

**CENTRAL
OREGON PUBLIC
SAFETY
CHAPLAINCY**



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

MARCH NEWSLETTER

I grew up in St. Louis, MO where I wanted to be a police officer. Back in those days you had to be at least 5' 10" and have good eye sight so that left me out. I was also interested in Fire service since a friend's dad was a Lt. in St. Louis Fire Dept. I never pursued those ideas until I moved to Pierce County, WA area in 1969.

My wife Mary and I got married and moved across the street from an unmanned fire station and met some of the volunteers who manned the station during calls. They invited me to the next drill and from there I was hooked. I began 14 years of service with Pierce County Fire District 9 (Now part of Central Pierce) as a firefighter/EMT.

In 1986 we moved to Oklahoma for me to complete my college education to go into full time Christian service. After graduation we moved to Lake Stevens, WA where I was Associate Pastor of Lake County Baptist Church. I meet some firefighters in the Post Office one morning and after visiting they invited me to join a new chaplaincy program they had just got started. I soon joined three other pastors who served Snohomish County 8 Fire as emergency chaplains. It was there where I received my first training in Critical Incident Stress Management and responded to several incidents across Snohomish County with different agencies.

In 1992, I accepted the call to become Associate Pastor of First Baptist, Toledo OR and soon found that there were several volunteers from TFD in our church. They encouraged me to become their Chaplain which transitioned into becoming a chaplain/firefighter. Toledo PD soon found that I was willing to help with death notifications and other tasks and so I was soon helping there as well. I helped introduce Critical Incident Stress Management to Lincoln County and along with Newport Fire Chief Krock, we helped established a team for the central coast.

In January 2001 we moved to Bend when I became Pastor of Grace Baptist Church. That spring our neighbor came banging on our door asking for help with her adult son who had passed out and she was unable to find her phone to call for help. After calling 911 I gave what aid I could till Medics arrived. After that call I found that BFD also had Chaplains. After applying and being accepted I began serving and working with BFD and the other chaplains. In 2003 I moved over to join COPC (now COPSC) and serving all first responders. I'm a member of the CISM team and encouraged that we don't have to just "suck it up" after the bad calls but there are people who are trained and wanting to help if asked. I have always encouraged our church members to be involved and help in our communities in what way they were interested in. When I'm paged out, I know that it's my time to be involved in my community helping people usually having the worst day of their life.

Chaplain Terry Jemes



Upcoming Dates

COPC Chaplains Training
1st Tuesday of every month

**2020 Central Oregon
Sportsmen's Show**

Mar 12, 12:00 pm – Mar 15, 4:00 pm
[Click here for more info](#)

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.

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