

NORTHWEST CHAPLAIN'S CONNECTION

REGIONAL DIRECTOR IN JAMAICA AT THE ANNUAL TRAINING SEMINAR

Wow, what can I say – the Jamaica ATS was way good mon! My wife and I arrived in Miami to prepare for our night's stay at one of the hotel's, and after a pretty uncomfortable night we awoke early in the morning to shuttle back to the Miami Airport. It was an adventure to say the least. We finally boarded our flight to Jamaica and arrived to our Island Nation.

What would happen next completely altered my image of everything I was thinking might happen at the ATS. When we began our journey down a long ramp enroute to the Customs Area more than 300 travelers stood in an endless line wrapped around in a small area like a Disneyland ride. I told my bride – wow, this will be interesting to say the least. As we preceded down the ramp I noticed a Female Law Enforcement Officer standing at the bottom of the ramp with a small sign that had the ICPC logo and initials on it. When Brenda and I walked over they greeted us with a friendly smile, "Welcome to Jamaica Chaplain, we are glad you are here" please follow this gentleman through customs. I looked around to make sure that they were talking to me and the Female Officer laughed – come on mon – you are good!!! We were walked through customs as a couple, escorted through all the areas with a police escort, the customs agents treated us like we were royalty and I was waiting for the other shoe to drop. I happened to look back at some of the folks that were on the flight with us and recognized a look of trauma on their faces as they watched us be escorted away! We were then met by a Class A Uniformed officer – it was way hot there and humid - who would not allow us to handle our bags and placed them in a vehicle – police van! and drove us and another couple to the resort. They would not accept any tips and continued to explain how much of an honor it was to have us with them.

The week was founded on the principle of "Relax, Recharge and Receive" and the atmosphere was set for that to happen. Chaplain Gary Welsh, our Caribbean Regional Director, chaplains and officers from the country, did an awesome job of providing us the elements needed to rest and relax. The classes were excellent, the special attention for details to rest were invested and the entire week was off the chart exceptional.



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I attended a class on Self Care for three of the five days. It was an Advance Track Class taught by Dr. Vivian Panton. I attended all of the meetings and committee meetings held during the ATS. I found myself up early in the a.m. until late at night meeting with Chaplains from throughout the world. Seven different nations were represented at this ATS.

We stayed an extra day and were taken to a Water Falls – Duns River – to experience a hike up a 160 foot tiered falls. Gary’s wife Maxine was kind enough to escort us to the falls. Needless to say I did not look for my pager once while we were traversing the falls! Mrs. Maxine did not walk with us – there was a time when I saw my life go before me; I meant I let my wife go before me more than once!!!



While we were there I was able to receive a check for \$700.00 as a rebate back to our region for accomplishing our reports and RTS in a timely manner. We had great representation from our Region 2 for this event, especially with it being out of the country. This was an awesome time of enjoying the Jamaican Chaplains and people, being with chaplains from across a large sector of representation. It was a time of healing for ICPC and many of the Regions that have had Catastrophic Events recently. We met, we strategized, we prayed and I anticipate the best days are ahead for some awesome chaplains who have the vision to make ICPC a Professional Group of well-trained Chaplains that exemplify Integrity and Professionalism in their approach to caring for First Responders around the world. I am honored that I had the opportunity to represent our Region for this timely event. I anticipate that the next ATS – Spokane 2012 in our Region – will be as well another great opportunity to receive training and renew friendships. Please plan to join our Regional Team for this event.

— Chaplain Jim Crowley ICPC NW Regional 2 Director

**ICPC Annual Training Seminar
2012**

Visit icpc4cops.org for Registration Information

**ICPC ATS 2012
July 7-13, 2012
Spokane, WA**

REGIONAL DIRECTOR IN ALASKA FOR A FIRST TIME TOUR WITH CHAPLAINS

Greetings – What an honor to travel to Alaska to meet Alaskan Chaplains and represent our Region to Law Enforcement Chief’s Agencies and Personnel – Fire Chaplains and Departments as well! I met with 19 different chaplains – 7 in the Kenai Peninsula area where I spent three days. Met the highest ranking Alaskan State Trooper while I was there and several other Troopers at one of their regional posts - I was involved in a debriefing for 5 fatalities that had just occurred – 2 different events – children involved. I had the opportunity to hang out with Fire and Police – toured Dispatch Centers and introduced myself. Observed and counseled with chaplains regarding being lone rangers – they have them too!!!



