

What Is A Police C.H.A.P.L.A.I.N.?

- C: C is for CARING.** From time to time we all ask ourselves the question: “Who cares?” The Chaplain is someone who genuinely cares for each person of the department/agency.
- H: H is for HEARING.** The Chaplain is there to listen to concerns. The solutions to problems often appear when we express them to someone who cares.
- A: A is for AVAILABLE.** Officers are the top priority of the Chaplain Corps. The Chaplain is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- P: P is for PREVENTION.** Most often we seek help when we are overwhelmed by our problems. By association with the people of the department on a day-to-day basis, the Chaplain can help solve problems before they become a crisis
- L: L is for LOAD we carry.** When one chooses public service as a profession, one takes on a tremendous load of responsibility. There is the pressure of dealing with people in stressful situations and those who are hurting. The pressures of the job are compounded by shift work and multiplied by any personal problems one might have. The Chaplain is there to lighten the load in any way he/she can
- A: A is for A RESOURCE.** The Chaplain is available as a resource when it comes to questions on religion and life. The Chaplain also has access to the ICPC lending library with information on such subjects as “children and divorce”, “dealing with depression,” and “the blended family.” The Chaplain may also teach classes on a variety of topics such as family finances, self-esteem, and marriage and family relationships.
- I: I is for IN TIME OF NEED.** When death takes a member of a family, a loved one’s family, or a department member. When divorce divides a family or someone stricken with a serious illness. Whenever officers face their hour of need, they are not alone. The Chaplain is there to provide love and support.
- N: N is for NOT A PIPELINE.** The Chaplain is not a pipeline to management. Be assured that the only one the Chaplain will discuss the Officer with is the God he prays to on the Officer’s behalf.

