Secure Community Network to Host 14 July Webinar on Security Implications of Supreme Court Gun Ruling for Jewish Facilities

Panel of Law Enforcement, Legal, and Jewish Leaders Will Review Recent New York Case

The Secure Community Network (SCN), the official safety and security organization for the Jewish community in North America, will host a webinar on 14 July, at 3 p.m. ET, to review considerations for Jewish facilities in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court’s recent opinion relaxing restrictions on concealed weapons. Panelists will discuss the potential security implications of changes to state gun laws and recommendations for related policies, procedures, and training. Interested members of the Jewish community may register for the webinar.

“For years, SCN has been helping Jewish facilities think through how firearms should be approached as part of comprehensive security strategies,” said SCN National Director and CEO Michael Masters. “This webinar will review those important considerations in light of the potential increase in the number of individuals eligible to carry concealed weapons as a result of the Supreme Court’s opinion.”

The virtual session will provide an overview of the Court decision; give practical advice on how to develop firearms policies for security personnel, staff, facility users, and visitors; and describe the training SCN provides to identify suspicious activity, prepare for and respond to active threats, and provide first aid. Panelists will also revisit SCN’s 2020 whitepaper Firearms and the Faithful, which provides detailed guidance on these topics.
In *New York State Rifle & Pistol Aszn., Inc. v. Bruen*, the Court found it unconstitutional for the state of New York to require an applicant to demonstrate that “proper cause exists” before a concealed weapon license can be issued. At the same time, the Court reiterated its previous opinion that guns may be banned in “sensitive places” as reasonably defined by states. The new opinion does not affect laws in states that allow private property owners to regulate guns in their own facilities.

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