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Education and Support”

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE....

A message from
Cyndee Thomas,
President of the International
Conference of Police Chaplains



My Fellow Chaplains,

As I write this last column as your President, my prayers go out to all those affected by the devastation and loss experienced as a result of the storms and tornados. I have been in contact with many who have personally lost everything, as have most in their communities. Not untouched by the ravages of these storms are our own Chaplains and the men and women we serve in Law Enforcement.

Our Disaster Committee Chair, **Bob Johnson**, has been in contact with Regional Director **Leon Adams**, and at this writing members of the Disaster Team are responding. It is difficult to "wait until we are asked," but that is what we do. The members of many Law Enforcement agencies are working 12 hour shifts with no days off to try to keep order, knowing their homes were destroyed. This is so reminiscent of the damage done by Hurricanes Rita and Katrina. Chaplains, I cannot ever tell you how valuable you are and how valuable your skills are when working with these wounded. This rebuilding will take years in many of these communities. I urgently remind you to make sure you are following "self-care" so that you do not become a victim of Burnout or Compassion Fatigue. Ministering to so many can be overwhelming. Remember, however, with God's help you will be called to minister to those that need you the most. We continue to pray for all, both victims and workers!

In the office we have a new employee, **Melissa Bailey**, who has come to work for us after **Shannon Grassley** left to spend time traveling. Ruby is busy teaching her all the how's and why's so that she can handle any requests you have when you call.

The deadline for registering for the ATS and at the Rose Hall Resort hotel is rapidly approaching. HAVE YOU MADE YOUR RESERVATIONS YET????
This is set to be a terrific experience, with wonderful hosts in a beautiful setting. I hope to see you there!!!

With this journal my time as President is winding down. ICPC looks very different from when I became President 2 years ago. The economic downturn caused the lay-off of the Executive Director, a reduction in staff and had a negative impact on our financial situation. The changes we

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made in procedures, your generous donations and with the work and watchful eye of CFO **Bob Fiers** and (Executive Administrator) **Ruby Kinlaw**, we were able to stay solvent. We all owe them great thanks.

Our Board of Directors now includes the Committee Chairs, who along with the Regional Directors are instrumental in accomplishing the work of the ICPC. These men and women work tirelessly for ICPC and I am grateful for all they have done and for their support these past two years. I must also thank **John Harth** and **John Transue** for their work on the Journal and **Craig Hungler** for his work on the ATS. Both Johns and Craig took on these additional duties and did them so well. Thank you!!

It is soon time to turn this office over to your new President and I am sure that President-

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An Officer's Perspective

Suggestions for Chaplains

By Lieutenant Ed Moses, Missouri State Highway Patrol (Retired)

Many months ago, when Fr. John [Harth] first asked me this question, I wasn't sure how to answer. Through my Faith journey, which was influenced by diverse religious leaders, the clergy

as "Shepherds of His flock" felt comfortable to me. However, not all in law enforcement - including the general public, are followers of a Faith family and some are non-believers. Therefore, the Shepherd metaphor might not be accurate for the police Chaplain role.

In preparing for this, I began to have strong thoughts of one of my most respected mentors, Charlie Foster. Charlie was our DARE educator for Missouri before I retired. Even though he was hired for his educational background, I came to know Charlie as a friend and an exemplar of Faith role model. Side note: Charlie will be 90 this May and he is sharper and healthier than most 45 year olds. Charlie recited from memory at every DARE officer graduation the poem "The Bridge Builder." [pasted below]

All of us in the business of handling stress and difficult challenges tend to become isolated from others and our Faith at times. We need bridges [avenues] to move closer to our support network when we feel that way. A clergy friend of mine once said, "If you feel far from God, guess who moved?" The same thing sometimes could be said for our earthly support group.

