

International Conference of Police Chaplains



REGION 4 TRAINING SEMINAR

MARCH 20-22, 2023

AKRON, OHIO

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WELCOME

Fellow Chaplains,

Greetings! Please allow me the privilege again this year to thank you for your “yes” to serve those in law enforcement. Thank you! Your ministry and presence makes a difference. Thank you, as well, for your commitment to training so you may serve with greater impact and for allowing ICPC to assist you in that process. Thank you!

*A new year is upon us and so is the Region 4 Regional Training Seminar (RTS). I want to extend a personal invitation for you to join us in **Akron, Ohio, March, 20-22**. We will gather together at Sheraton Suites Akron Cuyahoga Falls for three days of training, encouragement, and celebration.*

We have three tracks of instruction—Basic, Enrichment, and Advanced. If you are new to chaplaincy, or want a refresher, there are 12 Basic courses to get you started with a good foundation. Perhaps, you have been a chaplain for awhile and are looking to further your understanding of law enforcement and your skills, there are 11 Enrichment classes and 2 Advanced classes.

*Our keynote speaker for the Tuesday night banquet will be U. S. Marshal for the northern district of Ohio, **Pete Elliott**. Monday night, we are taking a field trip to the **Pro Football Hall of Fame**.*

Finally, I want to extend my appreciation to our host, Ohio Area Representative, Glenn George, and the entire host team. They have worked diligently to plan for this RTS and have put together a great 3 days. Thank you.

I look forward to meeting with you in Akron. Thank you for the privilege of serving you. God’s blessings be with you all.

Serving together,

*Robert Vester
Regional Director, ICPC Region 4*

ICPC Region 4 2023 RTS Host Team

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Jim Allshouse, Asst. Ohio Area Representative
Joshua Christner, David Cottrell,
Jerry Hughes, Michael Smith,
and Curt Stauffer

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BANQUET KEYNOTE SPEAKER



United States Marshal
Peter J. Elliott

In March 2003, Peter J. Elliott was appointed by President George W. Bush as United States Marshal for the Northern District of Ohio after being unanimously confirmed by the Senate.

He was subsequently retained by Presidents Barack Obama in 2009 and Donald Trump in 2017. Marshal Elliott is the longest serving United States Marshal in the history of Ohio. He is responsible for the management, administration and direction of operations throughout the district, which consists of the northern 40 counties of the state. Marshal Elliott's

responsibilities include leading and directing a staff whose core missions include security and protection of the United States Courts, prisoner management, criminal investigations, fugitive apprehension, execution of federal court orders and other law enforcement activities.

As United States Marshal, Elliott has created many new and innovative programs to further the mission of the U.S. Marshals Service, to increase collaboration between federal, state and local agencies and to involve the community in making their streets safer. Most notably, Marshal Elliott created the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force which has arrested over 50,000 fugitives since its inception in 2003, and includes over 125 partner agencies and more than 350 law enforcement officers. Marshal Elliott created the Fugitive Safe Surrender program in which law enforcement partners with the local faith-based community and encourages fugitives to surrender at a local place of worship. This highly successful program has been duplicated across the country and has led to the peaceful surrender of over 70,000 fugitives. In 2015, Marshal Elliott created The Cold Case Unit that has tracked down and arrested some of the longest running fugitives in the history of the U.S. Marshals Service. In 2020 he created the Missing Child Unit and established the first ever Fugitive Safe Surrender hotline in Northern Ohio.

Marshal Elliott began his career as a local law enforcement officer working undercover narcotic operations. In 1987, he became a Deputy U.S. Marshal in the Northern District of Ohio, following in the footsteps of his father who was also a Deputy U.S. Marshal. In 1992, he joined the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms as a Special Agent investigating terrorism, firearms and explosive cases, where he worked until being appointed the U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of Ohio. During his tenure, the Northern District of Ohio has received numerous local, state, and federal awards for their work, including multiple awards from the Attorney General of the United States.

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MONDAY NIGHT OUTING

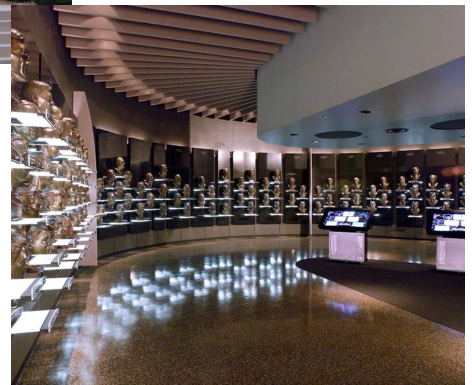


We are headed to the
HALL OF FAME!

The Hall of Fame enshrines exceptional figures in the sport of professional football, including players, coaches, officials, franchise owners, and front-office personnel, almost all of whom made their primary contributions to the game in the National Football League (NFL).

We are so pleased that we are able to offer this special opportunity as a part of your registration for this year's ICPC Region 4 RTS.

