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# OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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## “CHAPLAN”

Working as a security officer for George Fox University in 2002, early one morning I browsed through a Law Enforcement supply magazine. My eye was unexplainably drawn to a small uniform pin which stated: Police Chaplain. In that moment I felt God placing a calling in my heart and my thoughts (as if talking to myself), saying: “I want you to be a Chaplain.” It took hold of my heart, my thoughts and never let go. Months and then years passed by before it was clear to me, knowing what God had asked of me but still not knowing how this might become a reality. You may have caught the misspelling of the title “Chaplain”, as I started to share this story. I not only did not fully understand what a Chaplain did but even spelled it wrong!

It was in 2012 on a police ride-along with my nephew Nathan that he asked me if I still wanted to be a Chaplain. My response was: “Oh Nathan, I’m not sure anymore. It has been 10 years since I heard God call me.” In all my attempts to meet with the one Chaplain in my town to gain better understanding of a Chaplain’s role and how to become one, those few meetings did not bring me any closer. Nathan stopped the car, logged into the website of Police and Fire Chaplains Academy, then held at the Washington State Police Academy Center in Berean, WA. Seconds later a call came in and off we went. With this new resource I spent the next evening looking at the web site and realizing I needed to take the next steps toward answering God’s call.

Finally, I was in a room with 25 men and women of the same heart, like-minded. Here I felt excepted, understood and encouraged. Though overwhelmed by the understanding of the ministry and how much bigger it was than my capability, I knew this was my calling. I remember then and still at times now, that feeling of “not being enough” entering my mind. Through my training and now years of experiences I have come to the very real understanding that I never was and never will be enough. God reminds me through His Word (Hebrews 13:20-22): “For those He calls, He equips.” I take the skills and knowledge attained with me and my heart is settled with His peace, knowing that He always comes with me. It is His presence that is ministering to the grieving and brokenhearted. (Psalm 34:18)

It was Dan Nolta, Chaplain for decades and founder of the Academy that I attendee who told us all: “We will come to understand that ours is a ministry of “presence” and our willingness to be a taxi for Jesus.” I serve alongside so many wonderful men and women who have answered the same call. I receive their support, encouragement and learn from their experiences, plus the ongoing training offered by Central Oregon Public Safety Chaplaincy.

Yes, Chaplain is spelled with an “I” in it. (It wouldn’t be Chaplain without it!) but...

I am convinced that though I go, it is “I AM” who goes with me, Who brings the Calm and Peace to each call.

Chaplain Steve Gilday



**Upcoming Dates**

**COPC Chaplains Training**  
1st Tuesday each month

**COPC Board Meeting**  
2nd Thursday of each month

**How can you support COPC?**

You can help Central Oregon Public Safety Chaplaincy by using the payroll deduction form that I have attached below.

You can have any amount taken out automatically from your pay check every month that will support COPC.

Please fill it out and return it to your admin office.

[Payroll deduction form - click here](#)

Every little bit helps and we are grateful for all the support from all the First Responders in Central Oregon.

If you have any questions, please email me at [joel.p.stutzman@gmail.com](mailto:joel.p.stutzman@gmail.com).

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