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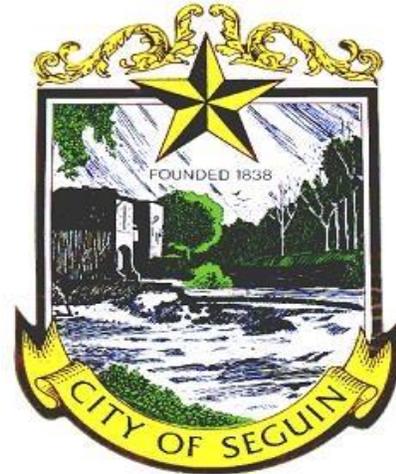
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## **Class Offers Tips on Surviving an Active Shooter** ***Freedom Trail Chapter of Texas Court Clerk Association Hosts Event***

**SEGUIN, Texas** – If recent history has taught us anything, it’s that mass shootings can occur anywhere with little or no warning. That’s why the Freedom Trail Chapter of the Texas Court Clerks Association recently hosted an event to teach people how to respond in such a situation.

“I hope none of us are ever in a situation where we have to use this knowledge, but these incidents are becoming more common,” Seguin Municipal Court Administrator Landra Hudson-Solansky said. “It is important for all of us to have an emergency plan, just in case.”

Ron McPherson, a Protective Security Advisor with the Department of Homeland Security, taught the course “Respond to an Active Shooter” at the Seguin Coliseum on May 16. McPherson told attendees survival in an active shooter situation may depend on whether or not a plan is in place. McPherson suggested the following three basic concepts:

**RUN:** If there is an accessible escape path, attempt to evacuate the premises.

**HIDE:** If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide where the active shooter is less likely to find you.

**FIGHT:** As a last resort, and only when your life is in imminent danger, attempt to disrupt and/or incapacitate the active shooter

McPherson urged attendees to know how to respond when law enforcement arrives to the scene. He suggested remaining calm, following officer instructions and immediately putting hands up with fingers spread.

More than two hundred people attended the course, which was open to governmental employees and representatives in the Seguin area.

“The mission of the Texas Court Clerks Association is to educate court personnel,” Hudson-Solansky continued. “Since the information provided in the active shooter class is not specific to Municipal and Justice Courts, we decided to extend the invitation to several other agencies in our area, including city council members.”

This press release is not intended to be a comprehensive guide on how one should respond in an active shooter situation. For a complete review of the Department of Homeland Security’s suggestions, visit <http://www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness>.



#### **About the City of Seguin**

Seguin, Texas is located along Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational, and employment opportunities. Seguin’s robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2009, Seguin was proud to be selected by Caterpillar as the site of a major new engine manufacturing facility.

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