



Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy

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

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THE BEAT December 2014

Advent - We Need Help!

Our Chaplains have been responding to many different Dispatch Requests recently - we have been overwhelmed with the calls for help. I am honored to serve with our great chaplains. We love taking care of our First Responders. This time of the year brings out the best and sometimes the worst as well. We live in a culture that has embraced the philosophy of our wants taking a higher priority than our needs. *We Need Help!*

In a home that is full of the pain of loss I've wondered on more than one occasion what can I do for a family that is so broken. Recently, after listening to the heart of a child and the adult in the home I asked permission to pray for them - it was all I had to offer. My Heart was broken for them - my voice as well as I prayed that the Lord would comfort in a way that only He can Comfort. They needed more help than I could ever provide. I could only offer to ask God to help us.

If Advent represents anything it is the declaration that we need help! More importantly Advent Declares that *Help is on the way*. Celebrating Christmas or Advent is the celebration that Help has come and is coming. Participating in Advent is as well a Declaration that We Need Help!

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

Merry Christmas - pj

Recently we were asked, "How is COPC funded?"

1. COPC is funded through general donations from individuals and families, community members, local churches, and businesses.
2. A second source of funding comes from payroll deductions from emergency services personnel and from agencies and departments throughout Central Oregon.
3. 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. Christmas Tree Proceeds:

We have been chosen by a local church (the Father's House) to be the recipient of a donation as they raise funds for some of their Mission Projects. They have chosen to have some of the proceeds from the purchasing of their live Christmas Trees be used to support Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy. Please consider this event for a beautiful Christmas tree grown in Oregon for your Christmas Celebration.

Father's House
61690 Pettigrew Rd.
Bend, OR 97702

541.382.1632

2. 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.

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 fredmeyer.community.rewards. 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.

*Please consider a year end gift to the Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy.
Thank you for your support!*

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, James, Ely, 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.



Christmas Eve Service

All Emergency Services and families invited for a special holiday evening filled with Christmas music, a Christmas message, and refreshments.

*December 24th
6:30-7:30
Aspen Hall*

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What We Do & Who We Serve

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.



"Focus on the objectives, not the obstacles" - Jim Crowley



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