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Pike Township Deputy Constable William Hostetler, Chief Constable Joe Turner, Chaplain Mark Hostetler and Judge Douglas Stevens pictured with the Award of Merit given to Chaplain Hostetler recently. (left to right)

Mark Hostetler Receives Township Award of Merit

It may have seemed like forever. Pike Township Deputy Constable W. R. Hostetler was busy at work, serving warrants and summons for Small Claims Court. His brother, Mark Hostetler, was driving him around that day.

A former deputy constable himself, Mark had some free time that morning and decided to drive his brother around to make it faster for him. During the morning, they went to an apartment complex. Mark stayed in the car while his brother, W. R. left to process warrants and issue summons. Mark also served as a chaplain for the Marion County, IN Constable's office. He patiently waited, but then it seemed that his brother had been in the apartment complex too long.

Mark began to call his brother on his cell phone.

The problem was that telephone calls to W.R.'s cell phone were not being answered. Mark began to worry. A reserve police officer with Southport, IN, Mark went through the complex. He saw that his brother was down and in a pool of blood. Mark immediately called dispatch to advise them that an officer was down.

He quickly ripped off his shirt and used it as a compress to his brother's head to staunch the flow of blood. As hard as it may have been, he also hit his brother to arouse him to consciousness. In addition, Mark also secured his brother's weapon, radio and court papers.

The Pike Township Constable's office recognized his efforts in helping his brother by awarding him their Award of Merit.

--John Transue

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The annual meeting of the International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC) will be held in Montego Bay, Jamaica July 11th -15th , 2011. Business to be conducted will include receiving the reports of the officers and committees and acting upon the recommendations of the same; setting the 2011-2012 budget, and any other business necessary and proper, to come before said meeting.

Suggestions for Chaplains, continued from Page 3

Our Chaplains can fill this role of bridging to a Spiritual and physical support network just by being there. It is human nature to want to know when our efforts to seek improvement are successful. However, most of the time we will not know the results of our efforts. Frequently the opportunity afforded to us is the important, non-tangible service of just your presence.

We all are most likely familiar with the awkward and frustrating challenge of going to a loved one's funeral, and having that desire to offer comfort by saying or doing the "right" thing. If we have been on the receiving end of this, we know that what meant the most was the presence of that person along with the Prayers that were offered.

Is it any different for those in our profession? The feedback I have received from our administration and personnel in the field was the appreciation of the tremendous support needed during the times we have lost one of our own. Our Chaplain program is so obviously needed and appreciated by all during these times.

However, there are many more times this is true, but not quite as obvious. I have heard from our vital support personnel in radio, commercial vehicle enforcement, office personnel, etc., how much they appreciated being recognized by our Chaplains. How did they recognize them? With a smile, a

friendly hello, and time spent with them.

How may Chaplains better serve? My suggestion would be to be present when possible, and expose yourself to as much training as ICPC offers or any other one can find. The better trained and aware of the challenges and needs of the law enforcement family, the more efficient and effective one can serve.

The hello, smile, and "how are you doing?", take on much more depth when the Chaplain can empathize with the situation, and offer themselves as a "bridge" to support just by making their presence known. All of us should keep in mind that it is not for us to judge our efforts and results, but to realize God will multiply our efforts according to His will.

On behalf of the entire and extended law enforcement family, thank you for being Shepherds and Faith family leaders in your communities, and for making our community part of yours. May God continue to Bless your "Bridges."

The Bridge Builder

An old man, going a lone highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen
tide.

The old man crossed in the twilight
dim;
The sullen stream had no fears for him;
But he turned when safe on the other
side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting strength with build-
ing here;
Your journey will end with the ending
day;
You never again must pass this way;
You have crossed the chasm, deep and
wide –
Why build you the bridge at the even-
tide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head;
"Good friend, in the path I have come,"
he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.

This chasm that has been naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall
be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building the bridge
for him."

—Will Allen Dromgoole

International Conference of Police Chaplain 2011 Vice President Nominees



Chaplain Pamela Neal

ICPC Staff Farewell

In April we said farewell to Shannon Grasley in our Destin office. Shannon had been with ICPC for the last couple years; handling membership requests. The perfect opportunity arose for her to step back into her true enjoyment of being around the water daily, with her husband, Tim. With more flexibility in her schedule, they are also anxious to have the ability to do more traveling. Shannon was a true asset to our staff and the members of ICPC. We will surely miss her being with us daily. Thank You, Shannon for your years of dedicated service to ICPC.

