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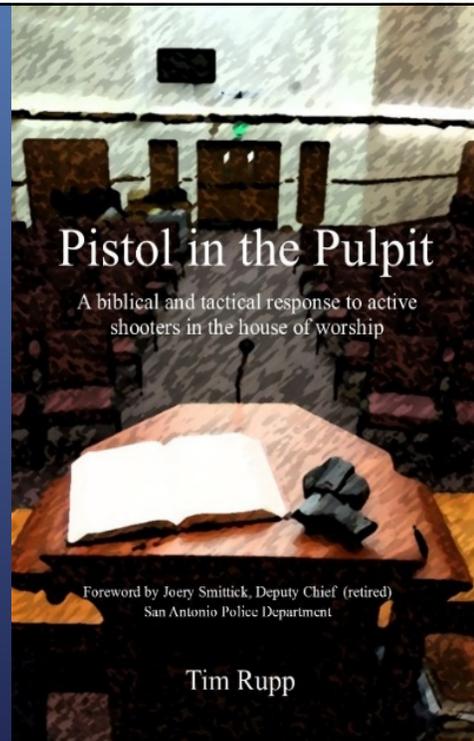
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# Pistol in the Pulpit

A biblical and tactical response to an active shooter in the house of worship

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# Welcome!



**Church  
Security  
Where to  
Start**

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<b>ALERRT:</b>	<b>FBI/FEMA:</b>	<b>ALICE:</b>	<b>TSBL:</b>
Avoid	Run	Alert	Evade
Deny	Hide	Lockdown	Barricade
Defend	Fight	Inform	Attack
		Counter	
		Evacuate	

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No order  
or level.  
Do what is  
necessary  
to stop the  
killing.

Evade  
Attack  
Barricade

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## Organizing a Safety Response Teams

### *The New Life Incident*



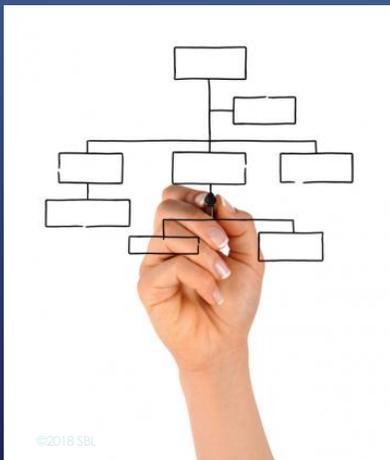
“The way the aggressor  
was quickly and effectively  
stopped by an intentionally  
developed church security  
team set a precedent in  
church security culture.”

—Carl Chinn

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## Organizing a Safety Response Teams



The purpose of a Safety Response Team (SRT) is to provide a team response to an unsafe situation in order to render the situation safe.

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### *Unarmed Safety Response Team*

The purpose: to take control of an unarmed aggressor before the aggressor can harm any innocent person or disrupt a service.

### *Medical Safety Response Team*

The purpose: to render emergency lifesaving first aid in an effort to sustain life until emergency medical technicians (EMTs) or other medical health professionals arrive.

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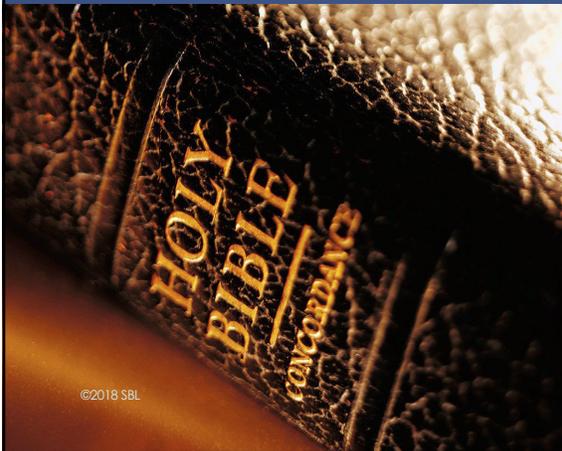
## Armed Safety Response Team



The purpose of an **armed** Safety Response Team (SRT) is to quickly neutralize an armed aggressor before the aggressor can harm any innocent person.

