

"TURNING THOSE IN CRISIS TOWARD CHRIST"

Emergency Chaplains

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I WANT YOU!

Uncle Sam's cold stare and pointy finger debuted on the famous "I WANT YOU!" poster in 1916 as the United States prepared to enter World War I. It is estimated that his image was printed over 5 million times before the end of the Korean War.

No doubt, Uncle Sam's plea has drawn countless prospects into recruiting stations throughout the years. Many have voluntarily signed on the dotted line, sacrificing themselves to serve our great country.

All gave some. Some gave all.

Think about it. During wartime, what would cause a young man to walk into a military recruiter's office and literally sign over his life? It would have to be a worthy cause...a very worthy cause.

If you live in Durham County or Person County, I'm asking you to consider the worthy cause of joining our CRT (Crisis Response Team). If you live elsewhere, I am asking you to consider starting a CRT in your county. I'm staring, pointing my finger at you, and saying, "I want you!"

The CRT works side-by-side with First Responders, helping people during difficult times. About 85% of our calls for service involve sudden, unexpected death in the home. On those calls we comfort grieving people. We deliver death notifications. We help families with tough decisions. Our Chaplains are



the very arms of Jesus, reaching out to comfort those who are hurting with the love and hope of Christ.

I can remember over twenty years ago, nervously driving to the scene of my very first CRT call. Although I had no idea what I was doing, I was just the right Chaplain, arriving at just the right time. It turned out to be quite the divine appointment, the details clearly orchestrated by God Himself.

The circumstances were particularly difficult on scene that night but the Lord helped me to gracefully handle an out of control family member. The First Responders on scene took note. From that day on, they welcomed me as part of their team, opening doors for relationships and for the gospel.

By caring for this family through the death of their loved one, the Lord connected me with some folks who desperately needed His love and hope. For the next several years, when they had trouble in their family, they called me. I had multiple opportunities to visit in their homes and in the hospital, break up some fights, share the gospel...over and over...and see some of them turn to Christ.

You already know this, but tragedy is going to happen in this sin cursed world. The question is, who is going to be the arms of Jesus for those who need His embrace? I can personally attest that many people who have stiff armed Jesus for years are suddenly ready to hear from Him right in the middle of their pain. Will you be the one to meet them there?

To be a Crisis Response Chaplain, is a worthy cause...a very worthy cause. Souls hang in the balance. Yes, I want you on our team but I will defer to Jesus. Talk to Him about it. He might want you on our team even more than I do.

Chaplain Ralph



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Say Thanks! It's National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

April 11-17

If you ask the men and women who answer more than 240 million calls to 911 each year about their remarkable work, they'll probably tell you they're just doing their job. But the truth is they're helping to save many lives every day. That's why, for nearly 40 years, communities nationwide have made it a point to observe National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week during the second week of April.



While thanking telecommunicators in person this year is difficult because of COVID-19, people have taken to social media to show their appreciation using these hashtags: **#ThankYou911 #NPSTW**

You can also go to **ThankYou911.org** to post words of encouragement or just say, "thank you".

Over the years, the work of telecommunicators has changed in many ways. Dispatchers are constantly being trained on new technology and equipment that can be used to better serve the public. In 2019, a dispatcher-assisted CPR initiative was launched to

help communities save more lives through the implementation of telecommunicator and high-performance CPR programs. With more than 350,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occurring in the United States each year, according to the American Heart Association, many times it's 911 dispatchers who get the first calls for help.

Emergency Chaplains extends a huge thank you to the men and women who answer the calls and keep an ear on all of us out in the field.

Additional resources for recognizing and celebrating 911 Telecommunicators can be found on 911.gov.

2021 FUNDRAISERS

We are planning the following major fundraising events for this year:

- **Motorcycle Ride (either summer or early fall)**
- **5K-10K (mid November)**
- **Annual Banquet (August)**

Please note: You can donate to the Brantley Pearce Memorial Fund year-round. Just write "BPM" on the memo line of your check.

Although all of our events in 2020 were affected by COVID, we are brushing ourselves off...and planning with optimism for 2021!

You can contact Kim Fisher at (919) 943-1237 or Kim@EChap.org for more information about donating or to set up sponsorships.

Thank you for financially supporting our ministry as we take the comfort of Christ to those in crisis!

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Contact Chaplain Ralph for info: (919) 280-8908