

"TURNING THOSE IN CRISIS TOWARD CHRIST"

Emergency Chaplains

AUGUST 2026



2026
**CALL to CARE
BANQUET**

HONORING THOSE WHO ANSWER THE CALL.
Supporting those who care.

TICKETS: \$25/PERSON

OCTOBER 22, 2026
THURSDAY

DINNER SERVED
AT 6:30 PM

RIDGECREST
BAPTIST CHURCH
1104 Milton Road
Durham, NC 27712

**AN EVENING OF ENCOURAGEMENT,
FELLOWSHIP & IMPACT**

Join Us for the 2026 Call to Care Banquet

Every day, first responders run toward emergencies, carrying burdens few others see as they encounter tragedy and loss.

Emergency Chaplains stands in the intersection of public safety and human suffering, bringing the hope and comfort of Christ to first responders and to people whose lives have been suddenly turned upside down.

On Thursday, October 22, we will gather for the 2026 Call to Care Banquet to honor those who answer the call and support the chaplains who walk alongside them.

The banquet provides an opportunity to hear how Emergency Chaplains is serving first responders, caring for people in crisis, and bringing the hope of the gospel into places most people never see.

You'll meet some of the chaplains who carry out this ministry, hear stories from the field, and learn how your prayers and financial support make this work possible.

More than a fundraising event, the banquet is an evening of encouragement, fellowship, and shared purpose. It reminds us that every chaplain who responds, every first responder who receives

care, and every person comforted in a moment of crisis is supported by a community of people who believe this ministry matters.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m., and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The banquet will be held at Ridgecrest Baptist Church, located at 1104 Milton Road in Durham. Tickets are \$25 per person.

Please join us—and invite a friend—as we celebrate what God is doing and prepare for the opportunities ahead.

**For tickets or additional
information, visit:
Echap.org/banquet**

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CHAPLAIN FIELD REPORTS

Much of what our chaplains do never appears in the news—or even on a dispatch screen. While we continue responding to death calls and other critical incidents, much of our ministry happens quietly in stations, patrol cars, classrooms, hospitals, and over the phone. These relationships often become the bridge that allows chaplains to serve effectively when crisis comes.

Serving Those Who Serve

On July 31, Emergency Chaplains assisted Elevation Church during their annual Love Week outreach as they provided lunch for approximately 300 on duty first responders serving throughout Durham City and County. Some officers, firefighters, and EMS personnel, were



able to stop by and enjoy lunch together. Others could not leave their assignments, so volunteers delivered meals directly to stations and other work locations across the city. A meal may seem like a small thing, but

relationships are often built through simple acts of kindness. Those relationships open doors for chaplains to encourage first responders, care for them during difficult seasons, and be present when crisis comes.

Answered Prayer

For several years we have asked many of you to pray that God would raise up more men and women to serve in public safety. We are beginning to see encouraging answers to those prayers. In July, Chaplains Ralph Thompson and Dylan Stone provided lunch and taught death notification to eleven new Durham County EMS recruits. We also met with newly hired Durham 9-1-1 communicators as they began their training. Looking ahead, the Durham Police Department expects to

welcome more than forty recruits into its October police academy—its largest hiring class in years. Please continue praying that God will strengthen those already serving and continue sending men and women of character, wisdom, and compassion into public safety.

The Calls You Never Hear About

Not every call for a chaplain comes through 9-1-1. Some begin with a quiet conversation during a station visit or a ride-along. Others come as an unexpected phone call from a first responder facing overwhelming personal struggles, a family crisis, or the weight of accumulated trauma. Many of these conversations remain confidential, and rightly so. They will never appear in an activity report or make the evening news. Yet these are often the very moments God gives our chaplains the opportunity to listen, encourage, pray, and point people to the hope found only in Jesus Christ.

The Trust We Protect

Some of the most important ministry of Emergency Chaplains will never be shared publicly. First responders often trust our chaplains with deeply personal struggles, and that trust is something we are committed to protecting. While those stories may never appear in a newsletter, they matter deeply to those God allows us to serve. Thank you for faithfully praying for our chaplains. Please continue to pray that God will give them wisdom, compassion, and open doors to share the hope of Christ.



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Responders and citizens in crisis.
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and our Chaplains.
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