



Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy

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

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December 2011

The Beat

Greetings and Merry Christmas –

It is always an honor to serve with our First Responders. There are times when both Fire and Law Enforcement have exhaled when our chaplains arrive thanking us for the support and sharing a brief thought – “ Thank You for what You Do”. Our chaplains walk into very difficult events with brokenness and loss that would steal the breath away from the average spiritual provider. Although the First Responders are always very gracious and glad to have us there not everyone is always open to our arrival. There are times that we cautiously guard every word so as not to offend. We practice servanthood with simple tasks, Kleenex's, a blanket, small glass or bottle of water. We offer small cuddly bears and little stuffed animals that have been donated to help us extend compassion. We use hand puppets sometimes. We wrap donated quilts around sobbing parents at the loss of a child. The compassion is offered until we have earned the

opportunity and the privilege to somehow become part of a family that we have never met – sometimes our compassion is not received we stay prepared to offer any support we can. Most receive our support with open arms and hearts while others are not sure what we are all about and can't believe that we would help them when they don't go to church or have used a lot of profanity to vent their pain. None the less we stand committed to serve when we can. There is an unlikely Verse in the Bible that expresses this – it is the Christmas story with what I believe is a Vicarious Traumatic Relationship – (paraphrased) He came unto His own but His own received Him not but as many as did receive Him He gave the right to become the children of God... (John 1:11&12)

Sometimes our Chaplains do what we can so that the troubled and broken who do not know us can get to know that we are there to help them... He came so we could get to know HIM. Merry Christmas. - Jim



Christmas Eve Service

**Hosted by the
Central Oregon
Police Chaplaincy**

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

December 24, 2011

7:30-8:30 PM

Aspen Hall

**18920 NW Shevlin Park Rd.
Bend, OR**

News & Events

- **COPC Chaplains Training** – First Tuesday each month from 0900-1200 hours at the COPC office in Bend.
- **COPC Board Meeting** – Second Thursday each month at the COPC office from 0830-1000 hours.
- **DCSO Corrections** – Chaplains Jemes, Dismore, and Crowley 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.
- Former COPC board member Russ Wright has been in the hospital with Desert Fever – a very serious fungal infection.

What We Do

- Help Bring Calm To Chaos – Offering a safe place and safe relationship to the First Responders of Central Oregon. Offering help and assistance to those in crisis and facing traumatic circumstances.
- Confidential Personal Counseling – to police officers and emergency services personnel, their families and the community.
- Death Notifications – often the Departments and Agencies in Central Oregon call upon us to help convey the news of the death of a loved one to family and friends.

- **Critical Incident Stress Management** – our Chaplains provide a wide range of services helping others deal with traumatic incidents.

- **Ride-alongs** – with officers and emergency services personnel, encouraging and establishing trust, identifying with their daily pressures and responsibilities.

- **Emergency Services** – Chaplains are available for on-scene support for crisis intervention and assistance when needed.

- **Search & Rescue** – to assist the Search & Rescue teams as they are called upon for missions, rescues, searches, evacuations, and recoveries.

- **Hospital and Home Visits** – to assist in healing and support ministry.

- **Providing Critical Incident Debriefing and Defusing** –for officers, emergency services personnel, and the community.

- **Officer Training and Public Awareness** – to help educate the community through classes and Citizen Academy events.

- **Officiating Services** – wedding celebrations, baby dedications, funeral services, for officers, emergency services personnel, and our communities.

- **Training** – we offer monthly training and specialized training to our chaplains and to the emergency service personnel of our communities.

- **Disaster Services** – a number of our chaplains have assisted with events such as 9/11, Hurricane Katrina, and other emergencies.

- **Training Others** – we have assisted starting Chaplaincy Programs other areas.

Dispatched Chaplain Requests

A Chaplain Jemes assisted BPD and BF&R with a DOA 11/02

Chaplain Jemes assisted BPD and BF&R with a DOA 11/03

Chaplains Crowley and Dismore assisted DHS/CPS with CISM Counseling 11/8

Chaplain Crowley assisted BPD and OSP with a MVA 11/9

Chaplain Crowley assisted BPD and BF&R with a DOA 11/9

Chaplain Dismore assisted RF&R and DCSO with a Suicide 11/12

Chaplain Kell assisted RF&R and RPD with a Hospital Transport 11/13

Chaplain Austin assisted DCSO and LPFD with a DOA 11/13

Chaplain Jemes assisted BPD with a Suicide 11/14

Chaplain Jemes assisted BF&R and BPD with a MVA/Hospital Transport 11/14

Chaplain Jemes assisted BF&R and DCSO with a DOA 11/15

Chaplain Dismore assisted RF&R and RPD with a DOA 11/19

Chaplain Dismore assisted RPD with a Death Notification 11/19

Chaplain Kell assisted RF&R with a Hospital Transport/DOA 11/20

Chaplain Jemes assisted BPD with a Death Notification 11/26

Chaplain Dismore assisted RF&R and RPD with a DOA 11/26

Chaplain Crowley assisted BPD with a Death Notification 11/30

Chaplain Crowley assisted DCSO with a DOA 11/30



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[Note: Below is a copy of a letter mailed out to the people on the COPC data base list. Please remember COPC as you consider your year-end giving and for your giving and payroll deduction in the coming year.]

Dear Friends of COPC,

The Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy (COPC) is in need of your financial support. The Board of Directors is making a point to contact those members of our community that have supported the Chaplaincy in the past and others we hope will also support.

The Board has looked at numerous funding options and we have made the decision to pursue three specific plans for the upcoming year. The funding strategies include but are not limited to: first responder monthly payroll deduction, first responder agency support, and financial support from community members and businesses. In addition to the above the Board will seek other funding opportunities while capitalizing on those programs that have been successful in the recent past.

Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy serves emergency fire responders in Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties 24 hours a day 365 days a year. Along with the incredible service the Chaplains provide our first responders, they serve members in our community in need. The list of ways these incredible servants serve is way too long for this letter. People in our communities have emergencies and often devastating events occur in their lives, COPC Chaplains respond and meet their needs every day.

Please consider supporting the Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy as you have in the past. We will continue to be good stewards of the funds and strive to ensure our communities are served when in need by the career and volunteer members of the Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy. We have enclosed a pledge card and an envelope for your convenience.

If you have questions about COPC please do not hesitate to contact one of our two full-time Chaplains or any of the Board members. We appreciate your consideration, and thank you for your support.

Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy Board of Directors:

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