

CERTIFICATION

for Fire/EMS Chaplaincy Volunteers



Benefits of being an Emergency Chaplains Member

Encouragement

- ⇒ It is easy to get discouraged when you are out there on your own. In the EChap network there is always another Chaplain close by to encourage you to keep going!
- ⇒ You have the opportunity to build relationships with other chaplains and serve as an encourager to them.

Training and Continuing Education

- ⇒ Access to regular training events provided by Emergency Chaplains and others.

Continuity

- ⇒ When there are multiple chaplains serving in a county, the ministry can continue if one chaplain is no longer able to serve.

Accountability

- ⇒ Report requirements give the chaplain a way to measure activity and promotes consistent ministry and mission efforts.

Recognition

- ⇒ You are partnered with a respected ministry that has a proven track record and strong relationships among the First Responder community.

Backup

- ⇒ Multiple chaplains in your area will insure that someone will be available to respond should a First Responder call you with a personal crisis and you are not available.
- ⇒ A chaplain network will provide additional help in case of a large scale event where additional chaplains are needed.

Certification

- ⇒ As a member of Emergency Chaplains, you will be entitled to certify and maintain your certification as a Public Safety Chaplaincy Volunteer through our program.

**Contact us today for more information
on getting started with our application process.**

RAISING THE STANDARD FOR VOLUNTEER CHAPLAINCY

*Emergency Chaplains is a non-denominational ministry founded in 2008 to serve First Responders.
More than 80 Public Safety Agencies have utilized the services of our Chaplains.*

Application FAQs

How do I apply?

Applications can only be obtained through the Executive Director's office. (see contact information below)

How do I send the application when completed?

All applications are completed online. The process is secure and confidential.

Is an interview required?

Yes. Interviews can be conducted in person or remotely through Zoom Video Conferencing.

Is a background check required?

Yes. Cost is included in the application fee.

Fees

Application Fee for Membership.....	\$25
	<i>(non-refundable)</i>
Annual Membership.....	\$100*
Certification Fees	NONE
	<i>(included with membership)</i>
Tuition Cost.....	Varies by Module
	<i>(see Required Curriculum for details)</i>

***Annual Renewal of Membership**

To maintain the professional standards expected of all personnel serving a Public Safety Agency, an annual review and renewal process is required.

Emergency Chaplains

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EChap Certification Program

Required Curriculum and Equipment | Continuing Education | Annual Renewal of Certification

REQUIRED CURRICULUM

Module 1: EChap Basic Training *42 Hours of Instruction/Online*

Course #	Class/Topic	Hours
100-01	Basics of Community Chaplaincy	3
100-02	Building Caring Relationships	3
100-03	Permission & Confidentiality	4
100-04	Sharing the Good News	4
100-05	Health & Hospital Care	3
100-06	Relationship & Financial Crises Care	3
100-07	Death & Grief Care	6
100-08	Substance Abuse & Addiction Care	4
100-09	Suicide & Crisis Care	3
100-10	Jail & Detention Center Care	3
100-11	Legal Issues & Cultural Diversity	3
100-12	Practical Application	3

Module 2: Fire/EMS Chaplaincy Training *60 Hours of Instruction/Online*

Course #	Class/Topic	Hours
201-01	Overview of the Fire Service	5
201-02	Personalities and Career Paths	5
201-03	Life in the Fire Station	5
201-04	The Work of Firefighters: Pt 1	5
201-05	The Work of Firefighters: Pt 2	5
201-06	Physical Toll of Being a Firefighter	5
201-07	Emotional Toll of Firefighting: Pt 1	5
201-08	Emotional Toll of Firefighting: Pt 2	5
201-09	Off Duty: Taking It Home	5
201-10	Addiction, Abuse, and Suicide	5
201-11	Navigating Challenges	5
201-12	The Answer	5

Module 3: ICISF International Critical Incident Stress Foundation *27 Hours of Instruction/Classroom*

Tuition cost: Varies

Course #	Class/Topic	Hours
300-01	Assisting Individuals in Crisis	13
300-02	Group Crisis Intervention	14

Continuing Education *Professional Development*

Certified volunteer chaplains are required to complete at least 12 hours of continuing education annually. Regular continuing education is necessary for the ongoing professional development of the chaplain..

Required Equipment

Due to the online nature of the our program, the following equipment is required:

- ⇒ Computer or Tablet with Internet Access
- ⇒ Smartphone

This equipment will be needed to access:

- ⇒ Course Materials and Tests
- ⇒ Document Scanner
- ⇒ E-mail and Text Messages
- ⇒ Zoom Video Conferencing

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In order to renew your certification, you will:

- Be a member in good standing.
- Have all activity reports up to date.
- Report continuing education completed during year.
- Be connected to a local church.

**Contact us today for more information
about becoming a Certified Public Safety
Chaplaincy Volunteer!**

Benefits of Becoming a Certified Chaplaincy Volunteer

You demonstrate your sustained, high-level commitment to education and professionalism valued by Public Safety Agencies.

You participate in a network that improves and standardizes care given by Chaplains.

You develop additional skills through commitment and continuing education.

You become part of a team that provides mutual support resources. This benefits you, your fellow Chaplains, First Responders and our citizens.