



Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy

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

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The Beat

Team Work

The task of Leadership and being a Point Man always challenges me to raise my Standard. Consequently, I am always subject to material that I receive with scrutiny and suspect - does that person really know what they are talking about or are they in leadership? I recently received a note reflecting on an article in Bloomberg Businessweek by Gary Burnison in which he explored some fundamental truths about leadership. Gary is the chief executive officer of a New York Stock Exchange company - I'm guessing he is in leadership and might know something about the subject!

Here are the two convictions that he has identified from asking many different leaders about the subject:

"The first was the importance of listening. Burnison says "... leadership is much less about the leader, and more about the followers and the mission. It's about having individuals look into your eyes and see who you, as a leader, really are; it's about letting them see into your soul. That kind of transparency and connection starts with listening.

"The second was the importance of always learning. Great leaders are curious. They are always on the watch for what might work better. They are eager to learn "more." John Wooden, the great University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) basketball coach, said, "It's what you learn after you know it all that counts." Burnison went on to say that "... leaders are always learning ... Leadership is stewardship of a company, its brand, and its people." Great leaders take that seriously and daily prepare themselves to lead well."

I believe that like great First Responders when they are in the throes of caring for difficult events they model and testify to being a leader in our communities. I as well believe that Chaplains carry the same opportunity to take on and identify with the role of being a leader. I was asked not too long ago by a brand new sergeant what I thought they could do to really help their troops and I said, if you could help our guys and gals in uniform be a success they will be glad and honored to serve alongside of you no matter where you are or what you get into."

This month of Thanksgiving I am Thankful for the opportunity

to serve and support the greatest leaders that I know - Our Guys and Gals in Uniform throughout Central Oregon. We love you, We Honor You and we Pray for your posture in our community. Thanks - pj

Team Building - Chaplain's Retreat

Seven Chaplains attended the COPC retreat October 27 - 30 at the Eagle Christian Renewal Center at Wallowa Lake. It was a time of fellowship, renewal, fun, and food.

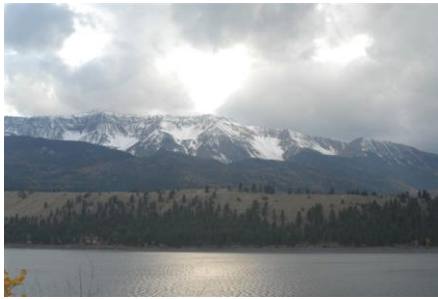
We woke up the first morning to a light powering of snow that transformed the majestic peaks around us into cathedrals of pristine beauty. Dozens of deer - from fawns to large bucks - met us at the front porch looking for a slice of apple or carrot.



Jim Crowley led a devotional time on Monday morning and focused on the prayer of Jesus Christ from John, chapter 17. Mike Dismore led a devotional time on Tuesday morning. Both

focused on how Jesus meets people right where they are and offers them love and grace.

Much of the time together was spent enjoying the beauty of the area, sharing with one another, talking about our personal journeys and how God has brought us to where we are today.



We sang songs, we laughed, we cried, we prayed, we had ice cream and cookies. Tuesday afternoon we took a couple hours to walk around Joseph, Oregon and visit the local shops.

The drive there and back again was also a good opportunity to talk and get to know one another better. A special thanks to Jim Crowley and the COPC Board that made this retreat possible.

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 other

physical ailments. Keep them and their families in prayer.



News & Events

- **COPC Chaplains Training** – First Tuesday each month from 0900-1200 hours usually at the COPC office in Bend.
- **COPC Board Meeting** – Second Thursday each month at the COPC office from 0830-1000 hours.
- **DCSO Corrections** – Chaplains Crowley, Dismore, Jemes, and Wright continue to meet weekly for a lunch with the Corrections Family.

COPC Hydro Flasks



Get your COPC Hydro Flask bottles engraved with the COPC logo. They are the 21 oz. bottle with the standard mouth in and the 40 oz. bottle with the wide mouth in a number of different colors. **The cost is \$25 for the 21 oz. and \$35 for the 40 oz.**

COPC Chaplains

The Chaplains of Central Oregon Police 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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