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ANNUAL REPORT

Our annual Chaplains Activity Report has been prepared. Here are some of the highlights from that report:

- ✓ We now have 45 volunteer chaplains serving 24 agencies in 11 NC counties
- ✓ Our Durham Crisis Response Chaplains answered 336 calls for service in 2016
- ✓ There were 649 counseling encounters reported by our chaplains last year

Our full annual report is being prepared and will be available for review by March 1st. Once completed, copies will be available upon request. If you would like a copy contact our office and we will send you a copy of the full report.

The report will include ministry goals for 2017 and beyond. Some highlights include:

- ✓ Continued formation of Grief Ministry Team
- ✓ Projected 2017 budget of \$169,000
- ✓ Formation of Crisis Response Team in Person County

Because of faithful prayers and support of people just like you we are able to provide a ministry of comfort to those who are in crisis. Your gifts also make it possible for our chaplains to provide care for our First Responders and their families.

Thank you for your generous and faithful support of the ministry of Emergency Chaplains. You are a vital part of the work that we do. We just can't thank you enough for being a part of our team.

CHAPLAIN FIELD REPORTS

Some days our Crisis Response Chaplains do not respond to any requests. Other days, the on call chaplain may spend several hours answering multiple calls. During a recent 24 hour period, one of our chaplains logged the following reports:

9:47 AM: Requested by Durham EMS to respond to cardiac arrest with CPR in progress on an adult male. Resuscitation efforts were discontinued shortly after my arrival. Assisted EMS Supervisor in delivering death notification to family on scene. Family member stated that she returned from running errands to discover the male had apparently hung himself in the garage.

3:32 PM: Requested by Durham EMS to respond to a scene where a young adult male had been found by family members. Suspected heroin overdose. Ministered to family on scene for 2.5 hours until investigation was complete and body of deceased transported to Medical Examiner's office in Raleigh.

2:44 AM: Requested by Durham PD to respond to a homicide scene. A 30 year old male had been shot and killed while leaving a local night club. Two other individuals were shot during the incident and had been transported to a local hospital with serious but non-life threatening injuries. Ministered to family members. Total time on scene: 2 hours.

NEW CHAPLAINS



LUKE REDMOND

Luke Redmond has joined Emergency Chaplains and has been assigned to serve District 1 of the Durham Police Dept. Luke is currently a US Army Reserve Chaplain Candidate and a student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary pursuing a Master of Divinity degree. During his enlistment in the US Army, Luke served two campaigns in Afghanistan where he earned the Combat Action Badge, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, three Army Achievement Medals plus several others medals and commendations. Luke is a native of Florida where he was ordained by his home church, First Baptist Church of Brandon. He is married to Christina and they live in Wake Forest with their two wonderful children.



BILLY FLETCHER

Billy Fletcher has joined Emergency Chaplains and has been assigned to serve District 3 of the Durham Police Department. Billy has several years experience as a firefighter and EMT, most recently with Durham County Fire and Rescue. Many first responders in Durham have answered calls with Billy through the years when he served with Parkwood Volunteer Fire Department as a full-time firefighter and also served as the department chaplain. Chaplain Fletcher is a graduate of NC State University and earned his MDiv through Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and Liberty University. He is married to Crystal and they are members of Community Baptist Church in Durham.



JERRY CARTER

Dr. Jerry Carter of Reidsville, North Carolina has joined Emergency Chaplains. He currently serves as chaplain for District D-3 (Rockingham County) of the NC State Highway Patrol. Chaplain Carter is a graduate of Liberty University and Columbus Bible College. He is the pastor of Reidsville Baptist Church where he oversees several ministries, including: Reidsville Baptist Day Care, Carolina Baptist Academy and WCLW 1130AM, a gospel radio station owned by the church. Jerry served in the US Army and is a member of the NC Troopers Association. He has been married to Brenda for 41 years and he will be assisting Emergency Chaplains with Ministry Development in the Triad and surrounding area.