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## Organizing a Safety Response Teams



“...the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.”

(Micah 6:8, NLT)

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## Organizing a Safety Response Teams

*“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”* (Eph. 6:12, ESV)

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## Training—For Reality

### *The Mind Matters*

- White
- Yellow
- Red
- Black.

(Dave Grossman, *On Combat*, 2008, pp. 30-49)

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Condition White

Condition Yellow

Condition Red

Condition Black

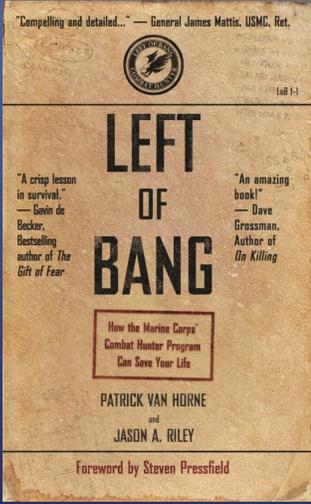


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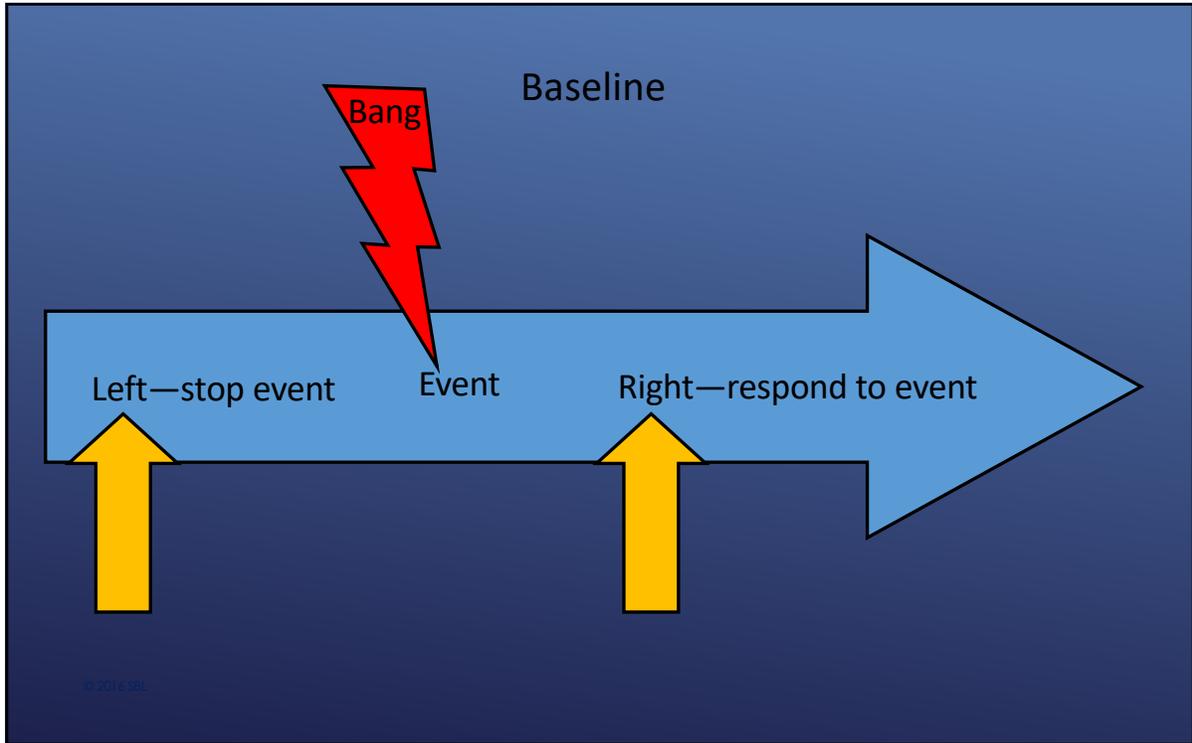
Condition Yellow

Condition Yellow means looking for things that are out of place.

