

"TURNING THOSE IN CRISIS TOWARD CHRIST"

# Emergency Chaplains

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## NEWLY CERTIFIED PUBLIC SAFETY CHAPLAINS



*Phil Sheridan serves Lebanon Fire Department and the Durham CRT.*

Seven members of Emergency Chaplains were officially certified as Public Safety Chaplains on June 30th at an awards dinner held at Homestead Steakhouse in Timberlake. These are the first chaplains to receive certification through our newly launched certification program. Chaplains who received certification are: Sandra Littleton, Wayne Littleton, Phil Sheridan, Dylan Stone, Carter Thompson, Ralph Thompson and Kim Wilkinson.

The chaplains earned their certification by completing 127 hours of instruction in three training modules.

In Module 1, Basic Training for Chaplains, students received 34 hours of instruction to help prepare them for ministering to people in different types of crisis while providing needed physical, emotional, and spiritual care.

Emergency Services Chaplaincy Training (Module 2) required each chaplain to invest in 66 hours of instruction time. This section of training is designed to help the student focus on learning the language of public safety. Both Modules 1 & 2 can be taken online at the student's own pace.

Module 3 consisted of 27 hours of CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) classroom instruction and gives the chaplain practical skills to help first responders who have been exposed to traumatic events.

All seven chaplains who received certification are members of the EChap Crisis Response Team in Durham.



*Kim Wilkinson, Staff Chaplain, presents Carter Thompson with her certification.*



*Wayne and Sandra Littleton serve together on the Crisis Response Team in Durham.*

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## VIRTUAL BANQUET BROADCAST ON AUGUST 9

Make plans to join us on Sunday evening, August 9th at 6:00pm for our first ever “Virtual Banquet”.

Retired DPD Deputy Chief Larry Smith will be our featured speaker. Steve Noble (The Steve Noble Show) will be our emcee and lead a panel interview that you don't want to miss. One first responder and one chaplain will receive Brantley Pearce Memorial Awards.

You can go to our website ([www.EChap.org](http://www.EChap.org)) for more information about watching the banquet.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a response card. We would like to ask that you prayerfully consider becoming a financial partner with our ministry by sponsoring the banquet. We need your help to continue growing the ministry of Emergency Chaplains to serve first responders and people in crisis.

Our first responders have been on the front lines with COVID-19 since March. Our law enforcement officers are now under constant attack. Those who protect us have grown weary but our chaplaincy team is dedicated to standing by their side with a word of encouragement and the hope of the gospel.

All funds raised through banquet sponsorships will go directly to funding our ministry efforts to first responders and the training of new chaplains to serve alongside them.

### Ever Thought of Becoming a Chaplain?

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## CHAPLAIN FIELD REPORTS

A young man was found dead from a suspected overdose. Family members on scene were distraught because they believed they could have done more to prevent his death. The chaplain that responded to the call was on scene for over two hours, comforting and ministering to family and friends of the deceased.

A female chaplain was dispatched to assist a 23-year-old woman who was being released from an overnight stay in jail. Her family was refusing to pick her up. Our chaplain spent time with the young lady while another chaplain went to buy her a meal. The chaplains were able to persuade family members to come and transport her to the Durham Rescue Mission to begin rehab.

On July 4th, a 74-year-old woman was struck and killed by celebratory gunfire on Burlington Avenue in Durham. The patient was transported to the hospital but died a short time later. Chaplains ministered to family members at the scene while police officers canvassed the neighborhood for information.

Chaplains were on scene with first responders while they searched a local river for a young man who had gone missing while swimming with friends. After several hours of searching, the body was recovered. Chaplains assisted with the death notification to family members who had come to the scene. They also followed up with responders who were involved in the rescue efforts.