We are very grateful to the Pro Football Hall of Fame for hosting us and for making our visit possible.



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BASIC — COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course test and evaluation must be submitted on Teams to receive credit.

Other course material and handouts (when applicable) may be provided electronically.
You are encouraged to bring a tablet or laptop. Paper copies may not be available.
We will have individuals available who can assist with Teams.

B01—Introduction to Law Enforcement • Robert Vester

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

B02—Death Notification • Dan Coffey

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

B03—Stress Management • John Putnam

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

B04—Ceremonies and Events • Jim Allshouse

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

B05—Confidentiality and Legal Liability • Mark Bardsley

This course will identify, define, and address the legal and ethical responsibilities while serving as a chaplain and a confidant.

B06—Ethics • Mark Clements

This course deals with moral decisions faced by law enforcement officers and chaplains alike.

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BASIC — COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

B07—Responding to a Crisis • Archer Leupp

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.

B08—Law Enforcement Family • Erick Riddle & Jennifer Lanzen

This course describes the law enforcement family and how chaplains can minister to them.

B09—Substance Abuse • Harold Gingerich

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.

B10—Suicide • Curt Stauffer

This course addresses practical aspects of responding to a suicide and will cover law enforcement suicide.

B11—Officer Death and Injury • Jim Bontrager

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 responses of the law enforcement agency following the funeral. Protocols for defusing and debriefing will be discussed.

B12—Sensitivity and Diversity • Richard Hartman

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

Completion of all 12 Chaplain Basic Courses provides 1.8
of the 3.5 CEUs required when applying for a Chaplain Basic Credential.
Each course is offered only once at this event.

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ENRICHMENT — COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

E01—Patrol Weapons System Familiarity • Deputy David Fatheree

This class will teach you what weapons an officer might carry with them or in their cruiser.

E02—Bomb Squad Basics for Chaplains • Captain Chris Plance

This class will teach you what to do and what not to do during a bomb squad callout.

E03—How to Help Your Officer with Nutrition and Fitness • Chris Scrimo

This class will equip you with basic nutrition and fitness information so you can help your officers.

E04—Ride Along and Chaplain Ministry • Sergeant Eric Peters

This class will help you understand, from an officer's perspective, what you should and should not do during a ride along with a law enforcement officer. You are a guest in their cruiser, their office.

E05—Active Shooter Response • Detective Mike Burkey

You are riding along with an officer when over the radio you hear "shots fired." This class will help you understand what you should and should not do when responding to this type of call.

E06—Drug Recognition • Lieutenant Scott Schmoll

This class will focus on helping you be aware of the various types of drugs that law enforcement officers may come into contact with during a shift.

E07—Basic Self Defense for Chaplains • Deputy Nathaniel Buckorr

This class will teach some basic techniques you can use if you have to defend yourself or the officer you are with during a ride-along or at a scene.

E08—U.S. Marshals Service Violent Fugitive Task Force • Detective Wes Dobbins

This class will teach you about the work of the Violent Fugitive Task Force and how you can help them as a law enforcement chaplain.

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ENRICHMENT — COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

E09—Crime Scene Basics for Chaplains • Lieutenant Jeff Hemsley

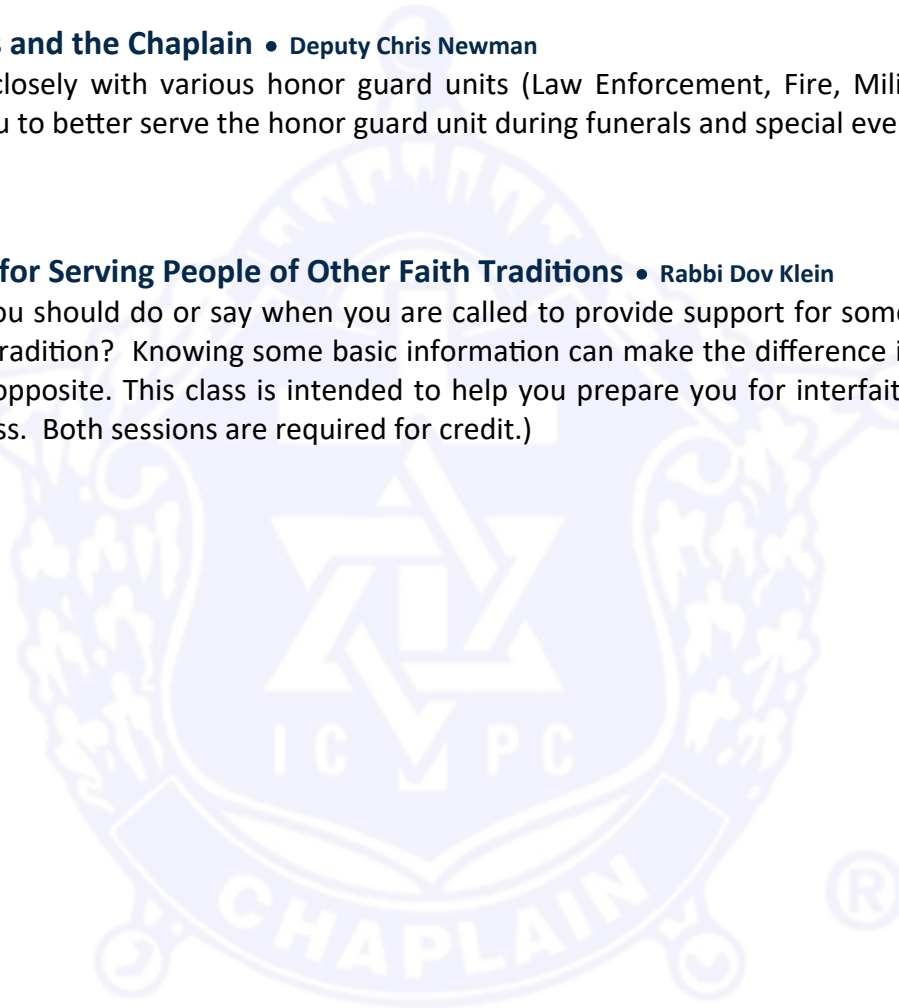
This class will highlight crime scene protocol and make you aware of what to do and not do while on a crime scene.