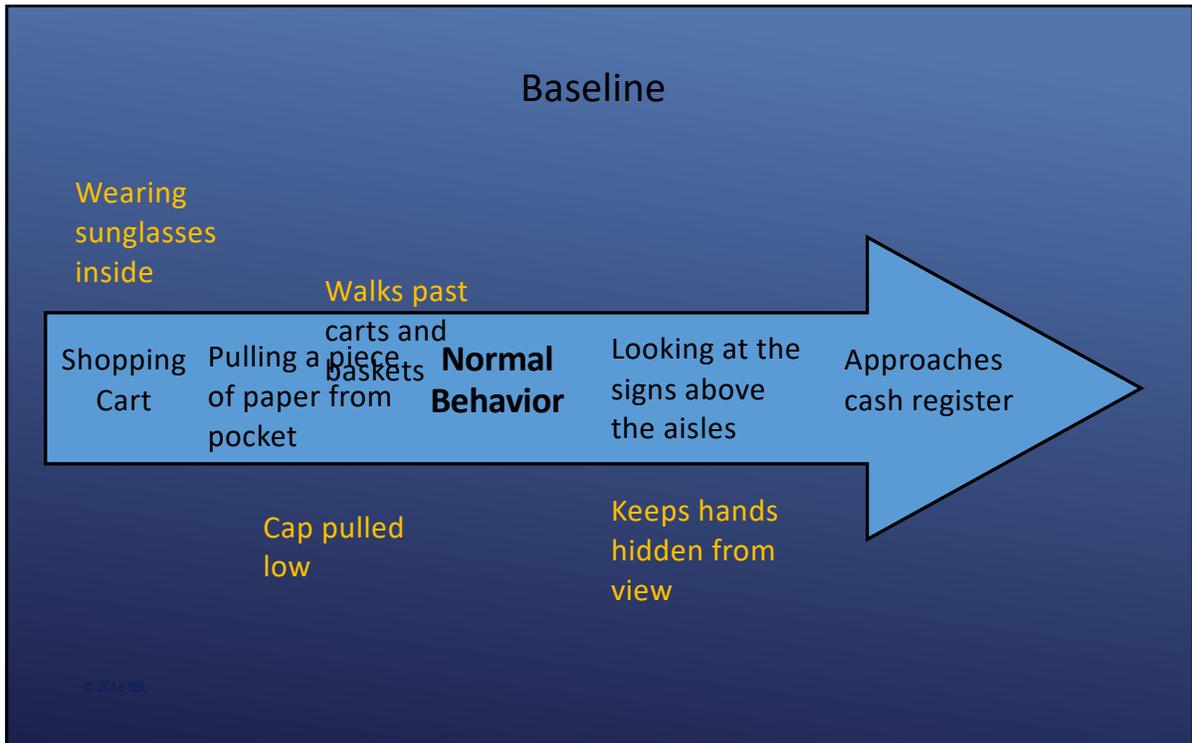


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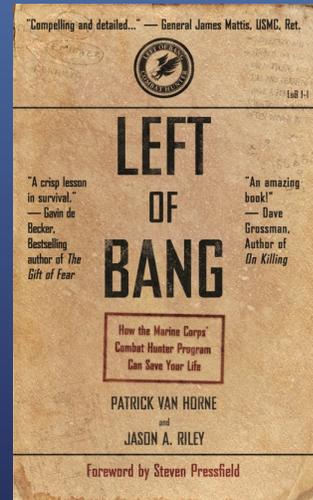
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## Condition Yellow

Studying body language accomplishes two objectives. It will:

- (1) identify those people who don't fit in and thus warrant further attention; and
- (2) predict people's behavior based on the subtle behavior cues that give away their intentions.

These subtle and subconscious acts, rather than obvious movements, matter the most. (Van Horne & Reilly, 2014)



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## OODA LOOP

- ▶ **O**bserve—take in everything around you.
- ▶ **O**rient—add meaning to all of your observations.
- ▶ **D**ecide—based on the limited information obtained, a decision must be made.
- ▶ **A**ct— “the ability to act quickly is what separates those who succeed from those who fail,” says retired Marine pilot Dave Berke.

