCN), created the LiveSecure grant to provide funding and guidance for local security programs to hire security directors, develop security plans, provide training, standardize security programs, and assist with access to publicly funded security grants.



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In the years since the Tree of Life attack, the number of antisemitic incidents has sharply increased. **The rate of antisemitic violence in 2025 was the highest on record in over three decades.**

Washington, D.C.

Israeli Embassy staffers Yaron Lichinsky and Sarah Milgrim were viciously gunned down as they left an American Jewish Committee Young Diplomats event at the Capital Jewish Museum.

Boulder, Colorado

At a weekly event designed to raise awareness for the remaining hostages held in Gaza, a man used a flame-thrower-type weapon and Molotov cocktails to injure 13 people, with one of the victims eventually succumbing to her injuries.

Punta Gorda, Florida

The Chabad of Charlotte County reported heavy damage, including a burned classroom, shattered front door, and spray-painted vandalism.

Jackson, Mississippi

During the pre-dawn hours on Shabbat, a man committed an arson attack on Beth Israel Congregation. The synagogue sustained extensive damage, and multiple sacred Torah scrolls were either damaged or destroyed.

West Bloomfield, Michigan

A man intentionally rammed his vehicle into Temple Israel, one of the largest reform temples in the country. The building also housed a Jewish preschool. During the attack, one security officer was injured by gunfire.



Hiring a Security Director

This is just a sample of the antisemitic attacks recorded over the last year. During this same time, the need for a full-time security director for Jewish Dayton was evident. In September 2026, John Davis was hired as our Community Security Director. His career as a professional law enforcement officer spans over 36 years. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge, experience, and connections with other law enforcement professionals and agencies within our area and state.

He is recognized as an FBI certified Master Public Information Officer, which led to extensive training in emergency response, crisis management, and crisis communications. John is also a nationally recognized trainer, having taught Response to Active Shooter/Threat training to audiences throughout the U.S.