

"TURNING THOSE IN CRISIS TOWARD CHRIST"

# Emergency Chaplains

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## Praying for Law Enforcement in 2020

Ralph Thompson

*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—<sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. (1 Timothy 2:2)*

I want to share with you a few of the bigger issues currently facing our law enforcement agencies and ask that you pray for all involved. Government leaders all the way through rookie officers need our prayers. They especially need God's wisdom as they deal with issues such as:



- **Officer Recruitment:** Most agencies are struggling to find new recruits and retain seasoned officers. Join us in praying for young men and women to hear God's call to law enforcement (Romans 13:4) and that they will bravely choose to accept that call. Pray for officers already on the job to stay. Do you know any law enforcement officers in your neighborhood or church? Pray for them by name. Talk to them and ask how you can pray for them and their agency.
- **Use of Force and De-escalation Policies:** Day-to-day enforcement activity as well as response to riots, active shooter, etc...are always under the microscope...and in front of the cell phone camera. Public pressure is on those in leadership. The pressure of the crowd is often on those who are on the front lines. Pray for wisdom for leaders. Pray for protection for those on the front lines and pray for God's guidance for them, especially when they must make split-second, life or death decisions.
- **Immigration and Sanctuary Laws:** National, state, and local governments are all over the place, often contradicting each other...on purpose. This puts law enforcement leaders and officers in a difficult place. Join me in praying that our leaders will seek resolutions that will protect people, follow the constitution, and most importantly, honor the Lord.

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## Virutal 5K & 10K Run or Walk

Our 5K & 10K will be completely virtual. That means YOU can run, walk, or even daydream your way to the finish line....on your own schedule! Get more info and sign up today at [www.EChap.org/RUN](http://www.EChap.org/RUN)

**When:** Complete your run or walk anytime between Nov 1-30. Just be sure and sign up by 11/13/2020.

**Where:** American Tobacco Trail. Start and finish near Durham Bulls Athletic Park.



**EVERY registration gets a 2020 race T-shirt that you can wear with pride and let your friends and neighbors know that you support a great cause!**

### **Register Early and Get These Awesome Options:**

- Track your time on the course with the Racejoy app. Medals awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finish in both Male and Female Division.
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- Put on your cool 2020 race T-shirt. Sit on the couch. Watch horse racing on TV.

**Form a team and run for the gold! See website for details**

## Chaplain Field Reports

**CHAPLAIN JERRY MCFADYEN** presented a suicide awareness class for East Bend VFD in Yadkin County. Because suicide has touched both the department and Jerry's family in a personal way, the training was very emotional and effective.

**DURHAM COUNTY CHAPLAINS ROGERS AND WILKOS WERE REQUESTED** to respond to a manufacturing business near Research Triangle Park where an employee had gone into cardiac arrest while working in a remote area of the plant. Co-workers found the patient unresponsive and called 911. Resuscitation efforts were not successful. Chaplains were on scene for four hours ministering to co-workers and family.

**CHAPLAINS DAVID AND KATHLEEN GLOVER** in Johnston County are working to build relationships with local First Responder Agencies. David recently was able to participate in a ride along with Wilson's Mills PD.

**PERSON COUNTY CHAPLAINS DUNCAN AND BUCHANAN** responded to a call where a young woman had died of natural causes. Family members on scene were highly emotional and required treatment from EMS. Chaplains were able to contact other family members and clergy to respond to the scene for support of the family.

**CHAPLAIN JASON BENTON WAS INVITED** by Ocean Isle Beach FD for a service to dedicate their new Fire Engine. Chaplain Jason read a passage of scripture and offered a prayer of blessing for the new engine, the department, personnel, town officials and all who were present.

**TWO DURHAM COUNTY CHAPLAINS RESPONDED** to the Emergency Room at the request of an EMS Supervisor to check in on the well-being of medics following a call involving an infant.