

“Building a Partnership” Police Chaplain Program

Lexington Police Department

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Law enforcement chaplains may do some or all of the following:

- Provide on-call availability for crisis intervention.
- Counsel law enforcement officers, their families and other members of the department.
- Attend shift briefings, do ride-a-longs and/or just be out and around LPD officers.
- Visit sick or injured officers and departmental personnel in homes and hospitals.
- Make death notifications.
- Provide assistance to victims.
- Serve as part of a department's Crisis Response Team.
- Serve as liaison with other clergy in the community.
- Teach officers in areas such as Stress Management, Ethics and Family Life
- Furnish expert responses to religious questions.
- Offer prayers at special occasions.
- Serve on boards and committees.

Resources

www.ipfca.org

www.icpc4cops.org

www.christianchaplains.org

“Chaplaincy differs from being a pastor in that it is primarily a ministry of presence. Our role as a chaplain is to serve, not preach. We are a witness to our faith by our doing, caring and loving. When an officer asks why we do what we do, then the door is open to share our faith.”

Dave DeRevere

Retired Executive Director

International Conference of Police Chaplains

Requirements

- An ecclesiastically certified person in good standing with two (2) years experience in ministry.
- Endorsed for Chaplaincy by a recognized endorsing agency or denomination.
- A specialized interest in law enforcement chaplaincy by training, experience or appointment.
- Able and willing to be carefully screened by local law enforcement authorities.
- Never been convicted of a criminal offense or offenses involving moral turpitude.
- Possess a valid driver's license.
- Available to serve on a 24-hour call basis, determined and governed by the head law enforcement chaplain and/or chief of police.
- Be able to manifest a broad base of experience and professional ministry, emotional stability and personal flexibility.
- Be tactful and considerate in approaching all people regardless of race, sex, creed or religion.
- Willing to become involved in training programs that enhance one's efficiency in meeting and dealing with people in crisis and should be familiar with community medical, psychiatric and other helping resources in the local area.