



2022 International Conference of Police Chaplains
Region 5 Regional Training Seminar
October 3rd – 5th

Class/ Instructor Listing

BASIC COURSES

B01: Intro to Law Enforcement Chaplaincy

Class Description: This course is an introduction to the law enforcement chaplaincy ministry addressing elements of scope, purpose, mission, pitfalls, and wellness.

Instructor: Chaplain Sheryl Allston

Instructor Bio: Chaplain Sheryl Allston is chaplain to the Wilmington Police Department in Wilmington, Delaware for the last 16 years. More recently she was asked to serve with the very first class of chaplains for the United States Secret Service. Chaplain Allston serves as the Area Rep for the State of Delaware, an instructor with ICPC and as chaplain to the Blue Knights, DE 1. In addition to her work as a police chaplain, she also serves at Christiana Care as an APC (Association of Professional Chaplains) board-certified senior staff-chaplain. Before becoming a hospital chaplain her work included serving in churches as a pastor. During a summer internship Chaplain Allston served at the Washington National Cathedral.

B02: Death Notification

Class Description: This course will introduce strategic principles designed to prepare the chaplain to deliver a more effective death notification.

Instructor: Chaplain Jonathan Trent Boyd

Instructor Bio: Trent Boyd comes to us with a wide variety of ministry experience. Currently, he serves as the Senior Pastor of a growing church in Southern Maine, where he has been for 19 years. He also serves as Chaplain for the York County Sheriff's Office, providing Correctional and Peer Support, and is part of the Maine State Police Chaplains Corps. Since 2015, he has served as Co-Instructor at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy where, two years ago, the board approved the use of ICPC's Basic Courses as the core of their Academy-based Basic L.E. Chaplaincy training.

B03: Stress Management

Class Description: This course assists law enforcement personnel and chaplains in recognizing and dealing with all aspects of Stress Management, Burnout, CISM, and Post Shoot Trauma

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B04: Ceremonies and Events

Class Description: This course discusses the law enforcement chaplain's involvement in various public events and ceremonies including graduations, funerals, and public prayer.

Instructor: Chaplain John Transue

Instructor Bio: Chaplain John Transue brings 29 years of chaplain experience gained from service to multiple agencies to include Chesapeake and Norfolk (VA) PDs, York City (PA) PD and his current service as a US Secret Service Chaplain. John holds his Fellow credentials with the ICPC and has served multiple regions as Secretary. He currently serves as the organization's Academic Registrar.

B05: Confidentiality and Legal Liability

Class Description: This course will identify, define, and address the legal and ethical responsibilities of serving as a chaplain and confidant.

Instructor: Chaplain Frank O'Laughlin

Instructor Bio: Frank O'Laughlin has served as a Law Enforcement chaplain since 2002, serving 11 different departments from local municipalities to state agencies. Frank has served the ICPC as a State Representative and Regional Director. He currently serves as the organization's Membership Chair and Conference Director. Frank has been married to his wife Laura for over 40 years.

B06: Ethics

Class Description: This course deals with moral decisions faced by law enforcement officers and chaplains alike, and how they are the foundation of the criminal justice system.

Instructor: Chaplain Jim Bontrager

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B07: Responding to a Crisis

Class Description: This course assists the chaplain in understanding “a crisis event” and the basic responses from family and victims who experience sudden traumatic events. The course will focus on effective on-scene and post-event practical care: emotionally, physically, and spiritually.

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B08: Law Enforcement Family

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B09: Substance Abuse

Class Description: This course develops an understanding and recognition of drug and alcohol abuse and how the chaplain can minister to those within the department. Treatment possibilities are included in this course.

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B10: Suicide

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B11: Officer Death and Injury

Class Description: This course provides information on the proper response of a law enforcement agency to a line-of-duty death. Areas of coverage include: notification, funeral protocols and appropriate response of the law enforcement agency following the funeral. Protocols for defusing and debriefing will be discussed.

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B12: Sensitivity and Diversity

Class Description: This course offers an understanding of prejudice, stereotyping, discrimination, and cultural differences. Suggestions will be offered for easing tensions in these situations.

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ENRICHMENT COURSES

E01: To Protect and Serve Those Who Serve - Part 1

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than just a simple adage. The physiological and emotional toll paid by officers in the United States is an inherent part of the job that only those who have worn the uniform can fully understand. Sheriff Whitcomb tells the heartfelt story of a fellow officer's suicide that became his wake-up call and spurred his crusade to help law enforcement officers minimize and dissipate the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Instructor: Sheriff Timothy S. Whitcomb

Instructor Bio: Timothy S. Whitcomb is the Sheriff of Cattaraugus County. He began his career in law enforcement in 1997, and has served in a number of positions to include 7 years working major crimes in the Criminal Investigation Bureau. It was in this role that he was recognized as the Blue and Gold Officer of the Year in October 2000. Sheriff Whitcomb is a graduate of the 206th Session of the FBI's National Academy, has specialized training in Crisis Negotiation with the Los Angeles Police Department, Death Scene Management with the FBI, and Sex Offense training with the New York State Police. He has also recently been certified as a SWAT Team fitness specialist. He does private consulting in the area of stress disorder and Law Enforcement Suicide.