E10—Honor Guards and the Chaplain • Deputy Chris Newman

The chaplain works closely with various honor guard units (Law Enforcement, Fire, Military, Hospital). This class will help you to better serve the honor guard unit during funerals and special events.

E11&12—Protocols for Serving People of Other Faith Traditions • Rabbi Dov Klein

Do you know what you should do or say when you are called to provide support for someone who does not share your faith tradition? Knowing some basic information can make the difference in being helpful and effective or the opposite. This class is intended to help you prepare you for interfaith engagement. (This is a two-part class. Both sessions are required for credit.)



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ADVANCED — COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

A1—Critical Injury First Aid • Detective Jim Stanley, Ret.

This class combines the American Heart Association Heartsaver Course with the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy Critical Injury First Aid Course (Self Aid—Buddy Aid).

**A2—International Critical Incident Stress Foundation,
Assisting Individuals in Crisis • Michael Smith**

Crisis Intervention is NOT psychotherapy; rather, it is a specialized acute emergency mental health intervention which requires specialized training. As physical first aid is to surgery, crisis intervention is to psychotherapy. Thus, crisis intervention is sometimes called “emotional first aid”. This program is designed to teach participants the fundamentals of, and a specific protocol for, individual crisis intervention. This course is designed for anyone who desires to increase their knowledge of individual (one-on-one) crisis intervention techniques in the fields of Business & Industry, Crisis Intervention, Disaster Response, Education, Emergency Services, Employee Assistance, Healthcare, Homeland Security, Mental Health, Military, Spiritual Care, and Traumatic Stress.

Program Highlights:

- Psychological crisis and psychological crisis intervention
- Resistance, resiliency, recovery continuum
- Critical incident stress management
- Evidence-based practice
- Basic crisis communication techniques
- Common psychological and behavioral crisis reactions
- Putative and empirically-derived mechanisms
- SAFER-Revised model
- Suicide intervention
- Risks of iatrogenic “harm”

This course will be taught over 2 days. Attendance for all sessions is required to receive the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) certificate for this course. Advance Course registration include course book and certificate.

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INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHIES

Jim Allshouse

Chaplain Allshouse served 29 years as a deputy for the Summit County Ohio Sheriff's Office and was a volunteer Sheriff's Chaplain for 15 years. In April, 2021, Jim was appointed as the 1st full-time chaplain in the history of the Summit County Sheriff's Office. Jim serves as Chaplain of the F.O.P. #139. He is part of the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association Chaplaincy Board. Chaplain Allshouse is an ICPC Master Chaplain and serves as the Assistant Ohio State Representative. Jim has been married for 29 years to his wife Kathleen. They have one daughter, Gabriella, and a fur baby named Sadie.

Mark Bardsley

Mark is a 1981 graduate of Indiana Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Arts double major in Christian Ministries and Biblical Literature. In 1983 he earned a M.A. in Ministerial Education through Indiana Wesleyan University. In 1983 Mark was Ordained as a minister in The Wesleyan Church. Mark has pastored in Indiana and North Carolina. While in North Carolina he began chaplaincy service as a reserve officer and chaplain for the Kings Mountain Police Department. Upon returning to Marion Indiana, Mark was hired by the City of Marion to be their first full time police chaplain.

Mark's crisis intervention training has allowed him to serve 3 tours of duty at the World Trade Center Disaster and stand ready to be called out internationally where American interests are involved. Mark has been blessed to travel to and work with police officers in England, Russia and in Burundi Africa. In 2016, He received Fellow Chaplain Credentials in the International Conference of Police Chaplains.

Mark has worked with law enforcement for over 32 years. In 2002 Chaplain Bardsley was elected to the office of Grant County Coroner, Grant County Indiana. He has presided over homicides and death investigations in that community. In 2004, he was elected to the office of Grant County Commissioner, District 2 and is in his 5th term of office.

