



**January 2020 Lighthouse Program Update**

**Hello Lighthouse Friends! Happy New Year!**

To date 31 faith-based organizations have been outreached in Brampton, but referrals are always welcomed. Please contact me as soon as possible regarding the following dates and whether you will send people to these workshops.

1. **4 February 2020** – 830am-Noon for the **Brampton Emergency Management Office Annual Workshop** at Rose theatre Brampton. Themed on house explosions.
  - a. Speaker 1: Caledon Fire Chief, Darryl Bailey
  - b. Speaker 2: Mississauga Fire Chief Tim Beckett

(Interesting to Note: A church and local restaurant offered refuge from the cold and hospitality to neighbourhood residents in Caledon immediately after the explosion. This is just one of the ways a faith-based organization can help their local emergency management personnel. Link: <https://www.msn.com/en-ca/news/canada/house-explosion-in-caledon-ont-leaves-1-dead-up-to-35-displaced/ar-BBT6Pxj?ocid=mailsignout>)

2. **29 February 2020** – Times TBD **Place of Worship Safety Workshop** @ 129 Glidden Rd., Brampton. A workshop given by the SALAM project that informs and prepares you for active attacks on faith facilities. Open to any faith leaders working and living in our city with this concern.
  - a. Speakers 1&2 discuss hate crime reporting, safety audits, federal grant writing tips for security projects, strategies that increase survivability during an active attack, give demonstrations, and can if desired, book drills that involve your staff, volunteers and/or congregants.
  - b. Guest Speaker, pending availability, from Peel Regional Police discussing the PREP program and other community safety initiatives.

**Seeking Muster-Point Locations**

A new Memorandum of Understanding is being developed by our city's legal department to be used for faith-based and community service organizations wanting to join our muster point strategy. If becoming a muster-point location is more suitable to your circumstances (little or no training or volunteering required, very few meetings, suitable location, simpler agreement, etc), please call me and I will add your faith facility location to the list for consideration.

Kind Regards,

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