



Jewish Federation
OF GREATER HOUSTON



**Joan and Stanford Alexander Family
Community Security Program**

STRONG. SECURE. UNITED.

Community Security Program Mission

The Joan and Stanford Alexander Family Community Security Program is here to secure the Houston Jewish community, in partnership with Secure Community Network (SCN). Since the program began in 2022, we closely collaborate with key partners in law enforcement, Jewish nonprofit organizations, local leaders, and SCN to protect our facilities and keep our community safe.

Secure Community Network (SCN)

SCN is the official safety and security organization for the Jewish community in North America. It is a team of intelligence, law enforcement, homeland security, and military professionals, recognized as the Jewish community's official liaison to federal law enforcement. Our Security Team collaborates with SCN to create a stronger shield of protection for our community and ensures that we can leverage a diverse range of expertise, share critical information across the SCN network, and coordinate effective responses to threats and attacks.

MEET OUR TEAM



Cody Sears
Deputy Regional Security
Advisor

Cody Sears joined the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston and the Secure Community Network (SCN) in August 2025 as the Deputy Regional Security Advisor for Greater Houston. A mission-driven U.S. Marine Corps veteran and

retired Sergeant from the Boulder County Sheriff's Office in Colorado, he brings more than 20 years of experience in tactical operations, threat mitigation, crisis response, and community safety.

Cody is dedicated to continuous training and readiness, recognizing that preparation today strengthens the community's safety and resilience tomorrow. His career includes leadership roles as Town Police Chief for the Town of Lyons, School Resource Officer Supervisor, Patrol Deputy, Detective, and SWAT Team Leader. Guided by integrity, humility, and collaboration, Cody is committed to enhancing the safety and resilience of the Greater Houston Jewish community.

Security Advisory Committee

A committee of volunteer leaders affiliated with the Federation who review, evaluate, and advise around the security program's goals and achievements to ensure it meets community needs.

OUR IMPACT



75

**Houston Jewish
organizations** receiving
security support



1,970+

community members
trained in security
awareness and response



\$6.3m

in Nonprofit Security Grants
secured for Houston
Jewish institutions



275+

Security incidents
reported in Houston
since August 2022



\$350,000

Matching grant from Jewish
Federation of North America
LiveSecure program



350+

Jewish communities
nationally covered by SCN
security initiatives



1,300+

**Federal law
enforcement referrals**
made by SCN in 2024



5,400+

**Threat incidents and
suspicious activity** reports
logged nationally by SCN
in 2024

WHAT WE DO

Our security efforts are centered around five main pillars:



Monitoring & Acting on Threats

We build a protective shield over the community by partner with SCN to use cutting-edge technology to proactively monitor for, identify, and investigate threats.



Securing Facilities & Events

We offer facility assessments and event security plan recommendations to protect against threats, and guide organizations through the process to obtain government grants for security upgrades.



Security Training & Incident Reporting

We empower participants with hands-on training and life-saving skills to prevent, respond to, and recover from potential incidents. Our Incident Reporting Form offers a simple tool to report antisemitic incidents so we can coordinate a response.



Coordinating with Law Enforcement

We facilitate two-way intelligence sharing, coordinate on threat response protocols, and serve as a bridge between our community and public safety agencies.



Partnering Across the Community

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National Nonprofit Security Grants

“The funds that the ERJCC received will be applied to security enhancements at the J’s three campuses; our main campus on South Braeswood, Merfish Teen Center and the JCC West Houston. These funds are critical and essential to continue to provide our community with safe and supportive environments.”

– Joel Dinkin, Former Evelyn Rubenstein JCC Houston CEO

Emergency Response Tabletop Exercise

“This [tabletop exercise organized by the Federation] in partnership with local law enforcement agencies is one of the most important trainings that I’ve ever been to. Security is not something that we wish we had to continually focus on, but we know that is our landscape in our world and coming together as a community to make sure that we are keeping our families, our congregants, our students, and our entire community safe is crucial.”

– Jennifer LeVine, Jack Segal Academy of Beth Yeshurun Head of School

Together, we are strong. Together, we are secure. Together, we are united.
For more information or to report an incident, visit houstonjewish.org/security.

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