Mark continues to serve Marion Police Department and also is currently one of 5 State Chaplains of the Indiana Fraternal Order of Police.

Mark and his wife live in Marion, Indiana.

Jim Bontrager

Jim is a United States Marine and full time Chaplain with the Elkhart (IN) Police Department. He holds his Diplomate Chaplain credentials with the International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC) and serves as President-Elect of the organization. He is a recipient of the 2012 Wilbert A. Cunningham Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement Chaplaincy, a 2013 Excellence in Leadership Award from Pointman Leadership Institute, the 2016 recipient of the Richard S. Kassel Award, the 2017 recipient of the Pilsung Warrior Award, and a 2018 recipient of the John A. Price Excellence in Chaplaincy Award. Jim was appointed a Sagamore of the Wabash by Indiana Governor Mike Pence in 2015. He is author of the official law enforcement curriculum for the movie Courageous, is an Indiana State certified LE Instructor as well as an instructor with the ICPC. He is founder/director of Warrior on the Wall which works to address law enforcement suicide, family breakdown, and the unique emotional/spiritual challenges to the profession.

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Nathaniel Buckohr

Deputy Nathaniel Buckoltr has 16 years of law enforcement service. He has served 9 years with SCJ, 6 years with patrol, 1 year with training, and 8 years with SWAT. He also has a 4 year background in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

Mike Burkey

Detective Mike Burkey has been commissioned with the Wayne County Ohio Sheriff's Office since 1999, where he began his career as a deputy in the Sheriff's Reserve Unit. Mike hired into the Corrections Division in 2002 and transferred to the Patrol Division in 2004. Mike was promoted to the rank of Detective in May of 2017 and continues to serve in the Detective Bureau.

Mike holds instructor certifications in fields such as firearms, less lethal munitions, subject control, field training, and active killing response. Mike joined the Wayne County Sheriff's SWAT team in 2014 as an operator and assistant team leader. He served in that capacity until 2019.

Mike has a passion for reality based training that focuses on applying logic to overcome stress in deadly force encounters. This relatively newer concept has proven successful in the law enforcement community and can be implemented to civilians alike.

Mike has lived in Wayne County, Ohio, since 1993 and has been married to his wife, Alisha, for 24 years. Mike has 2 children and a granddaughter. Mike's hobbies include dedicated family activities, hunting, and shooting sports.

Mark Clements

Reverend Mark Clements has been a law enforcement chaplain since 2000. He is the President of the La Crosse Area Law Enforcement Chaplaincy, which serves the La Crosse Police Department, Onalaska Police Department and the La Crosse County Sheriff's Department, managing a team of 25 chaplains. Chaplain Clements has assisted 17 law enforcement agencies in Wisconsin starting chaplaincy programs. In 2004, Chaplain Clements began serving the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a chaplain and has served on its National Steering Committee. In 2016 Chaplain Clements was sworn in to serve as the Wisconsin State Patrol Lead Chaplain. Chaplain Clements started working with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in 2017 to establish that agencies Chaplain Program and now serves as the WDNR Lead Chaplain. Chaplain Clements has also recently been selected as a chaplain for the United States Secret Service and the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

Chaplain Clements joined the International Conference of Police Chaplains in 2001. He has served as Chair of the Spiritual Oversight Committee and Personnel Committee, as the ICPC Wisconsin Representative, on the Education Committee and was elected as the 21st President of ICPC. Chaplain Clements is an ICPC certified instructor and member of the ICPC Disaster Response Team. In 2011 Chaplain Clements received the prestigious John A. Price Award from the ICPC for Excellence in Law Enforcement Chaplaincy. Chaplain Clements is a member of the Mississippi River Valley Critical Incident Stress Management Team also serving on its Executive Committee. In 2012, Chaplain Clements was appointed by the Governor of Wisconsin to serve on the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Chaplain Clements is certified as an instructor by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, is a published author and an ordained minister, having pastored Living Word Christian Church in La Crosse, Wisconsin since 1984. He earned a Bachelors' Degree from Trinity Biblical University and is currently earning his Masters Degree through Andersonville Theological Seminary. Chaplain Clements and his wife, Paula, have been married since 1981 and have two adult children.

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Daniel Coffey

Chaplain Coffey, MDiv, BA, CDC is the Staff Chaplain for the Indiana State Police. Daniel began his chaplaincy career with the Fort Wayne (IN) Police Department in 1993, serving as Chaplain Coordinator. He joined ISP in 2006. In this capacity, he manages the ISP Volunteer Chaplain program, the ISP Critical Incident Stress Management Team; and the ISP Employee Assistance Program. Daniel is a certified instructor by the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board and ICPC. He is a recipient of the ICPC Wilbert Cunningham Award, the Fort Wayne Patrolmen's Benevolent Association Law Enforcement Outstanding Achievement Award, and the 2020 ICPC John A Price Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement Chaplaincy.

