



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

Pressing Ahead!

There have been times – plenty of times when it feels like I'm stuck in the yuk and can't move on. When I am in those positions no matter what the predicament – most of the time I got there of my own doing – I have learned to hold steady and Press On!

COPC is pressing on with new strategies – new training – new Chaplains – shoot, we even have a new Keurig machine at the COPC House.

New is fun and exciting but Pressing On is where the character and integrity is developed and polished.

The New Year brings a bunch of exciting opportunities and

events for our Chaplaincy – perhaps even a New Name!

We are Pressing On and believe that the best days are yet to come.

St Paul said it best, I **press on** toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus – Philippians 3:14

You Are Loved – pj

Christmas Eve Service

*We were thrilled to have the privilege to use the Aspen Hall property for our annual Christmas Eve gathering with our First Responder Families. We had somewhere around 50-55 in attendance. Families brought their little ones, Santa visited us – a local Retired Deputy took care of that role. It was awesome being there and seeing our First Responders and Friends relaxed, laughing and enjoying time with their families. We want to thank the Bend Parks & Recreation Department for helping us make that happen again.**



The **Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy** will be at the **Central Oregon Sportsman Show March 2-5, 2017** at the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center. We are still working with a number of businesses to put together quality items to be raffled off during the event. All proceeds support COPC programs.



Sunriver Resort March 10-12, 2017

**Registration 5-7 PM on Friday;
Ends 12:30 PM on Sunday**

COPC and the Board of Directors are again teaming together with Family Life to assist couples with conference registration. The standard price for this conference is \$349.98 per couple (\$174.99 per person). **COPC is able to make this opportunity available to First Responders for \$174.98 per COUPLE (\$87.49 per person) through a group rate!**

To register go to:

<https://shop.familylife.com/p-4613-sunriver.aspx>

Then click on "Register Myself and Spouse" and fill in the drop down form with the information requested. In the "Group Name" box type in **JimCrowleyCOPC** (this group name is case sensitive) and then click on "continue" button for the next part of the registration process.

This is for the conference registration only and does not include lodging or meals. Call 800-547-3922 for Sunriver Resort lodging reservations.

A First Responder Prayer

We pray over the emergency responders of Central Oregon. Please keep these men and women safe; give them strength when they are called to duty, responding to danger and ugliness. Lord, please give them wisdom as they continue to help others. Let your love shine through our Chaplains as we continue to care and support the people and families of our emergency services. Amen.

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.

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.

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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