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Dear Saint Andrew Parishioners,

Our Parish Council has taken steps over the last several years to increase the physical safety and security of our Parish. While we are not in any specific danger now, we need to be vigilant and more formal in our preparedness efforts to always be ready. As we have seen, people with malicious intent continue to cause harm to the innocent, including at houses of worship. We also must anticipate the potential for natural disasters, illnesses, and accidents.

We have already taken steps over the years to make our facility safer by applying for and implementing a FEMA grant, which we directed to install a security camera system and electronic door controls in key areas. We still need to do more.

We need your cooperation in the event of an emergency. While we look for additional funding sources for equipment, we could really use some of your time or expertise. If you have a background in law enforcement, military, emergency management, or related areas, or no experience but simply an interest and desire to help keep your fellow parishioners safe in an emergency then please consider volunteering your time and talents.

The Parish Council has a Safety team, but we need members to help us develop materials for training, planning, and to be present during services to help us be more vigilant and effective in a real emergency.

If you want to learn more or participate on the Safety team, please email [nikolas.karkanias@gmail.com](mailto:nikolas.karkanias@gmail.com)

Thank you!