David Fatheree

David is a Deputy Sheriff with the Summit County Sheriff's Office. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Malone University before joining the Sheriff's Office in 1991. After working in Corrections, Patrol, and the Detective Bureau, he has been assigned to the Summit County Regional Training Bureau since 2004. Deputy Fatheree's responsibilities in the Training Bureau have been Academy Duty Officer, Weapons and Advanced Weapons Training, Defensive Tactics, Response to Active Shooter, Personal Safety, Constitutional Use of Force and Legal Investigations, just to name a few. Deputy Fatheree served on the SW AT team for many years as a team leader and tactical trainer, Crime Scene Investigation, and Summit County Sheriff's Bomb Squad. Deputy Fatheree sits on the following SCSO committees: Use of Force, Firearms, Fitness.

Deputy Fatheree has also been heavily involved in the training for Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies, as well as major corporations such as Goodyear, Bridgestone and Signet Jewelers to name a few. In addition to instructing, he has served in an advisory capacity for various agencies including the Ohio Peace Officers Training Commission, Summa Health Systems, and the U.S. National Parks Service.

Deputy Fatheree has received numerous professional awards including Summit County Sheriff's Office Deputy of the Year, Akron Optimist Club Award, and Ohio Attorney General Trainer of the Year. Deputy Fatheree is an inductee of the American Police Hall of Fame for distinguished law enforcement service.

He is married and the proud father of four children and two grandchildren.

Harold Gingerich

Chaplain Gingerich has served with the Topeka (IN) Police and Fire Departments since March, 2005. As the first police and fire chaplain, he helped develop the chaplaincy program. In January, 2018, he was appointed Chaplain with the Indiana State Police serving both the Bremen Post, District 24 and the Indiana Toll Road Post, District 21, where he is a Certified Instructor. He is also an Indiana Law Enforcement Academy certified primary instructor.

Harold has been a full member of ICPC since 2007. He holds Masters Credentials, is a Certified Instructor, and is the chairperson of the ICPC International Committee. He is a recipient of the Wilbert A. Cunningham Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement Chaplaincy.

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Richard Hartman

Richard has been married to Melissa Hartman for 39 years. They have three adult children. He has been ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for 30 years and Pastor of Epiphany Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, IN for 23 years. He has been a Chaplain with the Fort Wayne Police Department for 11 years and Lead Chaplain since 2015. He is an instructor in the Fort Wayne Police Academy and the International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC). He holds an ICPC Master Chaplain credential, has served as Assistant Director of Region 4, Chaired the Public Relations Committee, and was elected as the Secretary on the Executive Committee of ICPC in July 2021. Richard also serves as Vice President of Strength for Service Publishing.

When Richard's not with his family, church family, or blue family, you will find him driving his 1965 Plymouth Barracuda or playing jazz guitar.

Jeff Hemsley

Jeff Hemsley graduated from Jackson High School in the year of 2000. He then received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Akron in 2004. He then attended the Summit County Sheriff's Training Academy from September 2004 to July 2005.

He was sworn by the Summit County Sheriff's Office in auxiliary status in July 2005. He then was elevated to intermittent in June 2006 and received full-time deputy status in May 2007.

Jeff was selected to be on the Summit County Sheriff's Crime Scene Unit in 2009. Since joining, He has received in training in Evidence Technician, Photography, Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, Shooting Reconstruction, Forensic Aspects of Death, and other crime related courses. He received his Master Evidence Technician certificate in 2016.

Jeff Hemsley received a promotion to the rank of Sergeant in January 3rd, 2013. In March of 2017, Jeff was made the Crime Scene Unit Commander. He received a promotion to the rank of Lieutenant on October 31st, 2017.

During his tenure with the Sheriff's Office, Lt. Hemsley has also worked in Corrections, Patrol, and Detective Bureau. He is currently the Administrative Support Lieutenant at the Summit County Jail.

Jennifer Lanzen

Jenny serves as chaplain with the Goshen, Indiana, City Police and Fire Departments as well as their Crisis Response Team. She is the conference coordinator for the annual "Breaching the Barricade LE Conference" and has assisted in facilitating numerous law enforcement events including the Region 4 RTS for ICPC in Shipshewana, Indiana, in 2020. Jenny speaks all over the region, sharing her experience as a law enforcement spouse and first responder family member, as well as, training LE families to thrive in the profession. Jenny and her husband, a deputy with the Elkhart County Sheriff's Office in Indiana, have four teenage daughters that have been part of the thin blue line family for over 17 years. Chaplain Lanzen serves as the Indiana State Liaison for the organization "How 2 Love Our Cops" and her work includes training, helping conduct spouse academies, book studies, mentoring, peer support, and counseling.

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Archer Leupp

I currently serve 5 Law Enforcement agencies in NE Wisconsin as their chaplain and am privileged to be the current Wisconsin State Rep for the ICPC. I am Master Level credentialed through the ICPC and have had the incredible opportunity to assist law enforcement and fire agencies in Wisconsin start chaplain programs.

