

NORTHWEST CHAPLAIN'S CONNECTION

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Greetings Northwest ICPC Chaplains –

Raising the Standard -

Our theme for this years Regional Emphasis is “Raising the Standard.” I have approached this with our ICISF materials and their emphasis in the approach of caring for oneself following a crisis. Here lately it would seem to me that I am going from one crisis to another. I would hasten to say – it isn't just me!!! ICISF health sheet that we use following our CISD – Critical Incident and Stress Debriefing – identifies the following areas to evaluate for symptoms and health. They are: Cognitive, Physical, Emotional, Behavioral and Spiritual. I would like to ask you to consider each of these areas regarding how you are doing presently. Chaplain Friend – we need you to stay healthy. I want to challenge you to take one of these areas each week and work on a means of making some progress – read something that stimulates the brain cells! Go for a Walk, run or a swim – there seems to be plenty of water presently!!! Ask your spouse or a good friend how they feel you are doing with your Emotions. Is your Behavior acceptable – splash it against your disciplines and friendships, Do you practice your Spiritual Disciplines throughout the week? This is a good place to begin Raising the Standard. I was watching a show on the History Channel that began to describe the purpose for the Standard – a pole with a flag, emblem or symbol – that would be raised for those with the same intention and purpose to know where to go and how to get there! The Standard would be raised to give direction, reestablish purpose and to inspire. There were times when the troops would be dragging and losing their direction and purpose – the Standard would be raised to redirect and enthuse those who were following. Recently, I had one of our agency leaders contact me by phone – he simply said I called to let you know how much we appreciate you and how much we look up to you. I was completely caught off guard and tried to reject his need to contact me. He was emphatic with his comments and cautioned me to please take care of myself – He really appreciated me. When the call was over, I sat down and cried thanking God for that phone call and making up my mind that for the week – sometimes that's all I can see is a week at a time – I would work on raising the standard so that I would be healthy and effective with my responsibilities. Chaplain Friend – My Bride and I pray for God's Influence for you daily. We pray that He will direct your path and today I am praying that you can see His Standard for you. Do you see it? You are loved and appreciated - Jim

Regional Training Seminar 2012

January 9th—12th, 2012

Cannon Beach, Oregon

ICPC Annual Training Seminar 2011

In Montego Bay, Jamaica—
July 11-15, 2011

Visit icpc4cops.org for Registration Information

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

News from the ICPC International Disaster Response Team

- The ICPC International Disaster Response Team has received a request from the Joplin PD to send 6 chaplains now and more later. If you are interested in being on the Disaster Response Team, please apply online through the ICPC website.
- DRT Chair, Bob Johnson, reports that the ICPC Disaster Response Team deployment at Tuscaloosa is over. All reports from the teams for two weeks have been positive; the work of the chaplains was needed and appreciated.

Pacific Northwest Disaster Response Team

The horrific tornado in Joplin, MO has shocked us all. Some of you who are on the national ICPC Disaster Response Team (DRT) have received e-mail messages asking for your response to the Destin office to let them know about your availability to respond on-scene to Joplin in the weeks ahead. As of this week, there are an adequate number of DRT chaplains on-site in Joplin, but the need will continue for weeks into the summer. Please contact the ICPC office if you would be available for a one week deployment to Joplin in the coming weeks. This is only for those who are on the national ICPC DRT.

At the Regional Training Seminar (RTS) in January we discussed forming such a team (or possibly multiple teams from several big areas of the region.) Some of you have deployed for previous disasters under ICPC, NOVA, FEMA, or the Red Cross, etc. We need to formalize our list and begin communicating to organize the necessary training and understanding for the vast range of possible disasters.

One of the major issues is being up to date in training, especially CISM and the ICS training. Another is drawing up the tentative lines of communication for support and chaplain management in the respective areas of the Northwest. That is the biggest issue. Please contact Chaplain Russ Guppy at russguppy@gmail.com as soon as possible, if you are interested and able to be on the Pacific Northwest DRT. Hopefully we could proceed with this in the coming weeks of early summer.

CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT (CISM): GROUP CRISIS INTERVENTION

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July 28, 29th 2011

8:30am to 4:30pm

Washington County Sheriff's Office
215 SW Adams Avenue, Hillsboro Or 97123

\$99.00

Includes book and certification with ICISF & OR DPSST credit

Registration deadline is **July 10, 2011**

Register

www.pknw.org

503-846-6061

Course Description: Designed to present the core elements of a comprehensive, systematic and multi-component crisis intervention curriculum, the Group Crisis Intervention course will prepare participants to understand a wide range of crisis intervention services. Fundamentals of Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) will be outlined and participants will leave with the knowledge and tools to provide several group crisis interventions, specifically demobilizations, defusings and the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD). The need for appropriate follow-up services and referrals when necessary will also be discussed.

This course is designed for anyone in the fields of Business & Industry Crisis Intervention, Disaster Response, Education, Emergency Services, Employee Assistance, Fire Services, Healthcare, Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Mental Health, Military, Spiritual Care, and Traumatic Stress.

