

"SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE US"

Emergency Chaplains

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Honoring Those Who Serve... ...Remembering Those Who Gave All



Every year in the month of May, three critical areas of Public Safety are honored for their commitment to serving, as well as remembering those who died in the line of duty. Those three areas are EMS, Law Enforcement and Fire. At Emergency Chaplains, we value and honor all of our First Responders, and are thankful for their service!

National Police Week (May 12-18, 2019)

During Police Week, our nation pauses to honor our Law Enforcement Officers (LEO's) across the country. LEO's willingly put themselves in harm's way to protect our communities. They are often the first to arrive at a scene. In many cases, they encounter the worst parts of our society, and they see things that they will never be able to forget. Even under difficult circumstances, they put on the uniform each day and do it all over again. Day-in and day-out, our LEO's commit themselves to serving the public. During National Police Week, we encourage you to find ways to thank our Officers who give so much of themselves.

We also ask that you remember those who gave their lives serving in the Line of Duty. Many LEO's and the public will gather on May 15th in Washington DC to honor those heroes who gave their all. Pray for the families of those grieving loved ones during this time. For more information, you can visit PoliceWeek.org



Officers comfort one another following a drive-by shooting that resulted in the death of a child.

National EMS Week (May 19-25, 2019)

If you have ever been transported to the hospital by EMS, you probably have a great appreciation for them. They stand ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Emergency Medical Services system has grown and evolved over the past 40 years. Long gone are the days of the funeral home converting an old hearse into an ambulance.



Today, EMS brings a virtual emergency room to your doorstep...instead of a hearse. (Just thinking about that simple fact should make you feel better.) Thanks to our EMS personnel who engage in countless hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skill and bring quality emergency care to the scene where it is needed. Because of this we have access to quality emergency care that dramatically improves survival and recovery rates for those who experience sudden illness or injury.

Today would be a good day to thank a medic...or better yet...give them a big hug!

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North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Foundation Annual Memorial

Every May, the NCFFF honors those who gave their lives in the line of duty. These heroes are honored for their bravery, commitment, and service to their communities. The 14th Annual Memorial will be held on May 14th, 2019 at The Historic Nash Square in Downtown Raleigh. The parade honoring the Line of Duty Deaths will take place at 10:00AM, and the memorial will be at 1:00PM.

More information can be found at www.ncfff.org

2019 Line of Duty Death Honorees

Eric Lacewell	Wilmington FD	Nov 4, 2014
Bobby D. Shew	Roaring River FD	May 18, 2017
William Willis	Asheville FD	Feb 17, 2018
Richard L. Sales	Reynolds VFD	Apr 4, 2018
Tony Spencer III	Engelhard Fire/Rescue	June 3, 2018
Dakota Snavely	East Side FD	June 10, 2018
Jeffrey Newton Holden	Orange Rural FD	Aug 13, 2018



Chaplain Field Reports

Our Crisis Response Teams answered 21 calls for service in March. Following are excerpts from those reports:

CHAPLAIN PROVIDED ON-SCENE CARE for a family where a three-year-old child died. The Chaplain was able to minister to the parents and grandparents of the child until their pastor arrived.

SEVERAL CHAPLAINS have recently been invited by Public Safety Agencies to pray at their graduation ceremonies, enabling them to meet the new graduates and their families.

CHAPLAIN ASSISTED a mother and three young children, who found their husband/father deceased. The Chaplain provided care for the family for four hours, and was able to ensure the family had a place to stay for the immediate future.

CHAPLAIN REQUESTED FOR CRISIS CALL where a young female was in cardiac arrest. EMS had already transported the patient to the hospital. The responding chaplain met the mother of the patient at home and assisted by driving her to the hospital.

Chaplain Spotlight



Chaplain Chris Holeman joined Emergency Chaplains in September, 2014. He serves the Moriah Volunteer Fire Dept. and serves on the Person Crisis Response Team. Pray for Chris as he continues to serve in Person County.



Chaplain Matthew Keefee serves the Cary Fire Department. He has been with Emergency Chaplains since December of 2017. Pray for Matthew and the other chaplains in Cary as they minister to CFD.



Chaplain Myron Yandle serves the Morrisville Police Department. He joined Emergency Chaplains in March of 2018. Pray for Myron as he seeks to reach officers in Morrisville with the gospel.