I am also on staff with Converge Great Lakes (AKA, Baptist General Conference), as a Missionary, for fund-raising purposes, accountability and as an oversight team, that allows me to be all in as a full-time chaplain to my agencies, a resource to agencies in WI and the U.P. wishing to start healthy chaplain programs, and a voice to pastors to raise awareness of the need for qualified and competent chaplains.

My wife, Donna, works full time at our church as Minister to Children and Families and my daughter and her family live just over an hour away. Blessed!!

Christopher Newman

Deputy Christopher Newman has been employed with the Stark County Sheriffs Office since May 24, 2001. Deputy Newman was hired into the Jail Division, transferred to the Civil Division within 3 months, and in February 2004 moved to the Operations Division.

In 2002, Deputy Newman was given the task of creating the Stark County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard. In September 2004, Deputy Newman attended and graduated from the Minnesota Law Enforcement Memorial Association (LEMA) Honor Guard School.

Sheriff George Maier assigned Deputy Newman to the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association Funeral and Mourning Committee in 2017 where he has been very active. Deputy Newman has assisted in the Funeral Services of countless Sheriffs and Deputies in Ohio since the Sheriff's Office Honor Guard was created in 2002.

Deputy Newman was awarded the Stark County Sheriffs Office Deputy of the Year in 2017, the Stark County Deputies Association Deputy of the Year in 2018, Stark County Humanitarian of the Year in 2017 and the Stark County Prosecutor's Office Advocate Officer of the Year in 2015. He has also received numerous other State and Local Commendations over the last 21 years.

Stephen Niles

Chaplain Niles is an ordained pastor serving Fox River Christian Church as CARE pastor. Serving those who serve, he serves a number of agencies: Lead Chaplain Waukesha County Sheriff's Office, Chaplain Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation and Wisconsin Crime Labs, Chaplain Wisconsin Department of Transportation Wisconsin State Patrol, Chaplain Wisconsin Department of Justice- School Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT), Crisis Chaplain Wisconsin Law Enforcement Death Response Team, Crisis Chaplain Wisconsin Injured Law Enforcement Officer Resource Center, and Chaplain Wisconsin Department of Resources Wardens and Forestry Agents (Approved -Pending commission). Chaplain Niles is an International Conference of Police Chaplains Certified Instructor and member of the International Conference of Police Chaplains Education Committee—Subcommittee on Instructor Certification, Development, and Selection.

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Eric Peters

Eric has served the Wayne County Ohio Sheriffs Office for 15 years. Previously, he served Creston Police Department (4 years), Shreve Police Department, and Summa Hospital Systems. He is a graduate from Smithville High School, The University of Akron (Criminal Justice), Eastern Gateway University (Business Management/ Finance). He also has received multiple law enforcement trainings that ranges from SRT teams to CVSA's.

Currently, Eric is a shift Sergeant in the Wayne County Sheriffs Office Law Enforcement Division and has been a supervisor since 2014. He is a FTO, training our future deputies ,and was involved in the development of the current program. This includes being an instructor in Radar/Lidar detection. He was part of a team that also wrote and reviewed their department's current policy and procedures. The Wayne County Fair, Contract negotiations, CVSAs for pre-employment and investigations, and SRT team are other areas where he has been involved.

Outside of work, and most importantly he is the son of Thomas and Loretta Peters, husband to Stephenie Peters, and father to Roslynn, Garrett, and Konner Peters. With a busy work schedule, he tries to spend as much time with his family as possible. In the fall he enjoys watching as much football as he can, including coaching his boys. He also tries to spend time outside and enjoys going for an ATV ride from time to time.

His future goals include continuing to build and improve the Wayne County Sheriff's Office. He also wants to support other individuals that he works with, and make sure they are taking care of themselves as they are taking care of others.

John Putnam

Since January 2006, Pastor Putnam has served as the senior pastor at the Pentecostals of Sheboygan County, Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin.

He has served as a Law Enforcement Chaplain since 2004. Currently, Pastor Putnam serves as Law Enforcement Chaplain with the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Office, the Wisconsin State Patrol and DNR Bureau of Law Enforcement, the Wisconsin DOJ and the United States Secret Service. He has served as the Region 4 Director of the International Conference of Police Chaplains serving the states of Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia. He is a Master Credentialed Chaplain with the ICPC and is a certified instructor.

Pastor Putnam graduated from Indiana Bible College, is married to Michelle (Hedges), and has three wonderful boys. Pastor Putnam is an avid bow hunter and enjoys the great outdoors.

Erick Riddle

Chaplain Erick Riddle has been a volunteer Law Enforcement Chaplain and ICPC member since 1996. He has earned the ICPC Diplomate credential. He has launched a Chaplain program and has worked to enhance several others. He has logged thousands of hours in a patrol car, delivered hundreds of death notifications, and counseled countless officers. Erick has served ICPC as Membership Committee Chair, Area Representative and many times as an instructor at the RTS and ATS level. He has been married to Donna for over 40 and has been preaching full-time for 35 years.