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Master credential
Chair, Education
Committee

Area Representa-
tive, Tennessee
Chair, 2009 ATS
Chair, 2007 RTS
Coordinator, Knox-
ville PD

10 year member
Master credential
Chair, Spiritual
Oversight Com-
mittee

Area Representa-
tive, Wisconsin
President, Wis-
consin Police
Chaplain Assoc.



Chaplain Mark Clements

ICPC Staff Welcome

We believe we have found just the right person to fill the membership position vacated by Shannon Grasley in April. We welcome Melissa Bailey to our Destin staff. Melissa is currently cross training in all areas of ICPC programs and services in order to better fulfill member requests. She is accomplishing this very well and is excited about the opportunity to work with everyone within ICPC. When you contact the Destin office, we are certain that you will find that Melissa is very delightful and ready to assist you.. Welcome, Melissa to ICPC.

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needs help,
they call
a chaplain . . .

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The Jake Laird Memorial Fund

‘What a blessing for Region Four’

By Chaplain Richard Kassel

Patrolman Timothy “Jake” Laird, Indianapolis Police Department, was killed in the line of duty (EOW: 8/18/2004) as he responded to the scene of officers down and a suspect firing an automatic weapon. Jake’s mom and step-dad (Debbie and Mike) lived in Noblesville, IN. I called the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Chaplain, Tom Burton (ICPC member), and asked him to

notify the Lairds. I also made arrangements for Jake’s biological father to be notified in Peru, IN, by two other ICPC chaplains, Jack Hess and Fr. Frank Kilcline. I notified Jake’s wife and seven year old daughter and then took them to the hospital; Mike and Debbie Laird were in the trauma room where Jake lay. Chaplain Burton was with them. I introduced myself, hugged them and began to give them as much information as I had at the time about the events that led to Jake’s death. In the next few days, IPD Chaplain Philip Bacon (ICPC life member), worked with the Lairds to plan the funeral service and prepare them for the next several months of griev-

ing and attending numerous memorial services.

In the intervening years since Jake’s untimely death, Mike and Debbie have established the Jake Laird Memorial Fund in Jake’s memory. The foundation supports law enforcement and public safety officers with donations for local law enforcement agencies for purchases of new equipment, initiating new programs, help for hardship cases of officers, etc. The Lairds are generous with the funds that are contributed.

Debbie Laird is the executive director of Agape Therapeutic Riding Stables which works with children and adults with special needs. They provide horses and ponies for these special people to ride assisting in their ongoing therapy. Mike is the franchise owner of a PIP printing business and has given generous discounts to the printing needs of ICPC Region 4 in the past few years. This year Region 4 has undergone some attrition costs from last year’s regional training seminar; I asked Mike if he would be willing to wait on payment for printing our RTS brochure until after the RTS to which he agreed. When the brochure was ready I went to his PIP business to pick up the order. There was a letter and in-

voice with the order. The letter thanked the chaplains for all that they have done to assist the Lairds. The invoice was marked paid in full courtesy of a generous gift from the Jake Laird Memorial Fund. This was a tremendous blessing to ICPC Region 4.

Mike Laird has also been involved, along with Jerry Baker (son Jason Baker, LODD on 9/17/2001) in working with other survivors of LODD’s. They also began to meet for breakfast with other fathers who had children die in tragic circumstances. The group has grown to two groups, known as the Dad’s Group. They minister to one another at these weekly breakfast meetings.

As the Region 4 training seminar was nearing in March, Chaplains Bacon and Kassel were informed that IMPD would be unable to pay their expenses to attend the seminar. Mike Laird stopped by the office to visit right after this became known. When he learned of the dilemma, he immediately offered to pay for their expenses to the RTS. Debbie and Mike Laird continue to bless our chaplains and the many local law enforcement agencies and families with their generosity. Thank you to the Lairds and the Jake Laird Memorial Fund.

