

McKnight Crossings Church – Safety and Security Inquiry

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Chief Eckles,

I serve on the leadership team of **McKnight Crossings Church**, located at the corner of Litzinger and McKnight Roads. As incidents of violence against houses of worship continue to rise, we want to ensure we are taking appropriate steps to protect our congregation. While the physical security of our building is important, our primary concern is the safety of our members and their ability to gather and worship freely each Sunday.

We recognize that no level of investment can completely eliminate risk. However, we want to take **reasonable, proactive precautions** and would greatly value any guidance or recommendations you and your department might offer.

At present, we have installed multiple security cameras covering the main interior areas and parking lots. During worship services, a designated individual monitors these cameras while another walks the premises to remain alert for anything unusual.

If there are other measures you suggest we consider, please let us know. We would also welcome it if your department could **periodically drive through our parking lots on Sunday mornings**—and at other times during the week as convenient. The visible presence of a patrol vehicle alone can serve as a strong deterrent.

Thank you for the ongoing work your department does to protect our community. We appreciate your service and would welcome any future conversation or partnership on how we can strengthen the safety of our church.

May God bless and protect you and your officers,

Warm regards,
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