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Central Oregon Public Safety Chaplaincy

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

August 2017

Looking Up!

This past month Central Oregon Public Safety Chaplaincy – our new name! - Continued to serve and support our local and statewide First Responders. There have been many difficult events that we have been dispatched to challenging the most veteran First Responder and Chaplain. I continue to be amazed and encouraged with the professionalism and care provided by our men and women in uniform and those that serve on the team behind the scene – dispatchers – office staff and family members. These events and career challenges tax many of us who are responding to serve.

While in New York recently we spent a lot of our time stopping and looking up, Freedom Tower, Empire state building, Statue of Liberty and Time Square just have a way of making you stop and look up!

We have an event coming to Central Oregon that many are talking about and planning for – the eclipse! I was asked again last evening, what are you going to be doing during the eclipse? The estimates are that there will be a bunch of people in the Central Oregon area due to the eclipse exposure. There are a lot of influences that are driving many just short of a panic - Almost a dooms day atmosphere.

I think the Eclipse will be cool and will give us all a chance to stop and look up! Of course, I'm a chaplain and I like it when folks stop and look up! I want to encourage all of us to take the time during the awesome summer that we have to refresh and recover – enjoy your family and friends – experience your faith. Life is good and God is bigger than what's the matter – even the eclipse!

Thanks for supporting Central Oregon Public Safety Chaplaincy with your funds, prayer and time.

Blessings - pj

2017 Central Oregon Public Safety Chaplaincy Golf Tournament



Presented By Mountain View Heating

Supported By Eagle Crest Resort



Friday August 4, 2017 – Eagle Crest Ridge Golf Course – Redmond

Shotgun start at 8AM

Entry: \$125.00 per person/ \$500.00 per foursome. Includes 18 holes of golf, carts range balls, snacks, on course beverages and lunch.

Reserve your spot today – visit www.copchaplain.com for more information.

Call Andrea at 541.390.4970 for questions.



ICISF Classes

Jim Crowley and Mike Dismore have 6 International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) classes scheduled between now and the end of 2017.

The **3-day Individual Crisis Intervention & Group Crisis Intervention (GRIN)** class presents the core elements of Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) and will prepare participants to understand a wide range of crisis intervention services for individuals and for groups.

The **Advanced Group Crisis Intervention (AGCI)** class focuses on advanced defusings and debriefings in complex situations.

Here are the scheduled classes:

08/07-09/17 ODOT Bend GRIN
 09/27-29/17 Tillamook GRIN
 10/04-06/17 Eugene GRIN
 10/18-20/17 The Dalles GRIN
 11/06-07/17 Beaverton AGCI
 12/08-10/17 McMinnville GRIN

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.

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.

COPC Chaplains

The Chaplains of Central Oregon Public Safety 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.

