

**CENTRAL  
OREGON PUBLIC  
SAFETY  
CHAPLAINCY**



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

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# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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## Be An Encourager!

There are many during this Christmas season that are discouraged and alone and without hope. Some are desperate and don't know where to turn. Some will be encouraged through a contact or someone who takes time to listen to them.

Shop With A Cop, Giving Trees, Toys For Tots, food and toy drives will happen the next few weeks as first responders and volunteers give back to the communities they serve in ways that go far beyond the call of duty. There is so much you do to encourage others that no one else may every see or acknowledge. Thank you!

There is a guy in the Bible called Joseph once in Acts 4:36. After that, he is called Barnabas, which means Son of Encouragement. Barnabas was unselfish. He was a "good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith." He believed in others and stood by them in difficult times. He thought the best of those around him and helped them to think the best of themselves.

Many of the chaplains of Central Oregon are in need of encouragement. There have been some very difficult calls and situations the past month. More than once this past month first responders have had tears in their eyes because of hurt and pain. Many of the chaplains have also been in tears after facing the heartache of tragedy and death and caring for others. Pray for us, first responders and chaplains, to be encouraged.

If it is within your spiritual disciplines, pray for the difficult marriages, relationships, families, health and financial situations faced by our first responders. Pray for those who are doing well to remain encouraged and keep encouraging others.

"Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, just as you also are doing. And we urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all men." 1 Thessalonians 5:11&14. Praying for you.

Chaplain Mike Dismore



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Greetings and Blessings!

**Thank you for your support of Central Oregon Public Safety Chaplaincy!** Because of your help, we are able to continue the service offered to the First Responders and community.

This past year our chaplains have responded to **hundreds of calls** including deaths, suicides, fatal crashes, fires, homicides, drownings and death notifications. They spent **thousands of hours on call**, visiting First Responders at their departments and offices, doing ride-alongs, and just being there. **They offer on-site crisis intervention and support** to First Responders and victims of traumatic events. We currently have two staff and 20 volunteer chaplains who respond when dispatched.

**This year noted the retirement of our long time COPC Executive Chaplain Jim Crowley.** After 16 years of service and leading the process to start COPC from the beginning, Jim was able to join his wife Brenda in retirement.

**The COPC Board of Directors appointed Mike Dismore to be the new executive chaplain.** Mike has served COPC for 15 years and we look forward to his leadership and caring for COPC.

**Joel Stutzman was hired prior to Chaplain Crowley’s retirement as part of our succession plan.** Joel is now serving as the assistant chaplain and we are very pleased that he is on the team.

**Each year we reach out to our community for financial support** for the Central Oregon Public Safety Chaplaincy. **We are supported by numerous first responders through voluntary payroll deduction, agency support and amazing financial support from supporters like you.** Would you consider financially supporting COPC this year? Your financial gift makes a difference!

**You can donate online through our website: [www.copchaplain.com](http://www.copchaplain.com).**

**Here is the link to the online giving portal for our website:**

**<http://www.copchaplain.com/about-us/online-giving-with-efplus.html>**

**Thank you for your prayers and consideration.**

Dave Pickhardt  
Board Chairman

Michael Dismore  
Executive Chaplain

**We would love to share our monthly newsletter with you through email.**  
**Send your email to [MJDISMORE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MJDISMORE@GMAIL.COM) if you would like to be added to the list.**



**Upcoming Dates**

**COPC Chaplains Training**  
1st Tuesday of every month

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

**Merry Christmas! - Dec. 25th**

**Assisting Individuals in Crisis & Group Crisis Intervention**  
Jan 22, 8:00 am – Jan 24, 5:00 pm  
[Click here to download the flyer for this course](#)

**ICPC Region 2 Regional Training Seminar**  
Feb 10, 3:00 pm – Feb 13, 12:00 pm  
[Click here for more information on seminar](#)

**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 Joel at [joel.d.stutzman@gmail.com](mailto:joel.d.stutzman@gmail.com).

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**COPC Chaplains**

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- [Lyman Flenner](#)
- [Stephen Gilday](#)
- [Kimi Glaspie](#)
- [Terry Jemes](#)
- [Paul Lanquist](#)
- [Robin Mirrasoul](#)
- [Patty Myers](#)
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- [Dan Parks](#)
- [Henry Porter](#)
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