The ICPC and its members are utilizing email and the ICPC website more and more to disseminate information. Unfortunately, many people overlook notifying us when they have had change in their contact information.

Please help us serve you by giving us your correct email address and or contact info, if it has recently changed. Please let us know by emailing us your changes to icpc@icpc.gccoxmail.com



ICPC Chaplains Deploy to Tuscaloosa

Region Eight Director T. Leon Adams reported that eight ICPC chaplains from outside Alabama were used in Tuscaloosa after a tornado cut a huge swath through Northern Alabama and parts of Georgia and Tennessee.

The chaplains were called to work with Tuscaloosa Police Department as well as with the Northport Fire Department, which had a mutual aid pact.

Leon, who worked the first week by himself before the first team of chaplains were deployed to the city., was grateful for the assistance.

ICPC Line of Duty Death Bibles are presented to survivors Missy Justus and Linda Stiltner, from left. ICPC Region Eight Secretary Jim Cox, a chaplain with Wythe County Sheriff's Office, is handing the Bible while Buchanan County Sheriff Ray Foster watches. Deputies Neil Justus and Billy Stiltner were killed by a sniper.

A Member of Disaster Response Team

Bob Heath at Home, Right in Joplin

Bob Heath has seen disasters. A police chaplain for 20 years, he has gone with the Disaster Response Team to the survivors of Hurricane Katrina, in Gulfport, MS.

He is well known to police chaplains in the Southwest states of Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma as he is the Secretary-Treasurer of ICPC Region 7.

But little did he ever think that he would be helping the survivors of a natural disaster – at home, Joplin, Missouri. One of four police chaplains there, he was interviewed for an article which appeared in the New York Times.

“My biggest disappointment about that article was that I

kept mentioning ICPC because I wanted to let the readers know that we were prepared by our training”, he said. “But the writer never mentioned ICPC in her article.”

Bob, who has taught the ICPC Basic/core Death Notification classes, has had to put his knowledge to good use. When he heard that the earliest death notifications had been made by telephone, he quickly corrected the procedures, noting that it is never right to give that news on the telephone.

Bob was in the basement of his church on May 22, 2011 when the deadliest tornado in fifty years hit his own hometown. More than 100 fatal-

ities were estimated by Monday, May 23.

He is well prepared for reactions from grieving family members when he delivers the news that their loved one has been identified by the Mortuary team. It is better that the families get angry at him, then it is for them to take it out on each other.

Bob has learned that there are certain sayings that he does not use, such as I know how you feel, or it's going to be O.K., or Don't cry, or God needed another angel.

He advises chaplains to call other chaplains when there is a need to relieve the overwhelming emotional strain.

ICPC Holds First Golf Tournament





Chaplain and ICPC Past President Wes McDuffie decided the proceeds from a golf tournament would help ease ICPC's financial crisis. 29 golfers participated in the event, which is expected to net \$6,000.00 in the General Fund.

While many were actual police officers, Aaron Norris, the brother of Chuck Norris and the producer for "Walker, Texas Ranger" was also in the field.

On the opposite page are some of the signs for people who sponsored \$200.00 for a hole. Larry Thomas is kneeling to watch one of the Coys putting. Awards were given to the best teams and best individual achievement.

On this page, ICPC President Cyndee Thomas is shown with officers of Dalworthington Gardens, who took first place.

She is with the officers

from Arlington who were second, and third-place finishers from UPS.

She is pictured with Ben Singleton, who had the longest drive of the day.



Little Rock Region 7 RTS covers Basics And Offers Interesting Enrichment Classes

By Bob Heath

ICPC Region 7 Sec./Treas.

What do you get when you take a small, rocky, state capital city and add one very zealous host, a few capable fellow workers, and 113 chaplains and their spouses? Give up?

