



## Lake Region Conference Of Seventh-day Adventists

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**TO:** Lake Region Conference Employees

**Cassopolis, MI** - On the morning of Tuesday, July 26, 2022, an active shooting incident took place at the intersection near Camp Wagner, the Lake Region Conference campgrounds. No injuries have been reported. Witnesses notified local law enforcement regarding this occurrence. Upon notification of this incident, Lake Region Conference Administrators immediately responded with urgency and transparency.

According to WSTB News 22 ([wstb.com](http://wstb.com)), "*Sheriff Richard Behnke reports that in Cass County Michigan, at 8:45 a.m. on July 26, his office handled a shooting incident that started in Calvin Township and ended in Penn Township. The investigation shows a 46-year-old male from Calvin Twp. stopped his vehicle at the intersection of Calvin Center Rd. and Brownsville Rd.; the male then exited his vehicle and began actively shooting at vehicles and objects in that area. Witnesses called 911 and reported that the suspect got back into his vehicle and was northbound on Calvin Center Rd.*"

After hearing of the incident, Elder Garth Gabriel, Conference President, Dr. Abraham Henry, Conference Executive Secretary, and Pastor Earl Baldwin, Youth Director, immediately responded by initiating the active shooter crisis plan and protocols. They prayed with and informed the Junior Camp Staff and parents of the incident. Upon speaking with the Junior Camp Staff, they reviewed security measures. They have been reassured and currently remain in good spirits.

Elder Gary Loster, a special security advisor to the LRC Administration, remains in contact with the local law enforcement to ensure the continued safety of campers and the security of the campgrounds. The Local Police Chief is scheduled to visit Camp Wagner tomorrow, July 27, 2022.

LRC Administrators conducted an additional briefing via Zoom today, Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at 10 am EST/ 9 am CST.

We thank you for your continued prayers and support.

In Faithful Service,

Garth Gabriel  
President, Lake Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists