CENTRAL OREGON PUBLIC SAFETY CHAPLAINCY



Serving the Hearts & Minds of Central Oregon's First Responders

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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Greetings and Merry Christmas,

The Foundation of Central Oregon Public Safety Chaplaincy is built on our faith in Christ. It is His teachings and example that we model in our efforts to care for personnel and the community. Just as Jesus cared for the broken and downcast and as well His disciples we model His compassion for others while they are in moments of loss.



This is just an awesome time of the year for celebrating the message of Christmas by acknowledging His Birth. We will exchange gifts because of His Gift of sacrifice, forgiveness and life. We will celebrate with our family members because of His creation and the family that he cultivates within us. God's plans always are perfect – my ability or lack there of would not change His perfect plan to send His Son in the form of an infant representing peace and good will to all mankind. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" Isaiah 9:6 KJV Written by the prophet Isaiah some 680 years before the birth of Christ. In the words of a renown mathematics and astronomy professor Peter Stoner a promise was fulfilled that was a one in one hundred quadrillion probability! God did it in a way that no one else could or can!

On Behalf of all our Chaplains and COPC Board Members Have a Blessed Merry Christmas celebrating the birth of God's son – Jesus.

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.

COPC will **NOT** be having our Christmas Eve Service this year.

This year we are encouraging our First Responders to create their Family Traditions according to your faith - spend more time with your family and friends. We will not be scheduling our Christmas Eve service to encourage all of us to take time to be with family and attend a local Faith service where you live!

This will be a great time to join other local activities that can be accomplished to celebrate the Birth of Christ together.

Discover a family in your area that has less and influence them with the Spirit of Christmas!



Keep Them Safe, O Lord, We Pray

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

COPC Chaplains

The Chaplains of Central Oregon Public Safety Chaplaincy provide the crucial services that support the region's First Responders and community. On an oncall 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, E mergency Services Personnel and their family members maintain healthy relationships.

If you would like to donate to Central Oregon Public Safety Chaplaincy, please click here.





Upcoming Dates

Christmas Day 25th 2018

COPC Chaplains Training -First Tuesday each month from 0900-1200 hours

COPC Board Meeting - Second Thursday each month

Sportsman Show - Feb 28th-Mar 3rd 2019

Do You Want to Help?

You can help Central Oregon Public Safety Chaplaincy earn donations just by shopping with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card! Fred Meyer is donating \$2.5 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. Here's how the program works:

Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Central Oregon Public Safety Chaplaincy at 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.

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