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Seth Scrimo

Seth's experience in fitness started in the United States Marine Corps in 2012. He enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve while attending Kent State University. He knew that if he was going to become the best personal trainer he could be, so he needed to learn from the best in the world. Since graduating from Kent State University with a degree in Exercise Physiology in 2015 Seth has transitioned into becoming an American Council on Exercise Professional and holds unique certifications such as Weight Loss Specialist, Diabetic Coaching and Fitness Nutrition Specialist. To better serve his clients before Covid-19 came to impact our lives, Seth went through a certification course to transition personal training programming to work online through the Online Training Academy in 2019.

Seth's niche of training is weight loss and body transformations. Seth has helped 1 000's of people change their lives and improve their health through systematic weight loss.

Seth enjoys staying active outdoors. He runs long distance races for charity and early in the morning you can find him in the weight room working on building a stronger body. He enjoys reading and trying to listen to audio books throughout his day. Seth has a growing family and enjoys spending time with them outside of work. He volunteers at my church, where Seth helps run our Youth Program to help mentor the young adults before they go out in life on their own. We have various service projects we do throughout the year & work with charity organizations to help improve the lives of other youth in different communities around the globe.

Scott Schmoll

Instructor — DRE, SFST, ARIDE, Tactical Driving, Ohio Peace Officer,, and Below 100

Lt. Scott Schmoll is a 1987 graduate of Brunswick High school and served as a light wheeled vehicle mechanic in the Ohio Army National Guard for 6 years. Scott started his law enforcement career as a Dispatcher with the Medina County Sheriff's Office in 1990. He was transferred to the patrol division where he served as a deputy sheriff for 12 years. During this time he served as a field training officer and became a SFST Instructor. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2006 and continued to serve as a patrol sergeant with a majority of his time spent on midnight shift. He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant in 2021 and currently serves as the patrol division commander.

Lt. Schmoll became an SFST instructor in 2000 and has taught at the Medina County Career Center's basic police academy since 2002. He became a Drug Recognition Expert in June of 2011 and a DRE instructor in 2013. Lt. Schmoll continues to instruct in the DRE program each year.

Lt. Schmoll is also a paramedic and volunteer firefighter. He served as the fire chief for the Spencer Community Fire District from 2001 until 2018, and currently serves as the EMS Captain for the department. He has been a paramedic since 1992.

Lt. Schmoll completed his Associates Degree at Eastern Gateway Community College in May of 2021. He is also a graduate of the Public Safety Leadership Academy sponsored by The Ohio State University and The Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Lt. Schmoll has assisted Highland High School and Black River High School with their prom promise mock crashes. Lt. Schmoll has received awards from the Medina County Safe Communities Coalition for having the most OVI arrests at the Medina County Sheriff's Office in 2005 through 2018. He also received an award from MADD for his OVI enforcement efforts. Lt. Schmoll also serves as a member of the Medina County OVI Task Force and the Medina County Sheriff's Office Interdiction Team. He was named as the Region II/III coordinator for the DRE Program in the State of Ohio. Lt. Schmoll was also appointed as the coordinator for the Medina County Criminal Patrol Program.

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Michael Smith

Mike is a pastor, full-time Austintown firefighter, and chaplain for the Austintown Fire and Police Departments. Mike has been married to his beautiful bride Becky for 29 years and has 4 children and a dog. Mike is a member of the Federation of Fire Chaplains, Ohio Fire Chaplains, and International Conference of Police Chaplains. He is an approved instructor for 5 classes with the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF), and is a Peer Support member for OAPFF Peer Support Team District 3. Mike also played a part in founding the Mahoning Valley Critical Incident Stress Team where he continues to serve.

Jim Stanley

Jim served nearly 40 years in law enforcement and retired from the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department in 2011. He served as a Detective, Major Crimes Detective, Evidence Technician, Fire and Arson Investigator, Traffic Crash Investigator, and Under Water Crime Investigator. Prior to serving in law enforcement he was an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). Currently, Jim is a Police Instructor at the University of Akron, and the Stark State Police Academy.

Curt Stauffer

A life-long resident of Wayne County, Curt Stauffer has long had a heart for local first responders. Curt completed his ministerial training and was licensed as a Minister in the State of Ohio on August 6, 2014. He was at that time appointed as the Staff Chaplain for the Wayne County Sheriff's Office. In December of 2016 he completed his Master of Arts degree from Newburgh Theological Seminary in Ministry. He has been a member of the International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC) since April of 2014 and has continued with the education and training the Conference provides. In an effort to better understand the stresses and responsibilities of the Law Enforcement Officer, Curt enrolled in and completed the OPOTA (Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy) graduating in August of 2017. Shortly after graduation, Curt was commissioned as a Deputy of the Wayne County Sheriff Office where he has served as a patrol deputy. In 2020 Curt was the recipient of the Walton Tully award for Excellence. This award is given by ICPC in the state of Ohio in recognition for excellence in Police Chaplaincy.