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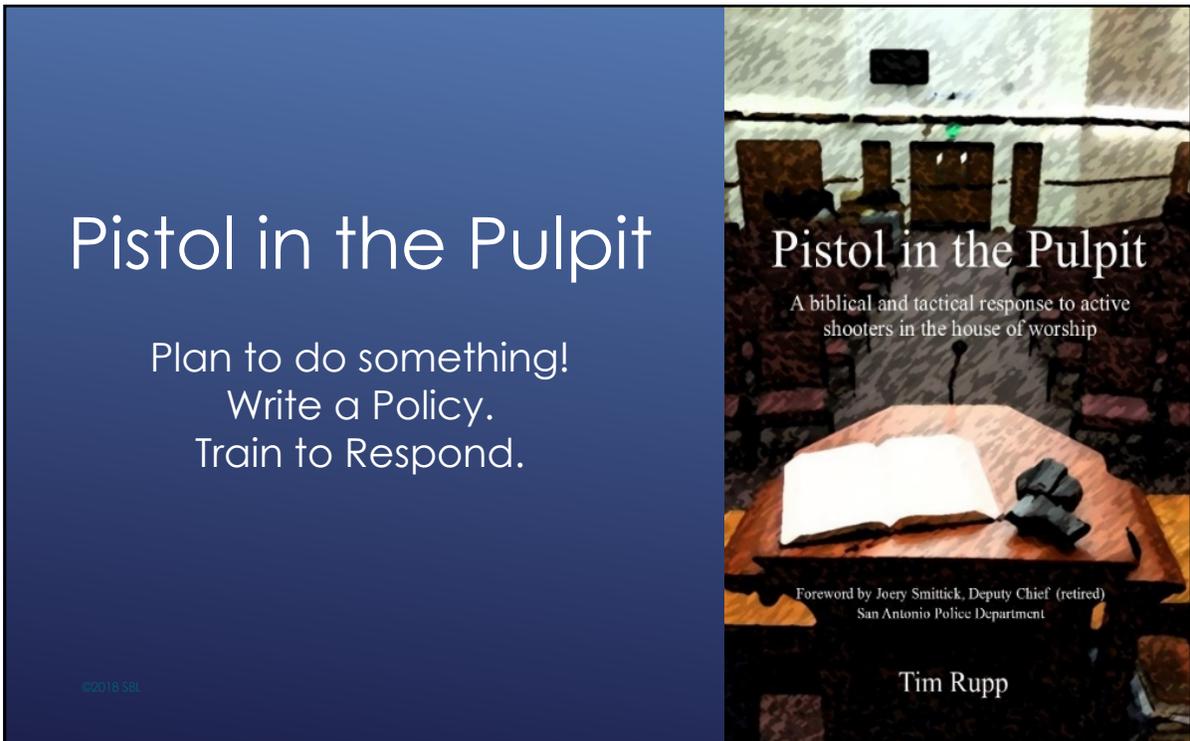


A balanced approach is needed.

*“If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all”* (Rom. 12:18, ESV)

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Plan to do something!  
Write a Policy.  
Train to Respond.

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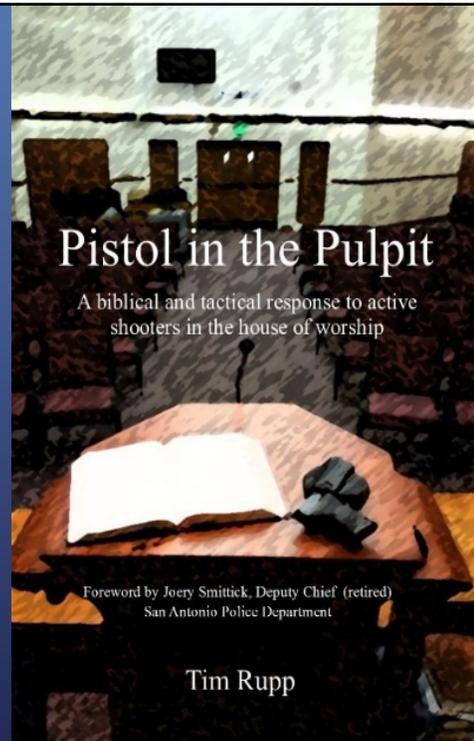
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## Questions?

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# Thanks!

## The Strong Blue Line

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