



Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy
Serving the Hearts and Minds of Central Oregon's First Responders
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December 2015

The Beat

Preparing - Advent!

I remember thinking not too long ago about getting my yard ready for winter. There's a bunch that I have to do to pull that off. I've looked up with caution what goes into getting prepared.

Methods of preparation include research, estimation, education, planning, resourcing, practicing and rehearsing. Wow, there's a lot to do to get ready for something if you do it right.

December represents for many of us a month of celebrating the preparation that was accomplished for Salvation if you are a Christian.

Others focus on the preparation that was accomplished by a miracle attributed to God for making one day's worth of lamp oil burn for 8 days during the

time that the Temple was cleansed and purified.

Our Faith has allowed us to see the miracle of Preparation that has been accomplished to celebrate what many call the Advent Season.

There are many traditional and cultural activities that will purpose themselves to acknowledge the preparation that God our Father has been working on for thousands of years.

A fair question to ponder is, "are you ready"?

My family has scheduled a time for each of the family members to have time to spend with the family - confusing at best?

I wonder if that was God's intention to create so much preparation and organization and confusion or was there a

simpler message surrounding the theme of Advent.

Advent simply defined from the Latin root word means "coming". Someone or something is coming so we are preparing to celebrate His Coming. That's one way to look at December, Advent, Christmas - the celebration of His Coming.

Glad I got my house ready for winter - because this year winter has come! I need to prepare for the coming of Salvation - If the Word Salvation offends you what word would you use to describe what the world needs? I like Salvation I think that's what the world needs. We should prepare for His Coming!

Our Chaplains wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and the Preparation for an awesome New Years.

You Are Loved - pj

Christmas Eve Service

Hosted by the Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy

All Emergency Services and families are invited for a special holiday evening filled with Christmas music, a Christmas message, and refreshments.

December 24, 2013; 6:30-7:30 PM

Aspen Hall, 18920 NW Shevlin Park Rd. Bend

Assisting Individual In Crisis AND Group Crisis Intervention Course

January 25-27, 2016
8:00 am to 5:00 pm each day

Course Location:

Deschutes Room; 9-1-1 Building
20355 Poe Sholes Drive
Bend, OR 97701

Cost of the Course: \$200

Cost Includes: Registration, ICISF Materials & Certificate

This **THREE DAY** course combines the Individual Crisis Intervention & Peer Support AND Group Crisis Intervention material. **Participants must attend all three days.**

Instructors for this course will be Chaplains Jim Crowley and Mike Dismore.

To Register: Email Your Name, Address, Agency Name, Phone # and Email to: Chaplain Mike Dismore at pastordiz@juno.com

Payments can be made out and sent to: COPC; PO Box 1898; Redmond, OR 97756

For further information or questions contact Chaplain Mike Dismore at pastordiz@juno.com or call 541-788-3364

News & Events

• **COPC Chaplains Training** – First Tuesday each month from 0900-1200 hours **usually** at the COPC office in Bend.

COPC Board Meeting – Second Thursday each month at the COPC office.

Pastoral Crisis Intervention Course

February 02-03, 2016
8:00 am to 5:00 pm each day

Course Location:

Spokane Valley Fire Department Training Facility
2411 N Pioneer Lane, Spokane Valley, Washington

Cost of the Course: \$125

Cost Includes: Registration, ICISF Materials & Certificate

The **purpose of this two-day course** is to assist the participants in learning how pastoral interventions and traditional psychological crisis interventions may be effectively integrated.

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• **DCSO Corrections** – Chaplains Crowley, Dismore, Jemes, and Michalek continue to meet weekly for lunch with the Corrections Family.

COPC Chaplains

The Chaplains of Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy provide the crucial services that support the region's First Responders and the community. On an on-call basis, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, COPC Chaplains are dispatched to calls including deaths (Code 99s), death notifications, drownings, fires, homicides, hospital transports, infant and child deaths, motor vehicle accidents, search and rescue, suicides, and more.

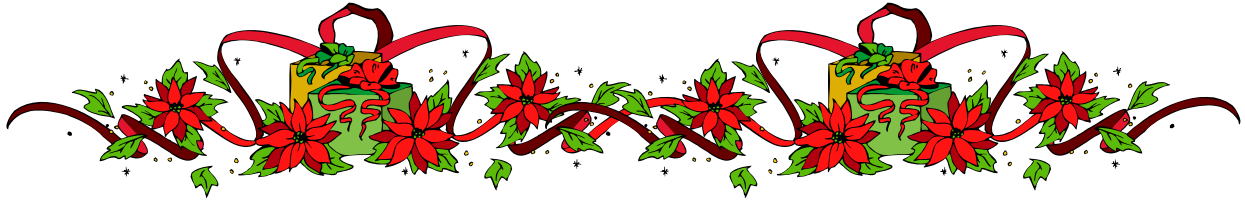
In addition, COPC Chaplains provide confidential personal counseling and mentoring, hospital and home visits to assist in healing and provide support, critical incident stress debriefing and defusing for First Responders and the community following traumatic events. They officiate at ceremonies including funerals, weddings, celebrations, dedications, and other events. They do ride alongs and visit the First Responders at the agencies throughout Central Oregon. They also are involved in administrative duties, attending meetings, making community contacts, and fundraising.

Monthly training is offered to the COPC Chaplains, First Responders, and others; training to help Chaplains, Emergency Services Personnel and their family members maintain healthy relationships.



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