



Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy

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

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The Beat

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Looking Up!

Greetings! Thanksgiving is upon us! We set an entire month aside to be Thankful!

Just returned from an Honor Flight Mission with my Father-in-Law who is a WWII Veteran serving as a tail gunner on a B-24. I was his Guardian for 4 days I am sure the thought scared him at first! Everywhere we went looking at walls, marble, statues, pillars or buildings they all had one theme - we looked up!

There were so many tributes many of which pulled on your hearts cord to be Thankful, Thankful for men and women who sacrificed their lives so we could live in this wonderful country. Thankful for the freedoms that we have to live - worship - thrive and enjoy life. We saw a lot of Memorials - a created structure that reminds us of an event or someone's life - how they lived - what they did.

The Battle of Iwo Jima, or Operation Detachment, was a major battle in which the United States Armed Forces fought for and captured the island of Iwo Jima from the Japanese Empire. Credit to Wikipedia for the brief description. While I stood there I Looked Up. It is a memorial for all of the Marines who have

given their lives in battle since 1945. I stood and thought of guys I had known and played football with in High School.

While I was Looking Up one of our Veterans with the Honor Flight silently said to me - "I was there - when they raised the flag I watched them" That statement resonated in my heart and mind - made it personal. I thanked him for his service and we both looked up together.

I left Thanking God for the moments to Look Up and realize what an honor it is to be a chaplain and walk alongside an awesome family of First Responders.

Having returned from an awesome sabbatical this last week events ramped up off the chart with - suicide/homecide events - Motor Vehicle Accidents and crashes that involved too many deaths. Our COPC Chaplains walked alongside our First Responders and the Community Serving and Supporting and periodically helping them to Look Up!

This month while we are being Thankful hope you will find a First Responder and a Veteran and tell them Thanks too - then Look Up with an attitude of Thanksgiving - "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by

prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6 (NASB)

Thankfully Serving First Responders - COPC Chaplains

Recently we were asked "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 and from agencies and departments throughout Central Oregon.

A third funding source is from a number of **fundraisers** held throughout the year. These include the Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show, dinners, a golf tournament, a year-end letter sent to those on our data base, and an occasional grant.

Here are other opportunities used as fundraisers for COPC:

1. Cell Phone Recycling; Cell phones can be turned in at many of the agencies around Central Oregon that are collected and the proceeds for recycling go to COPC.

2. Amazon Smile:



Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon-Smile purchases to Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy whenever you shop on Amazon-Smile.

Amazon-Smile is the same Amazon you know; same products, same prices, same service.

Here's the direct link to Amazon-Smile for COPC:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-1244225>

3. Fred Meyer Community Rewards:



You can help **Central Oregon Police 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 Police 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.
- If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.

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 Michalek continue to meet weekly for a lunch with the Corrections Family.

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.

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.