



...TURNING THOSE IN CRISIS TOWARD CHRIST...

Emergency Chaplains

MAY 2016



NATIONAL POLICE WEEK MAY 12-15, 2016 REMEMBERING THOSE WHO GAVE ALL



Larry Smith, Interim Chief, Durham PD and
Mike Andrews, Sheriff, Durham County at
Durham Fallen Officers Memorial Service

On Friday, April 29th, the Durham Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 2, held their annual memorial service to honor Durham law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty.

This year the service was held at Grey Stone Church. Special music was provided by 100 Men

in Black and the guest speaker was Rev. Paul Anderson who serves as a volunteer chaplain with the Raleigh Police Department.

Every year, at every service, I find myself crying at some point in time. I can't help it.

As the roll call started, I scanned the names of the deceased officers in the printed program it hit me. I've been attending the service since 2008 and it's the same 10 names and stories that I've been hearing every year. There are 7 names on the list from Durham Police Department. There are 3 on the list from the Durham County Sheriffs' Office. It's the same 10 names! There are no new names on the list!

The tears started to flow as I took the opportunity just to say 'thank You' to the Lord. He has protected our men and women while they have stood on the 'thin blue line'. Many have been

assaulted. Some have been shot at... but praise the Lord! We have not had a line of duty death in Durham since Charles Callemyn died in a wreck in 2007 while he was responding to help another officer.

As I took time to worship the Lord for His protection over our officers I realized the fight is not over. The battle between good and evil, right and wrong, order and chaos is ongoing and will continue as long as we live here on this earth. Anguish overtook my heart. All I could do was cry out to the Lord to please continue to protect our officers.

The roll call continued and my heart broke further—*"Investigator Larry Douglas Bullock. Durham Police Department. End of Watch: April 29, 1976."*

Forty years ago, TODAY.

Investigator Bullock was shot and killed during a drug raid on Pilot Street. Bullock was 25 years old and had been an officer for 3 years.

"Deputy William Thomas Land, Durham County Sheriff's Office. End of Watch: October 5, 1971."

Deputy Land was shot by a bank robbery suspect. He was 24 years old. He had only been a deputy for 7 weeks. The suspect was convicted of 1st degree murder and sentenced to 115 years in prison. He was released from prison in 1993.

Today, I want to ask you to pause and thank God for the men and women who have dedicated their lives to protecting us. I ask that you also join me in praying for their continued protection today and every day. Pray that we will never have to add another name to our list here in Durham. ...Never.



As each name was announced an Honor Guard member
placed a red rose on the wreath
in memory of the deceased officer.

In Jesus' Name,

Chaplain Ralph

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WELCOME NEW CHAPLAINS!



Steve Weldon has joined Emergency Chaplains and is serving Cary Fire Department.

As a young man he enlisted in the United States Navy where he served as a firefighter. After his service with the Navy was complete, Steve entered the field of law enforcement and served as an officer in the Norfolk, VA area until his retirement.

Steve came to know Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior in 1982. He was ordained by South Norfolk Baptist Church in 2002. He served the Lord faithfully there, especially in their missions and outreach efforts.

Steve recently moved to Cary so he could be closer to family and joined Ephesus Baptist Church in Raleigh. In addition to his service at Ephesus, Steve is active as a Gideon and the Authentic Men at FBC in Cary.



Teresa Ray Chicarelli is now serving as a Chaplain on our Crisis Response Team in Durham. She is a graduate of Durham Technical Community College, Apex School of Theology and **received** her Master's of Divinity in Biblical Counseling from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

Teresa has a great testimony of God's patience and work in her life. She was saved at a young age but went through some life struggles that affected her relationship with the Lord. In 2008, Teresa was baptized in the Jordan River as a public testimony of her rededication to Jesus Christ. She was ordained by Durham Memorial Baptist Church where she is an active member and serves as a Deacon.

Teresa is employed as a Program Coordinator for Duke Clinical Research Institute. She lives in Durham with her husband, Vince.

NATIONAL EMS WEEK—MAY 15-21, 2016

EMS STRONG CALLED TO CARE

brings together local communities and medical personnel to publicize safety and to honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's "front line." This annual recognition began in 1974 and has continued for the past 42 years.

Over the past 42 years, EMS has become more and more important to the coordinated treatment of trauma and getting patients to pre-designated trauma centers quickly. EMS is especially critical to the chain of survival for sudden cardiac arrest. These days our medics have more resources, a wider variety of medications, and increasingly better training. By providing definitive patient care in the field, EMS improves the ability of our local hospital emergency departments to extend care to where it is needed.

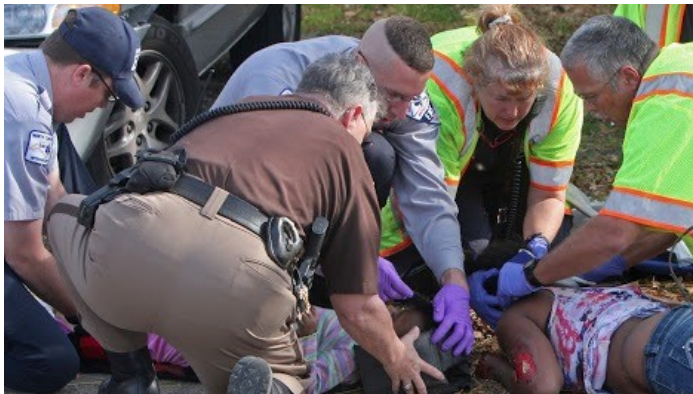
Anytime you see one an ambulance going down the road, stop and think for a moment about the people involved. Of course, there are the people in crisis to whom the truck is going, but also think about the medics in the truck too. They have an awesome responsibility. They move through traffic as quickly as they can to reach their destination as soon as possible. Then, they often have to make split second decisions which could determine whether or not their patient lives to see another day. The stress is tremendous! Most of us would not want to experience that level of stress every day. And yet, our EMS personnel leave their own families at home and go out at all hours of the day and night to serve our families.

The next time you see a medic truck going down the road with the siren blaring and the lights flashing, instead of being frustrated that you have to pull over to the side to let them by, stop and offer up a prayer for them—and for the family they are rushing to meet.

National Emergency Medical Services Week is a week of celebration dedicated to the achievements of the men and women who respond daily to people in need within our community. These are the folks you will see at all hours of the day or night, in all kinds of weather, whenever someone calls 9-1-1 for a health problem or an injury. EMS Week



Durham County Paramedic Kevin Wilson assisting victims of structure fire.



Durham medics, firefighters and deputy assisting victims who were struck by a vehicle on Alston Avenue

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