

"TURNING THOSE IN CRISIS TOWARD CHRIST"

# Emergency Chaplains

APRIL 2022



## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY



Keystone Church and Elevation/Durham teamed up to provide "Volunteer Appreciation Day" for Emergency Chaplains on Saturday, March 19th. There were a total of 40 in attendance who enjoyed the time of fellowship and a delicious meal from City Barbeque. Two chaplains received their Public Safety Chaplaincy certification during our time together. They were Chaplain Paul Shambaugh (far right) and Chaplain Danny Ricker (second from right). Shambaugh serves as chaplain for the Smithfield Police Department. Ricker is the Executive Director of Emergency Chaplains of East Tennessee, serving Greene County, TN.

## VOLUNTEER FOR PRAYER TEAM — BECOME A MONTHLY COMFORTER

Our chaplains need you! Would you consider joining our Prayer Team and becoming a Monthly Comforter as well?

Prayer Team members receive an email twice a month with specific prayer requests for our chaplains and for leaders of the Public Safety agencies that we serve. All that we ask is that you pray for these needs as you are able.

Monthly Comforters are those who financially support the work of Emergency Chaplains through monthly giving.

The regular income provided by our Monthly Comforters makes it possible for our existing chaplaincy services to continue and expand.

Your gifts also help recruit, train, and certify well qualified chaplains to

serve in areas where there is little or no chaplaincy presence. The needs are greater than ever.

Please consider partnering with us by becoming a member of our Prayer Team, a Monthly Comforter...or both!

Use the enclosed card and envelope to sign up...or give us a call if you need more information.

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# TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

## GRIN Training (ICISF)

*Assisting Individuals in Crisis + Group Crisis Intervention  
Thursday-Saturday | May 12-14*

*This class is open to chaplains, chaplain prospects,  
and all first responders*

- Must attend all 3 days to earn certificate of completion
- Cost: \$75
- Get more information at: [EChap.org/training](http://EChap.org/training)

Call or email with questions  
[Office@EChap.org](mailto:Office@EChap.org)—(919) 399-9468

*The usual cost for this approved ICISF class ranges  
between \$150-\$400.*

## EChap Core Training

*Do you sense God's call on your life to minister to those in  
your neighborhood, at work, or other places you go? Take  
the next step with EChap Core Training!*

- Learn at your own pace—All Online
- 12 Courses in Program—Total Cost: \$120
- Get more information at: [EChap.org/training](http://EChap.org/training)

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Core Training will give you the skills and the confidence you need to build caring relationships with the hope of gaining permission to share the life changing Good News of Jesus in a non-threatening manner.

# POLICE WEEK (May 11-17)— EMS WEEK (May 15-21)



Each year, the month of May has recognition weeks set aside for both Law Enforcement and EMS. It is a time to celebrate and honor those who stand on the front lines every day. It is also a time to remember those who died in the line of duty. On May 15, officers and family members will gather for a memorial service in front of the US Capitol in Washington, DC to read the names of 601 who died in 2021. Of that number, 426 died of COVID.

Across the United States, law enforcement agencies are struggling to keep enough cops on the street. Too many of our young officers are walking away from the profession forever.

Recruiting numbers are at their lowest point ever.

The numbers for EMS are harder to track but there have been a significant number of line of duty deaths across the country, most of them due to COVID. Medics also encountered a substantial increase in the number of death encounters they had while on the job in 2021. It is estimated that EMS clinicians delivered 47% more death notifications than pre-COVID. Just like law enforcement, almost every EMS agency is struggling with staffing issues. Call volume is up. Staff numbers are down.

Now is a good time for God's people to do two things: pray and encourage. You can pray on your own...or you can join our Prayer Team.

When it comes to encouraging responders, start with those that you see while out and about. Let them know that you know about their special week—and thank them for standing bravely on the front lines, especially during the pandemic.



## EMS WEEK

*Rising to the Challenge*  
**May 15-21, 2022**

In Durham, we are planning some special events for feeding different groups. If you know some local restaurants that would like to provide food and partner with us, please help us connect with them. If you know of groups that would like to put together "care baskets" for stations, get in touch with us and we can give you suggestions. If you want to help us by donating funds to feed a first responder group, give us a call.

We've not been able to fully interact with our first responders over the past two years. Join us in praying that COVID infections continue to diminish. Let's take advantage of these appreciation weeks and model the love of Jesus to those who have served us so well!

**Save the Date | Annual Banquet | October 23, 2022**

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