

County-Wide Chaplaincy

Thanks you!

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Each Fall, during the month of November, I am happy to set aside time to express my gratitude for the incredible folks that co-labor with County-Wide Chaplaincy. There are a multitude of dedicated volunteers and first responders working on the scene and behind the scenes, serving our community with the very best of their time, talents and energy.

To show appreciation for these folks and make you aware of their dedication and valuable contribution is the intent of this month's letter. Here is a "peek behind the curtain" at the groups and individuals that play an essential role in helping those we serve.

- CRESA (Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency) is our 9-1-1 emergency dispatch center. They serve faithfully and tirelessly, relaying calls for help to appropriate first responders.
- Firefighters provide initial medical aid as well as fire suppression and rescue.
- Police Officers and Sheriff Deputies protect us from lawbreakers; public protection is their number 1 concern.
- Ambulance Personnel work diligently in rapidly responding, providing initial medical care and transporting those with medical emergencies.
- Search and Rescue Teams with their specialized skill set collaborate with other agencies to provide assistance in locating those lost "off the grid" and in dangerous predicaments.
- Medical Examiner Deputies perform the unique and solemn task of investigation and documentation of every death in Clark County, frequently transporting the body to the Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy.
- TIP (Trauma Intervention Program) provides trained and caring civilian volunteers who are sometimes on the same calls along with CWC Chaplains. We are thankful to work together with them in assisting those we serve.
- St. John Lutheran Church Quilters gather weekly to make and donate comforting quilts for our chaplains to distribute to those as needed on our calls.
- The Gathering Place Church volunteers process donations for CWC. They cheerfully work behind the scenes, contributing their time and talents.
- RRC (Responder Resource Center) provides a valued secondary responders team trained in the follow-up process of working through an incident with those affected by trauma.
- The Board of Directors for CWC, dedicated to the integrity of our chaplaincy program, bring years of wisdom and experience to the table in providing guidance and structure for County-Wide Chaplaincy.

This list could go on and on. We have worked hard together with many dedicated servant responders. Each offers resources invaluable to those in our community. I am so thankful to God and this team of helpers. The Bible states that all good gifts are from above. And finally, I wish to express my gratitude for you—for your interest and support of County-Wide Chaplaincy. Thank you for reading our monthly letter, for your prayers and for being a friend of CWC. On behalf of our team of Chaplains—we appreciate you!

Happy Thanksgiving!
Sam LaPore

It's been a while since I've given an example of the calls your chaplains have been responding to. Twenty two days into October, and my unofficial count is 17 requests for a chaplain in Clark County. Two overdose deaths, seven death notifications to make, one suicide, and seven natural deaths. – Chad Zoller

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