You get the ICPC Region 7 Regional Training Seminar in Little Rock, Arkansas, March 7-10.

Host Chaplain Tamra Gore worked diligently the last year or so making sure that our accommodations at the Courtyard by Marriott and classroom facilities at the University of Phoenix building across the parking lot were top notch.

Over three and a half days, all twelve basic level courses were taught to very eager chaplains. A separate track was offered for experienced chaplains.

Among the "A" team instructors were Texas Chaplain

and mentor Harold Elliott, Chaplain James Gunnels on loan from Homeland Security, ICPC Vice President Chaplain Mike Hardgrove, ICPC Secretary Rick-ey Hargrave, ICPC JOURNAL editor Chaplain John Harth, ICPC past president Chaplain Wesley McDuffie, and ICPC President Chaplain Cyndee Thomas.

Beyond basic level classes, topics included: Avoiding Legal Pitfalls for Your Chaplaincy, Chaplain and the News Media, the National Incident Management System, Recognizing and/or Working with the Mentally Ill/Autistic, Chaplain Advocate for the Domestic Violence Victim, and Chaplain Advocate for the Sexual Violence Victim.

The advanced level ICISF course, Stress Management for the Trauma Service Provider, was taught by former ICPC President Chaplain Dr. Jack Poe, and brought rave reviews by attendees.

The annual Awards Banquet featured presentation of the Ken Ashlock Excellency in Chaplaincy Award to Chaplain Tamra Gore. Chaplain Gore has gained the respect and support of her department and Chief, having served the Little Rock area faithfully for many years. She has also responded to many natural disasters in foreign countries, most recently Haiti.

Now a little post-RTS depression has settled on this chaplain; those three and a half days were some of the best we've ever experienced at an RTS. But wait...I can already start planning for next year's ICPC REGION 7 RTS! We're headed to Granbury, Texas, home to Davy Crockett's family and the burial plot of Jesse James. Surrounded by history, we'll be able to lay ground for the future of our region.



Important ATS Booking and Registration Information

- *Rose Hall Resort* number to call to book your reservation **1-866-799-3656** be sure to provide the ICPC Group Code: "**ZZICP**" The Hotel Cut-off date is **June 9th, 2011**
- **ICPC Registration** fee cut-off is **June 16th, 2011** "**MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS ATS BEFORE JUNE 16TH**"

The good life, as seen in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Home of the 38th Annual Training Seminar, July 11-15, 2011



Line of Duty Deaths

Title:	Name:	Department:	EOW:
Deputy Sheriff	Wright, Shandon	Pierce County WA SD,	3/3/2011
Deputy Sheriff	Cammon, Willie Amos	Heard County GA SO	3/3/2011
Officer	Newman, Donald Joshua	Jemison AL PD	3/5/2011
Deputy Marshal	Perry, John	US Marshals Service, MO	3/8/2011
Officer	Sheridan, Jay	Limon CO PD	3/9/2011
Officer	Breitkopf, Geoffrey	Nassau County NY PD	3/12/2011
Deputy Sheriff	Justus, Cameron Neil	Buchanan County VA SO	3/13/2011
Deputy Sheriff	Stiltner, William Ezra	Buchanan County VA SO	3/13/2011
Officer	Schaberger, Alain	New York City NY PD	3/13/2011
Officer	Brown, Stephanie	San Antonio TX PD	3/15/2011
Officer	Gibson, Jermaine	Cathedral City CA PD	3/19/2011
Officer	Dunn, Andrew S.	Sandusky OH PD	3/19/2011
Officer	Birkholz, Craig	Fond du Lac WI PD	3/20/2011
Senior Officer	Christian, Elmer "Buddy"	Athens-Clarke County GA PD	3/22/2011
Trooper	Dobson, Kevin P.	New York SP	3/26/2011
Deputy Sheriff	Britton, Robert	Smith County TX SO	3/28/2011
Trooper	Fotiou, Anthony R.	New Jersey SP	3/28/2011
Sergeant	Chapin, James Timothy	Chattanooga TN PD	4/2/2011
Sergeant	Stein, Eric	Keokuk County IA SO	4/4/2011
Senior Officer Spec.	Cooper, Christopher	USDJ - FBP	4/7/2011
Patrolman	Schmidt, Jonathan	Trumann AR PD	4/12/2011
K-9 Officer	"Drika"	Bryan AR PD	4/13/2011
Corrections Officer	Johnson, Ronald E.	South Dakota DOC	4/14/2011
Deputy Sheriff	Jones, Sherri	Bowie County TX SD	4/18/2011
Public Safety Officer	Zapata, Eric	Kalamazoo MI DPS	4/18/2011
Police Officer	Kilcullen, J. Christopher	Eugene OR PD	4/22/2011
Deputy Sheriff	Taylor, Clifton	Johnson County TX SO	4/23/2011
Police Officer	Hall, Daryl	St. Louis MO MPD	4/24/2011
Captain	Braden, Ralph	Wartburg TN PD	5/2/2011
Trooper	Wall, Andy	Tennessee HP	5/7/2011
Sergeant	Dulle, Brian	Warren County OH SO	5/10/2011

