

County-Wide Chaplaincy

Thanks you!

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A Day in the Life....

Over the years I have had friends ask me what a day in the life of a chaplain on duty might look like. What follows is a summary of some of the things we are involved in and how our team prepares to be of assistance in these situations.

Chaplains normally start their shift at 7 a.m. They could be requested to respond to a situation by Police Officers, Sheriff Deputies, Fire Personnel, Medical Examiners, Ambulance Workers, etc... At any given time of day, a chaplain may be asked to travel to a residence or location in Clark County to help a family grieving the loss of one of their members, notify someone that a close family member has just died, come to the aid of a distressed person, or clean up a death scene, just to name a few.

On a typical 24 hour shift a chaplain never knows what the shift may hold. Some days may end up very quiet with no calls and other days end up chock full of tragedy and heartbreak with call after call.

An example:

I awoke to the bell on the CWC cell phone at 4:13am. The text message read, "CRESA: Good Morning. Can the on-call chaplain please call _____ with the _____ County Medical Examiner's office regarding a death notification here in Clark County, please." I called the 911 Dispatch Center at CRESA (Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency) to inform them I would be responding. For additional information, I called the Medical Examiner in that county where the request originated. During the drive to the residence, I prayed for the person to whom I would be delivering the distressing news of death in their family.

County-Wide Chaplaincy now has 9 chaplains covering shifts 24/7 and also 5 additional chaplains receiving their ongoing training. In the three year training period a chaplain not only completes the week long Chaplains Academy and the Responder Resource Center training consisting of 25 courses, and may respond to over 100 calls, assisting seasoned chaplains and then taking charge of calls themselves. Lots of hard working folks are willing to train, train, then train some more, so they can serve in the best possible way. Last weekend, several of us were in classes on domestic violence, conflict resolution, and sexual assault, so that we can be better prepared for situations we may encounter on calls.

It is our hope and desire to be a blessing, to serve well, and to share the love of the God of the Bible. That love is full of compassion and generosity which we hope to reflect in our roles as chaplains in our community. We often leave written resources, CD's, and follow-up with a meal.

Thanks for reading CWC's monthly letter. Please continue to pray for those we serve in our community.

"Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights..." ^{NAU} James 1:17

God Bless All of You!
Sam Lapore, Jan Richards, and Al Walter

These are the call-out times during one recent period of several days:

Monday: 11:14am 4:34pm
Wednesday: 12:11pm 2:13pm
Friday: 1:39am 5:18pm 7:03pm
Saturday: 11:03am
Sunday: 4:13am
Monday: 4:13am 5:28pm
Wednesday: 4:57am 4:38pm

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