E02: To Protect and Serve Those Who Serve - Part 2

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E03: Crisis Awareness for First Responders

Class Description: There are benefits to being a Chaplain; yet, often, these come with a price. One of the most challenging costs to Chaplains and other First Responders is the impact of Critical Incident Stress. The goal of this presentation is to help First Responders and those who support them understand the impact crisis events can have on them, their agencies, their co-workers and their families. Among topics addressed in this training are: *An Overview of Stress, Triggers of Critical Incident Stress, Manifestations of Emotional Crisis and Keys to Resolving Crisis.*

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E04: Dealing with Difficult People

Class Description: Most of the time communication is a breeze. We may not get it perfect on every occasion; but, when two reasonable people are willing to exchange ideas in a cordial manner, we accomplish our goal. There are times; however, when we end up dealing with uncooperative and difficult people who aren't content with just disagreeing, they often want to escalate the conflict to the next level – then what do we do? In this training we suggest a variety of ways to deal with people who are being difficult ... whether on the street, in the patrol room, in our churches or at home: Among topics addressed are: *An Overview Of Communication, Defusing Escalating Situations by Controlling "Me" And Understanding "Them" and Practical Suggestions for What We Can Do to Deal with Difficult People.*

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E05: Coming to Terms with Domestic Violence

Class Description: Violence is a challenge in any community; however, there is one type of violence that is different from all others. Domestic violence is unique because it consists of one person developing power and control over another in an intimate relationship. Domestic violence can leave physical marks, but all too often, the most painful scars are emotional. Whether we find ourselves working with victims within an agency or as a supporting first responder in our community, we can be a part of a comprehensive response that can make a difference in the lives of those impacted. In this training we will review the social and criminal definitions of domestic abuse, then we will consider what can be done by those who are on the frontlines of dealing with the problem.

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E06: Stress, Burnout, and Other Benefits of Public Service

Class Description: One of the great things about Public Service is the ability to make a difference. One of the curses is that these opportunities continue to present themselves – over and over again. Whether it is a steady flow of crisis or a series of traumatic incidences stacked on top of each other, even the most conscientious can face the personal crisis of cumulative stress and burnout. The goal of this training is to help us identify the signs of stress and burnout; then consider what can be done to deal with the pressures we face on a continuous basis.

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E07: Communicating Resiliency in a Way that Connects with Officers

Class Description: "Law enforcement suicide and wellness challenges continue to plague this noble profession. Last year (2021) 2.19x as many officers took their own lives as died from felonious gunfire (felonious gunfire deaths were up 37%). The average officer on a mid-sized agency experiences 188 critical incidents during their career. Frustrations with leadership, cynicism, the down side of the hyper-vigilance cycle, family challenges, fatigue, stress and unhealthy coping mechanisms, politics/the media and fallout from critical incidents all can take their toll on an officer's mental well-being ... It often spills over into family life. The challenge is how to communicate lifesaving principles in a way that is not perceived as "touchy-feely." This class will provide you with a proven communication platform that overcomes those obstacles"

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E08: Corporate Structure: The Inner Workings of the ICPC

Class Description:" This course will provide attendees with an in-depth look at the organizational structure of the ICPC and the role each part plays in fulfilling our mission of "Developing Professional Chaplains through Dynamic Education and Support." Students will gain an understanding of how the regions are set up, the role of regional

officers, the role and mission of committees, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. Also discussed will be Corporate Bylaws and other documents that inform the proper functions of the corporation.

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E09: Supporting Dispatch

Class Description: If there is a group in Public Safety who could use support from Chaplains, it would be dispatchers. These “first responders chained to a chair” are too often underappreciated and overlooked – both in their day-to-day work and in the aftermath of tragedy. In this training, we’ll take a look at some of the unique challenges faced by telecommunicators and how we can encourage them in their work and in their personal lives.

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E10: Post Line of Duty Death Support for Agency

Class Description: Line of duty deaths may be the most significant events in the history of a Law Enforcement Agency. In the midst of the tragedy, many agencies can

turn to protocol and specialized personnel to get them through trauma, but what happens when the mourning badges are removed and the Agency attempts to return to the day-to-day work of protecting and serving? In this training, we will consider some suggestions as to how Agencies can begin to establish a new normal while never forgetting the fallen officer, their family and their co-workers.

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E11: Chaplain Support Group Opportunity

Class Description: Chaplains often find themselves immersed in a world full of pain, death, loss and suffering. Called in during times of crisis, they are the law enforcement profession's confidants, encouragers, and listening ear. They are also human with real limits, heartbreaks and discouragement ... and at times, their plate can be full or memories triggered by present events that bring back past hurts. They, like officers, need encouragement support and the freedom to have a safe place to process the carnage of all they have seen. This session will feature a facilitated group discussion with those well acquainted with their journey

Instructor: Group Discussion