C.O.P.S. Healing Power:

Take my hand, I'll pull you up

Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) was founded in 1984 and is dedicated to helping surviving families and affected co-workers of law enforcement officers rebuild their shattered lives through strong peer support... survivors helping survivors. Law enforcement survivors extending their hand to other survivors and saying "Take my hand, I'll pull you up" is the true healing power behind the organization.

Concerns of Police Survivors is the only national organization that provides healing, love, and life renewed to surviving families and affected co-workers of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. C.O.P.S. does that with their "reach out and touch someone" programs. C.O.P.S.' Hands-On Programs include a weeklong camp for children and teens and weekend retreats for adult children, fiancés/significant others, siblings, spouses, in-laws, parents, and affected co-workers. These nine Hands-On Programs are planned each year throughout the summer and fall.

Survivors recognize at the retreats that they are not alone in the

debilitating grief that often plagues those close to a fallen officer. At the retreats, survivors attend grief seminars led by mental health professionals, participate in outdoor challenges, and find great support from their peers. Professional counseling is provided to help survivors communicate and work on resolving issues by sharing feelings freely with others who have also experienced a line-of-duty death. Through the Hands-On Programs, survivors make life-long friends they can stay in touch with throughout the year for support.

In 2010, 725 survivors attended C.O.P.S.' Hands-On Programs. The average cost was \$570 per person. All programs provided to the survivors by C.O.P.S. are free of charge; the price they paid is already too high.

C.O.P.S. 2011 Hands-On Program Dates and Locations:

Adult Children's Retreat: June 24-27, 2011, YMCA Trout Lodge, Potosi, MO

Kids Camp: July 25-31, 2011, Salvation Army Lake Camp, East Troy, WI

Outward Bound: July 24-31, 2011, White-water rafting, Grand Junction, CO

Fiancés/Significant Others Retreat: August 26-29, 2011, YMCA Trout Lodge, Potosi, MO

Siblings Retreat: September 9-12, 2011, YMCA Trout Lodge, Potosi, MO

Spouses Retreat: September 23-26, 2011, YMCA Trout Lodge, Potosi, MO

In-Laws Retreat: October 14-17, 2011, YMCA Trout Lodge, Potosi, MO

Parents Retreat: October 28-31, 2011, C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center, Little Rock, AR

Affected Co-Workers Retreat: November 4-7, 2011, YMCA Trout Lodge, Potosi, MO

Line of Duty Death! Widow! Survivor!

By Linda Craig

Arkansas C.O.P.S. President

Never did I ever dream that these words would apply to me. However on December 14, 2000 my life was forever changed. My husband of 21 years was Captain Tom Craig who worked for the Arkansas State Police for 26 years. We had a horrible ice storm. He was on his way to work early that morning when he came upon an auto accident with injuries on I-430. He was at the scene assisting the victims when another vehicle lost control on the ice striking him. He was killed instantly.

