



## Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy

Serving the Hearts and Minds of Central Oregon's First Responders  
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# The Beat

### Merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas I heard someone say as I looked over my shoulder. Yikes, is it really Christmas?

I have heard over the years from our First Responders, I've got your Back or I've got your six - do you need backup? Nope, I'm Code Four.

It's mind boggling this Christmas Story - the Birth of a baby, conceived by a virgin, prophesied 650 years and more before the birth, even the very location where they would live.

When all that comes true its weird, it's scary for some and emotional for others - the birth of the Son of God - Wow, what a statement.

There is history galore involved in the proclamation and so much to say about what Christmas is and yet in one word - a word that became flesh and lived right with us blasts every definition of Christmas with only what God identifies and engages for all of humanity even to those who dislike Christmas - God and every concept of His influence.

The Word - **Immanuel**. It means - *God is with us*. In one word the very essence of Christmas is declared and deployed for all mankind even to those who don't like Christmas.

Glad to know that God is with us still - He has our backs. To celebrate Christmas is to acknowledge that God is with us.

Merry Christmas from all of our COPC Chaplains and Board members.

Chaplain Jim Crowley

## Christmas Eve Service

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

**Christmas Eve - December 24, 2016**  
**Aspen Hall, 18920 NW Shevlin Park Rd. Bend, OR**  
**6:30-7:30 PM**

## Recently we were asked

### “How is COPC funded?”

COPC is funded through **general donations** from individuals and families, community members, local churches, and businesses.

A second source of funding comes from **payroll deductions** from emergency services personnel, agencies and departments in Central Oregon.

A third funding source is **fundraisers** including the Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show, Annual Golf Tournament, a year-end letter sent to those on our contact list, and an occasional dinner or event.

Here are other opportunities used as fundraisers for COPC:

**Cell Phone Recycling;** Cell phones can be turned in at many of the agencies around Central Oregon that are collected and the proceeds for recycling go to COPC.



You can help **Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy** earn donations just by shopping with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card!

Link your Fred Meyer Community Rewards Card to **Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy** at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards). You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number **81244**.

Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping **Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy** earn a donation!

You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.

If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.

### Prayer Requests

- Marriages of our Fire, Law Enforcement and Dispatch families. Our Chaplains meet weekly with officers, firefighters and dispatchers that request our assistance and prayers for their families.
- Covering of His Grace, Wisdom and Protection on our chaplains, agencies and families.
- There are many First Responder Families facing illnesses, surgery, and other physical ailments. Keep them and their families in prayer.

### 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.
- **DCSO Corrections** – Chaplains Crowley, Dismore, Jemes, and Michalek continue to meet weekly for lunch with the Corrections Family.
- **Other Trainings** – Stay tuned for upcoming trainings.

## 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.

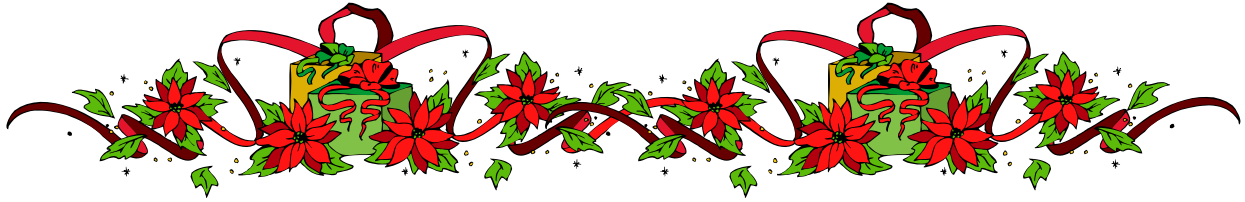
In addition, COPC Chaplains provide confidential personal counseling and mentoring, hospital and home visits to assist in healing and provide support, critical incident stress debriefing and defusing for First Responders and the community following traumatic events. They officiate at ceremonies including 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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