



November 2015

The Beat

Changes and Coincidence

Our Chaplains were recently engaged in our annual chaplains' retreat. It was a time to rest and reflect and revisit. We listened to the word, each other and prayed.

While at the retreat we were dispatched three different times - one just before the time began, so four in all.

One of the dispatched requests involved a suicide - these are always difficult calls. Our Chaplain arrived - cared for the family and First Responders. I checked in with the chaplain to discover it was a different and difficult call. A day of change

took place in the lives of family members.

A couple days passed and a call from one of our officers began with - "Hey Padre, want to hear some good news? The family that we cared for the other day had a family member that flew home from their vacation to be together with family members and guess who sat next to them on the flight home to care for them and comfort them? One of your chaplains! Is that cool or what?"

When I arrived to the briefing and shift change to ride with an officer on Halloween, others were talking about how it was no coincidence that one of our

chaplains happened to be on the same airplane sitting right next to the family member that was upset and hurting with the news of a tragedy in their family. They sat by each other on a flight home to Central Oregon.

A Change had occurred and in the words of fellow officers - "it wasn't a coincidence it was a God Thing!"

I am Giving Thanks for God's Care even when we don't know the why - He's always looking out for us! This Month Give Him Thanks for what He can do. Happy in your Thanksgiving!

- you are loved - pj



Thanks to the Long Hollow Ranch

The COPC Chaplains' retreat was held at the Long Hollow Ranch in Sisters. Dick & Shirley Bloomfeldt and cook Karen fed us well and made us feel at home. The accommodations

were excellent and the food was great and the peacefulness of the ranch helped us slow down, loosen up and unwind. Here's a place that is only a few miles from home, and is the perfect place to escape and relax, while enjoying the beauty Central Oregon has to offer.

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, agencies and departments in Central Oregon.

A third funding source is **fundraisers** including the Central Oregon Sportsmen’s Show, annual golf tournament, a year-end letter sent to those on our contact list, and an occasional dinner or event.

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.



You can help **Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy** earn donations just by shopping with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card! Here’s how the program works:

- Sign up by linking your Fred Meyer Community 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**.

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- 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.
- **DCSO Corrections** – Chaplains Crowley, Dismore, Jemes, and Michalek continue to meet weekly for 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.



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