In that split second the life I knew with him and our 2 children aged 12 and 14 was gone. Yes there were adjustments. Yes there were difficult days. The good news is that we survived. Our son is 24 and has just completed his third year of Pharmacy School. Our daughter is 22 and now married with a 20 month old daughter and another baby coming in November. The best news is that Tom was a Believer and was prepared for the day our Lord would call him home. God has been faithful to meet all our needs and to comfort and guide us over the past 10 years.

After Tom's death we were presented with a Bible from the International Conference of Police Chaplains. This Bible is a treasure to me for two reasons. First of all, help for any need in my life comes from God's Word. It is my guide for life. Second, I know there is a group that cares deeply for families in crisis and is faithful to pray for us and for those who are to come in the future. Keep on doing what you do. Your ministry is huge and greatly appreciated by those of us who are on the receiving end. May God richly bless you and thank you for giving to us.

The ICPC Memorial Bible Program

One of the very significant ministries of the ICPC is the Memorial Bible Program. On April 17, 1984 the first Memorial Bible was sent from the ICPC to the Miller County, Arkansas, Sheriff's Department. The ICPC had traditionally sent a letter of condolence to those who had lost a law enforcement family member in the line of duty. The Bible is sent to the chief executive of the department to be presented to the slain officer's family or placed in the department library.

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President's Perspective (Continued)

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Elect Keoki is already making plans for what he hopes to accomplish for ICPC as your President. I will still serve on the Executive Committee as your Past-President and I look forward to continuing to work with the Executive Committee. They, too, have worked tirelessly for ICPC and work to do what's best for the organization. It has been a pleasure working with each of them.

I have been so honored to serve as your President. I started representing you at the Region 5 RTS. My last RTS will be in my home region, Region 6, this month. These RTS's have been a wonderful experience. I have met so many dedicated members and although I cannot remember all the names, their smiles and encouragement and stories of their service have been a blessing and an inspiration to me. The department that I serve in Redding, CA, has been very generous with my time. I have missed retirements, awards, funerals, baby births, weddings and promotions. They have never complained but rather supported my role as President and my travel to your Regions. Without their support, I could never have traveled to all of the Regions and with the exception of Europe, Africa, and Hawaii I was able to travel to all the Regions.

In closing, the real reason I was able to serve as your President and come see you at the Regions was because of the support of my husband, **Larry**. He was willing to load the suitcases and say good-bye many times. When I tried to tally the number of miles I have traveled representing you, as of March it was about 125,000. He is a wonderful husband and truly the "wind beneath my wings," allowing me to fulfill what we both believe God has called me to do, to be a Chaplain, and for this brief period of time to represent ICPC as your President.

Continue to fight the good fight and serve the men and women in Law enforcement, their calling is righteous as is yours.

I hope that our paths will cross again. I remain forever grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

Respectfully submitted, your humble servant,

Cyndee Thomas

President



IN MEMORIAM

ICPC Chaplains

Chaplain Vassil Marinov

Sofia, Bulgaria

Date of Death: March 2011

Chaplain Ray Foust

Redding, CA

Former Region 6 Secretary/Treasurer

Date of Death: May 28, 2011

Condolences to:

Mrs. Sarah Foust

4325 Emily Way,
Redding, CA 96001

ICPC Chaplain Spouses

Chaplain Spouse Mary Barton

Beloved wife of Wm. "Bill" Barton

Date of Death: February 2011

Condolences to:

Chaplain Bill Barton

7176 Fort Hunt Road, Apt 361
Alexandra, VA 22307

Chaplain Spouse Edward D. Beck

Beloved husband of Sharon Morey

Date of Death: February 28, 2011

Condolences to:

Chaplain Sharon Morey

1059 Marie Ave. W.
Mendota Heights, MN 55118

Department Memoriam

Sheriff James A. Karnes

Franklin County, OH

18 years as Sheriff

48 years service in law enforcement

Date of Death: June 2, 2011

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