



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

Homeless!

Greetings Friends of COPC. Some days you never know where you might end up when the day begins.

This A.M. I met with Chaplain Mike Dismore for a brief chaplains meeting before we had some of our Bend area chaplains in for our November scheduling meeting. We always look forward to getting with our fellow chaplains listening to how the call outs have gone and what's happening for them.

This morning we were notified that the COPC House that has been provided for us for some years now was sold to a relative of the Foundation who informed us in a letter that we had 30 days to be out of our house or begin paying \$1,850.00 for rent each month.

Wow, we haven't been paying rent as the foundation made the

house available to support the chaplaincy so \$1,850.00 to begin in December seems pretty steep for us. We hadn't even been informed that the house was for sale!

When the house was initially made available for us the floors were painted four different colors, walls had multiple layers of different colors with holes in them - linoleum was original - stained and ripping apart. The kitchen had been gutted, toilet broken - you're getting the idea.

We began to petition the community and friends of COPC and many of you stepped up for us. We had about \$40,000 of donations of in kind appliances and work - labor and material that were donated to make the house what it is today - a place for First Responders to rest - renew - eat and enjoy some down time while they are on duty.

We are disappointed in this process with no contact other than a poorly written letter advising us of the new landlord.

So, we need your help and support to relocate to continue to provide this opportunity for our First Responders, the Community and a location to have training for our chaplain team. Please be in prayer for us to move ahead and work through this obstacle.

My phone message that encourages folks to leave a message for me when I am unable to answer the phone says, Focus on the Objective not the Obstacle - Guess I'll be having to put that into practice!

We are looking forward to the way that God will work this out!

Blessings on you -

Homeless!





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:



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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.

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.

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.

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