Bryan McKelvey – Instructor

Bryan currently serves as the Executive Chaplain for PeaceKeepers North West and the Washington County Sheriff's Office, where he has served for nine years. He leads the Community Chaplain's Group consisting of 14 volunteers who assist with death notifications and support community members during a crisis. He also heads up the Jail Chaplain's Group which consists of 40 volunteer Chaplains. Bryan is also a member and lead instructor for the Sheriff's Office Trauma Response Team and the Peer Support Team. He regularly works alongside deputy's and issues citations and answer calls for service.

Bryan teaches Stress Management at the Washington County Recruit Academy, the local Search and Rescue Academy, and the Oregon State Sheriff's Association Leadership Academy. Bryan is an approved instructor for the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation where he teaches "Assisting Individuals in Crisis" and "Group Crisis Intervention" classes. Bryan recently traveled to Guam at the invitation of the Guam Police Department where he set up their Chaplain's Program which included training 14 chaplains.

Bryan was educated through Life Bible College and served as senior pastor for Faith Christian Fellowship of Hillsboro for over five years. He lives in Forest Grove with his wonderful wife Shoana, who is also a certified deputy.

This is an official International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) Course,

Sponsored by PeaceKeepers North West. 503-846-6061



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.

Send your Name, Address, City, State, Zip, Phone # and Email to:

COPC

PO Box 1898

Redmond, OR 97756

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An excerpt from Chaplain Warren Hiebert's recent newsletter . . .

Recently, a preacher falsely predicted the Lord would come back on May 21st. He persuaded some to follow him. Two-thousand years ago, the Lord Jesus Christ revealed that He would return to judge the living and the dead. When someone asked Him when His return would be, He explained that no man knows the day nor the hour. The Bible is very clear that although we cannot know the day or the hour, we can know that HE WILL RETURN. Dear readers, I trust you are ready for that return. I would welcome the opportunity to share with you from God's Word how you can KNOW the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior.

- Several years ago, I performed the wedding ceremony for one of our officers. During our pre-marital counseling times together, I shared about a personal faith in Jesus Christ and the need to be born again. They moved away and I didn't hear from them again until just recently. He called to let me know that he just couldn't shake away from that phrase . . . ***born again***. He became a follower of Jesus Christ. He now teaches Sunday School and leads a Bible study in his home. Everywhere he goes to share his testimony, he tells of his chaplain who told him he ***must be born again***. He wanted to thank me and let me know what God was doing in his life. **WHAT A JOY! THIS JUST MADE MY DAY!** Keep sharing the good news of salvation and forgiveness of sin through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ!
- Recently, during pre-marital counseling with another young officer and his fiancé, I had the opportunity to share Christ. The young man listened intently; the Holy Spirit was at work in his heart and he asked Christ to forgive him and to save him. His fiancé rededicated her life to the Lord as well.
- Then just a few days later, I met with another couple in pre-marital counseling. She had lots of questions; how I again praise the Lord for the convicting power of the Holy Spirit. She prayed and accepted Christ as her Savior; he rededicated his life to the Lord. He then told us that what just happened was even better than the upcoming wedding ceremony. God's Word is truly life changing Thank you for being a vital part of this ministry.
- We were on a search for a lost skier in Big Sky. Over the seven days of searching, I met often with the parents. We had opportunities to share and to pray together. I continue to pray for them. This is an "on-going" search as weather conditions allow.
- Yes, there have been other deaths, suicides, tragedies and heartaches. ***Jesus reminds us to cast our cares upon Him for He cares for us!***

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.



A New Book On 9/11 Promotes The Role Of Chaplains

“Sent To Serve...The Chaplains Of 9/11”

By Chaplain Wally Johnston (Ret.)
ICPC Master Certified Chaplain
Beaverton, Oregon

Can you believe it has been nearly ten years since the terrorist attacks on 9/11/2001! I want to say “Thank you” to the ICPC chaplains, many of them from the NW region, who assisted in New York City and elsewhere during that unsettling time. And thanks to the other chaplains who couldn't be there but lifted us up in prayer and encouragement.

If you have been a chaplain long enough you have probably been asked on numerous occasions, “What is a police chaplain” or “What do police chaplains do?” This usually comes from the general public but sometimes even those in law enforcement can't answer those questions. I decided to use the awareness of 9/11 to increase the awareness of chaplaincy. That's why I wrote “Sent To Serve...The Chaplains of 9/11.” I hope this will be a tool we can place in peoples' hands in order to raise the awareness of chaplaincy.

“Sent To Serve” contains information and stories from Northwest chaplains and others throughout the country. The chapters highlight the foundation of the book:

- The 9/11 Call – This is the “how” we got there.
- The 9/11 Heart - This is the “why” we got there.
- The 9/11 Cost – This is the “what” it took to get us there.
- The 9/11 Reward – This is the “because” we served there.
- The 9/11 Hope – This is the “because” God met us there.

The book is only available through Amazon.com and will be released this summer. For updates and further information, you can log onto my website: [www.FOUNDATIONS4YourLife.com](http://wwwFOUNDATIONS4YourLife.com) and on the navigation bar click “Sent To Serve.” You can sign up to enter a drawing to win a free autographed book.

Thank you again chaplains for your dedicated work in our communities. Because of your service my book is dedicated to you.