Curt spends time counseling staff and their families through difficulties brought about by the stresses of the profession as well as the common challenges of normal life. He also officiates funerals, weddings, and other ceremonies. Curt invests time in the Sheriff's office with the administrative staff, in the jail with the corrections officers and deputies, on ride-alongs with the patrol deputies, and in communications with the dispatchers. This is in an effort to continually learn of needs and ways to support the staff and their families.

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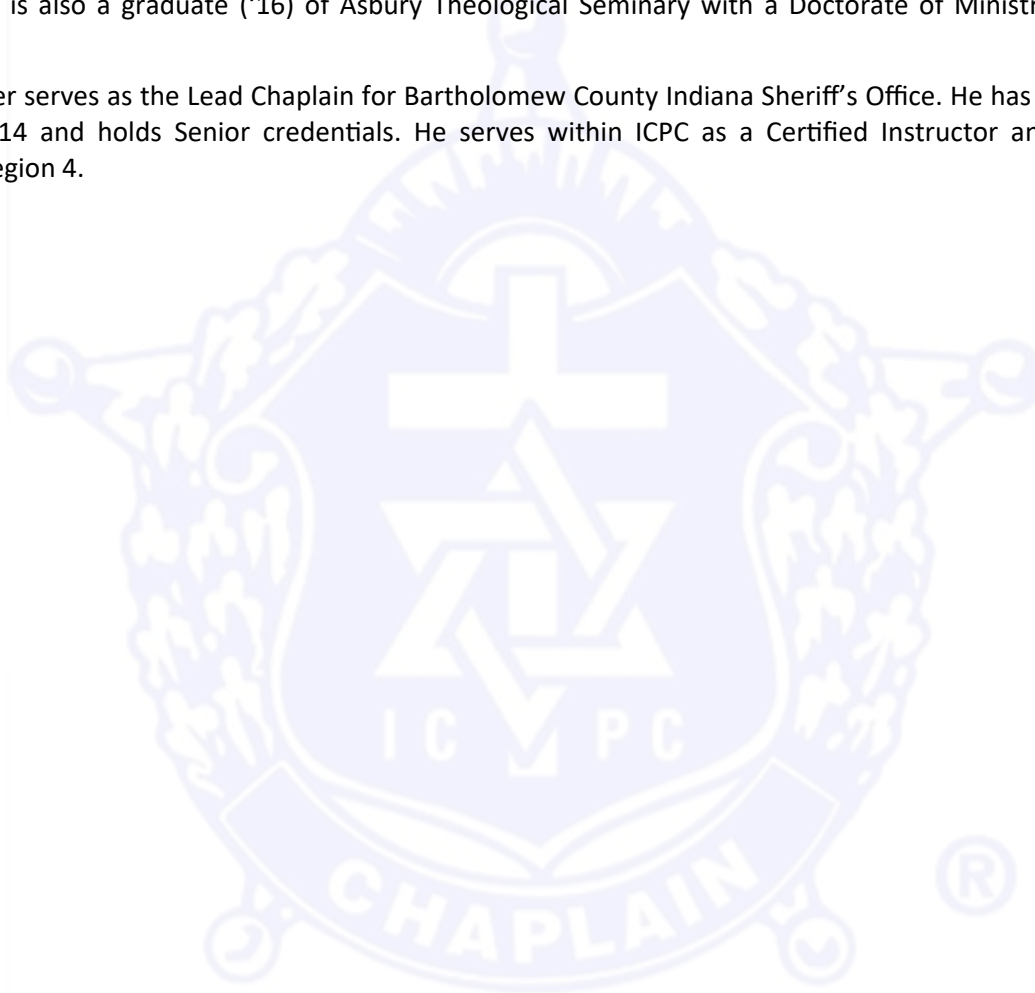
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Robert Vester

Robert has been married to Gena for 28 years. They have 2 children—Braden, 19, and Rylee, 16. The Vesters live in Columbus, Indiana. Robert has been part of the pastoral staff at Westside Community Church since 2011 and became Lead Pastor in 2021. He just celebrated his 37th year of preaching and 32st year of ordained ministry.

Robert earned Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies ('92) and Master of Divinity ('98) degrees from Oakland City University. He is also a graduate ('16) of Asbury Theological Seminary with a Doctorate of Ministry in Missional Leadership.

Chaplain Vester serves as the Lead Chaplain for Bartholomew County Indiana Sheriff's Office. He has been a part of ICPC since 2014 and holds Senior credentials. He serves within ICPC as a Certified Instructor and as Regional Director for Region 4.



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Spouse Events

Chaplains, your spouses invest in your ministry. Give them the opportunity to join with other chaplain spouses for some encouragement, support, and fun. The Auxiliary will be hosting their own special activities during our time in Akron.

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For more information, you may contact Donna Riddle at (260) 348-8523.

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