



Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy

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

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December 2012

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, 2012

6:30-7:30 PM

Aspen Hall

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

ICPC NW Training

The International Conference of Police Chaplains NW Region 2 has held its Regional Training Seminar the last few years at the Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center in Cannon Beach, Oregon. The next RTS is January 7th through 10th, 2013. The RTS offers significant opportunities for study and fellowship.

The speakers for the RTS will be Supervisory Special Agent Samuel L. Feemster (ret.) the founder of Project BeSTOW, a multi-year research project developed at the FBI Academy's Behavioral Science Unit (BSU) and Cynthia Ulrich Tobias, Founder, Manager and CEO of Apple St. (Applied Learning Styles).

COPC thanks the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Redmond Fire & Rescue who are helping make this training available for a number of COPC chaplains.

Year End Giving Challenge

The need is greater than ever! The Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy serves Emergency First Responders in Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Along with this incredible service the Chaplains provide our first responders, they serve members in our community in need. People in our communities have

emergencies and devastating events that occur in their lives and COPC Chaplains respond and meet their needs every day.

Funding for COPC includes but is not limited to: first responder monthly payroll deduction, first responder agency support, and financial support from community members, churches and businesses. COPC is involved in a number of other funding opportunities that have been successful in the past.

Please consider a year end gift to the Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy. We will continue to be good stewards of the funds and strive to ensure our communities are served when in need.

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, Jemes, and Wright 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.

Dispatched Chaplain Requests

Chaplain Jemes assisted DCSO with a Death Notification 11/01

Chaplain Crowley assisted BF&R and BPD with a Death 11/05

Chaplain Dismore assisted BBF, SF&R, BBPD and JCSO with a Hospital Transport 11/08

Chaplain Austin assisted SRFD and SRPD with Death 11/10

Chaplain Jemes assisted BPD with a Death and Death Notification 11/10

Chaplain Austin assisted BF&R, RF&R and DCSO with a Death 11/11

Chaplain Crowley assisted BPD with a Death Notification 11/16

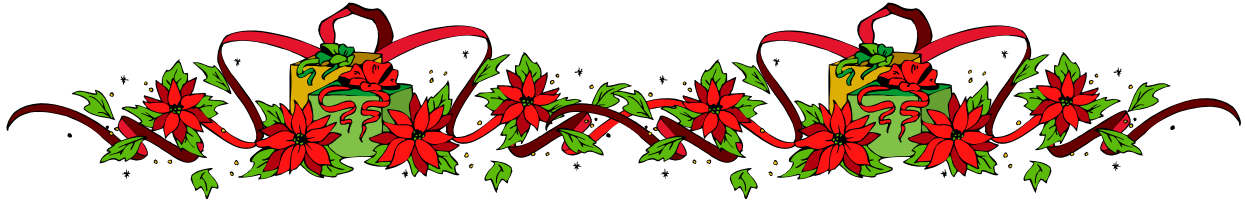
Chaplain Barker assisted CCSO with a Death Notification 11/16

Chaplain Kell assisted SF&R and DCSO with a Death 11/18

Chaplain Crowley assisted BF&R and BPD with a Hospital Transport and Death 11/27

Chaplain Dismore assisted RF&R and RPD with a Death 11/29

Please take this information home for your family to see!



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