

Session 7A

A Guide for Emergency Response Teams

Shoes

- Cannot enter with shoes
- Provide cover for shoes
- Have shuddhi process after the emergency response ends
- Purify later

Normal operations – observe all protocol

Emergency – do what needs to be done

Can you take off mangalsutra or Janoi?

- Need to first respond to emergency and not the material needs

Law enforcement – fire department to be invited every year either Rakhi or Diwali and use the opportunities to discuss this document

Anything to know when dealing with dignitaries like swamis, swaminis?

- Respect to fact that they have dedicated life to sanatana dharma

Handling police compliant

- Ex. Against a priest – should be served as any clergy in any other faith

What are the type of terms that we use for priest and swami to the officers?

- We need to have a glossary of terms

Description of festivals and dates for emergency offices can be a living link or should be provide somehow to our local departments

Do Hindus have a sacred text to follow?

- Sensitize people about code of conduct regularly – Hindu Dharma

Periodically

- local police and fire dept have temple briefing
- Interact with audience
- Interact with youth

Can we place a one page highlighted points of the document inside a strategic location in the temple?

Sit with emergency responders to get feedback on the guide and iterate to base it on their needs

How about if a devotee is fasting?

- IV is not breaking the fast