



Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy

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

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The Beat

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Bringing Calm to Chaos

At a regular training done with our chaplains a few months ago a Bend Police Lieutenant made a statement about how he sees the chaplaincy. He said chaplains "help bring calm to chaos." What a simple way to say something so profound.

Our mission statement reads: Serving the Hearts and Minds of Central Oregon's First Responders. Bringing calm to chaos is in that statement.

Sometimes this happens when we are dispatched to a call where a crash has happened on one of roads or highways. Perhaps it's at a home where a loved one has died. It may take place on the bank of a river or a lake, or in the forests and snow parks when Search and Rescue is called out to find the missing. It may be at the scene of a suicide or a homicide where the first responders are walking around looking at the ground because they don't want to make eye contact at that moment.

Bringing calm to chaos sometimes happens as chaplains walk through the Fire Departments, Police Departments, Sheriff Offices, Dispatch Centers, and other First

Responder areas. It happens when we say "hey, how are you today?" and we really want to know how you are doing.

Other times bringing calm to chaos happens when we are doing ride alongs and accompany Law Enforcement or Fire & Rescue personnel into homes where lives are broken and hurting.

Bringing calm to chaos quietly happens over a cup of coffee, or during a breakfast or lunch. Maybe it's moments after we hear "Hey Chaplain, you got a minute." Sometimes we get to pray with people; all the time we pray for them.

Bringing calm to chaos is not all COPC chaplains do, but it is a big part of what we do.

Chaplain Mike Dismore



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News & Events

• **Oregon Chaplain Response Training** - The Oregon State Fire Marshall's Office is hosting a three day training for chaplains who desire to be part of a state wide

Chaplain Response Team. The training will be held at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) in Salem. Chaplain Jim Crowley and Chaplain Mike Dismore are scheduled to attend the training. This training is designed to equip chaplains for larger scale deployments across the state of Oregon plus additional materials for Chaplains deployed to assist any agency, no matter the scale of event. Instructors will include IC from World Trade Center Bombing and Columbine shooting, Oregon's Incident Management Team, Computer labs for Incident Command 100, 200, 700 and 800, National protocols for funerals of emergency service providers, Chaplain deployment process and Chaplains inside the ICS. Upon completion, Chaplains will meet the qualifications to apply for inclusion in State of Oregon IMT deployments.

• **DCSO Corrections** - Chaplains James, Dismore, and Crowley continue to meet weekly for a lunch with the Corrections Family. These have proven to be very positive opportunities to make contact with our Corrections Deputies in Deschutes County. They are great women and men serving our community.

Weekend to Remember® Marriage Getaway – 03/11/2011 - 03/13/2011 at Sunriver, Oregon.

Life has a way of overwhelming a marriage; jobs, kids, activities, errands. Before you know it, checking your e-mail is more important than carving out a date night. FamilyLife's Weekend to Remember® marriage getaway is a chance to make a change. It's a time to rediscover each other and find more intimacy in your life together. What you and your spouse will hear during the Weekend to Remember® is not just one couple's opinion on marriage. Instead, it is the result of more than three decades of biblical research by a team of men and women who distilled what it takes to have a successful marriage and family. During the weekend, you will learn how to: Receive your mate as a gift, Clarify your role as a husband or wife, Resolve conflict in the relationship, Maintain a vital sexual connection, Express forgiveness to one another, and Increase your commitment, creating an even deeper level of intimacy. For more information or to register for this event, go to www.familylife.com/weekend

- **COPC Website** – The COPC website is continuing to be upgraded and changed. We would encourage as many as can to check it out at www.copcchaplain.com and please give us some input for a reevaluation of how we look on the web. We have plans for more opportunities with the site.

- **COPC Monthly Training** – First Tuesday from 0900-1200 hours.

- **COPC Board Meeting** – Second Thursday from 0830-1000 hours.

- **COPC Auction Dinner** – The Auction Dinner is scheduled for Friday, May 6th, 2011 and will be held at the Christian Life Center, 21720 E Hwy 20 in Bend. The Auction Committee is meeting every other Thursday @ 5:30 p.m. at the COPC House. We are excited about the assistance of a Professional Planner Mindy for our Auction/Dinner. We have met and extended an opportunity for the auction committee to come together for planning and strategizing for this fund raising event. It will be better than ever!!! If you would like to help us please come to this meeting.



Prayer Requests

The following requests for prayer come to us as a request and permission to share the information with friends of COPC.

- Please be in prayer for the McNaughton Family. Their son is due for another MRI in the near future.
- Officer Cory Buckley's wife Tania has gone through surgery for Cancer and is making good progress.
- Chaplain Margie Jeffery's son Mike has been diagnosed with cancer and she has asked for our prayers.
- First Responders will find the strength to ask for HELP when they need it.

- Marriages of our Fire, Law Enforcement and Dispatch families. Our Chaplains meet weekly with officers, firefighters and dispatchers that requests our assistance and prayers for their families.

- Covering of His Grace, Wisdom and Protection on our chaplains and families.

- Safety & Protection for all of the agencies and Departments that we serve in Central Oregon.

- COPC Finances.

Dispatched Chaplain Requests

Chaplain Jeffery assisted BPD with a DOA 01/28

Chaplain Crowley assisted BPD with DOA 02/03

Chaplain Jemes assisted BF&R and DCSO with a DOA 02/05

Chaplain Austin assisted BPD with a Suicide 02/06

Chaplain Jemes assisted BF&R and BPD with a DOA 02/07

Chaplain Dismore assisted RPD and RF&R with a DOA 02/09

Chaplain Jemes assisted BF&R and DCSO with a DOA 02/12

Chaplain Kell assisted RPD with a DOA 02/012

Chaplain Haworth and Chaplain Petersen assisted DCSO with a Suicide 02/13

Chaplain Petersen assisted DCSO with a Death Notification 02/13

Chaplain Dismore assisted CRRF&R with a Hospital Transport and Death 02/13

Chaplain Dismore assisted RF&R with an Emergency Public Assist 02/15