



February 2018

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

February & Valentines!

First Responders February is Valentines - Chocolate, Flowers but most of all remembering to say SOMETHING!

Days on the calendar remind us of events so we don't forget! Remember someone who is special to you during this month. Shift work will challenge us regarding the day but it will be the thought that counts.

Thought I remembered is not quite what we are thinking about!

It's the moment in time that we stop to say something special to someone special. It doesn't take long but it might be long remembered if we miss the opportunity!

We don't need any more trauma or critical events just a moment paused with an appropriate jester, sentiment or

CHOCOLATE - don't forget the chocolate!

Say or do something intentional for someone in your life that is intentional!

I'm thankful that God did something intentional for us!

Blessings on your February and Valentines.

You Are Appreciated,
Padre



Central Oregon Public Safety Chaplaincy will be at the Central Oregon Sportsman Show March 1-4, 2018 at the Deschutes County Expo Center. Special thanks to Vortex Optics, Bullseye Firearms of Prineville, Home Depot of Redmond, Brent Landels and Ray Oeltjen for their donation or help with raffle items.

We are still working on some of the details for the raffle items but here's what we know so far: raffle items will include a Traeger BBQ, Vortex Scope and Binoculars, Stealth Cameras, Leopold items, a Rifle and handgun. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or six tickets for \$25 and can be purchased at the Sportsmen's Show or by contacting your local COPC Chaplain or COPC Board Member.



**Family Life Presents
Weekend To Remember
at the Sunriver Resort
March 02-04, 2018**

**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 our chaplaincy web site, www.copchaplain.com home page and click on the Family Life Today Weekend To Remember link under the events listings.

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.

Payroll Deduction

First Responders can support COPC through payroll deduction which allows a portion of their paycheck to be given directly to the chaplaincy.

The payroll deduction form can be downloaded from the COPC website: www.copchaplain.com

Once on the website click on the Payroll Deduction Form link on the left side of the page.

Print a copy of the form, fill it out and return it to the Personnel Office of your respective agency.

Thanks for your support!

News & Events

- **COPC Chaplains Training** – First Tuesday each month from 0900-1200 hours.
- **COPC Board Meeting** – Second Thursday each month.
- **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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