Kenai River, Alaska

Kenai River is where I was able to land two nice Red Salmon – the third one turned my two piece fly rod into a five piece fly rod. I sent it out Saturday to *Sage* for repairs (it is beyond repair!!!)

I was able to return to Anchorage to meet with Chaplain



Anchorage Chaplains

Bert McQueen and a great team of chaplains. I was scheduled to meet with the Chief of Police Anchorage. Myself, Bert McQueen, Liaison Officer Wendi Shackelford and Chaplain Paul McGee – Anchorage PD lead chaplain. We shared with Chief Mew how much we appreciated his support for the chaplaincy, I gave a brief introduction to what we are doing in the region and why I was there – he was impressed. The meeting was to have been scheduled for 30 minutes – he

continued to ask questions about chaplains, how they could get Wendi involved as a Liaison Officer and what her role could be for the Officers and chaplains. Following our time of sharing and questions being exchanged Chief Mew looked at me and said, “so when I have been asked to attend a meeting it often results in someone asking me for something, what is it that you guys want?” I said, nothing – it was echoed by everyone there as we all looked at each other and laughed – we simply wanted to let you know that we appreciate the opportunity to serve your officers and the officers across the northwest. He couldn’t believe that we didn’t want something! I also was able to present Officer Wendi Shackelford with her Basic Certification and the Chief joined in for a picture. The meeting with Chief Mew lasted for more than an hour with his support.

The meeting with Chaplain McQueen’s chaplains was almost three hours long with lots of questions and a ton of support for ICPC sending their Regional Director for the first time. It was a great time of sharing and getting better acquainted with the Alaska Chaplains. Many of them are not ICPC members. They are preparing for the opportunity to have some training accomplished with ICPC support. Some have asked about the ATS and RTS and if they could attend!!! It was a great time and an investment for the future of ICPC Northwest I believe.

Thanks for allowing me to Serve You in Alaska – *jim crowley nw region 2 regional director*

Regional Training Seminar 2012

January 9th—12th, 2012

Cannon Beach, Oregon

We are pleased to announce our special guests for the 2012 RTS;
Retired Chief Bob Vernon will be our special speaker along with **Noel Meador**.
To discover more information please visit our website - www.icpcnw.org

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Pacific Northwest Disaster Response Team

Please contact Chaplain Russ Guppy at russguppy@gmail.com if you are interested and able to be on the Pacific Northwest DRT.

Police and Fire Chaplain Training Academy



Oct 2-7, 2011

Washington Criminal Justice
Training Commission
Burien, WA

Register early!

You may register at
policechaplaintraining.com

UPCOMING REGIONAL ELECTION

The Month of October is Nomination Month. Elections for Regional Director to serve the Northwest Region #2 for the next two years will be held in November.

Please send Nominations to your area representative. The deadline for nominations is October 31st.

Remember to visit our website at www.icpcnw.org for information and resources

Northwest Chaplain's "Connection"

The purpose of the Northwest Chaplain's "Connection" is to provide a point of communication to share training opportunities in our region, and to provide support and encouragement for one another.

Please send your brief articles, dates to remember, and suggestions to drpauellis@gmail.com by the 10th of each month.



Stress Management for the Trauma Service Provider

October 17-18, 2011

8:00 am to 5:00 pm each day

Course Location: Redmond Fire & Rescue Training Room
341 NW Dogwood Ave., Redmond, OR

Cost of the Course: \$99

Cost Includes: Registration, ICISF Materials & Certificate

This important course is for all who work with traumatized people. Explore the "Stress Continuum," the levels of stress including eustress (i.e., beneficial, motivating stress), traumatic stress, burnout, compassion fatigue or secondary PTSD, signs and symptoms of excessive stress and vicarious traumatization which may occur as a result of helping others. Individual self-report exercises will assist the participating trauma provider in assessing their own level of stress. (13 contact hours; 1.3 General CEUs from UMBC)

Instructor Information: Senior Chaplain Jim Crowley is an Ordained Minister who has been a pastor since 1974. He is the Executive Chaplain for Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy (COPC) and oversees a team of chaplains who serve within the three counties of Central Oregon. Jim is an ICISF Approved Instructor for this course as well as the Individual Crisis Intervention & Peer Support course, the Law Enforcement Perspectives course, and the Pastoral Crisis Intervention course. Chaplain Mike Dismore has been a pastor since 1978. He is the Assistant Chaplain with COPC and is also an ICISF certified trainer. Chaplains Crowley and Dismore are Certified Master Chaplains with ICPC.

To Register: Make checks payable to COPC.

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