# **Emergency Chaplains**

EMERGENCY CHAPLAINS
911

**MAY 2022** 

#### **CHAPLAIN SPOTLIGHT-KATHY HARPER**

Kathy Harper joined Emergency Chaplains in March of 2020. She completed her training to become a Certified Public Safety Chaplain on January 18, 2021.

After her graduation from Elon University, Kathy spent most of her career in the banking and the finance industry. Now retired, she lives in Croasdaile Village in Durham where she serves as a resident chaplain. Please know, Kathy is not an "official" chaplain for her retirement community, she is simply living out her faith right where she lives.

When Kathy came to volunteer for Emergency Chaplains, we discovered that she was very compassionate and had a heart for taking Jesus to the hurting and the wounded in the world. Our training and certification gave Kathy an added level of confidence to actively engage her neighbors with the hope of the gospel.

Kathy intentionally seeks out people in crisis that live in her community. By getting involved with her neighbors, she finds those who are grieving, hurting, and lonely. She visits. She prays. She goes back...again and again...and she loves them in Jesus' Name.



#### **CHAPLAIN SPOTLIGHT-LENNY WATERS**



Lenny Waters joined Emergency Chaplains in July of 2020. He completed his training to become a Certified Public Safety Chaplain on February 15, 2021.

In 2011, after serving for 31 years, Lenny retired from Greenville (NC) Fire and Rescue. During his career, he served as a firefighter, paramedic, and retired at the rank of Captain. Because of his experience and seniority, he often assumed the role of acting Battalion Chief.

After his retirement, Lenny earned his ministry certificate through Southeastern FWB College in Wendell. For several years he has been an active supply pastor, evangelist, and music minister for churches. In 2019, Lenny became the Lead Pastor for Saints Delights OFWB Church.

When Lenny came to Emergency Chaplains, he was already serving as a chaplain for the Pitt County Fireman's Association. Through the PCFA, he has access to every firefighter and medic who works in Pitt County.

Since earning his certification, Lenny joined the volunteer chaplaincy team serving the North Carolina State Highway Patrol. He is assigned to Troop A, District 6 in New Bern, serving Craven and Pamlico Counties.



Save the Date

Annual Banquet

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### **CHAPLAIN FIELD REPORTS**

A CHAPLAIN REPORTS that he met with a first responder to discuss personal problems. The chaplain shared the gospel with the young man, and he responded by asking Jesus to save him! They are now meeting two times a week, on Sunday at church and on a weekday to study the Bible together.

**PEDIATRIC WORKING CODE** prompted chaplain response. 14 day-old child was pronounced dead at scene. Chaplain ministered to the parents and grandmother of the child while investigation was completed by law enforcement.

WE CELEBRATED OUR 9-1-1 COMMUNICATORS with the help of some great local restaurants. Chick-Fil-A (Roxboro Rd.) and Pizza Inn (Duke St.)

both helped provide meals for the folks at the Durham 9-1-1 Center. We delivered food four different times over two days and were able to show our appreciation for the hard work our communicators do to serve the community.

FIRST RESPONDERS WERE DISPATCHED to the home of a retired firefighter whose spouse was in cardiac arrest. Resuscitation efforts were stopped and patient pronounced dead. Responding chaplain was able to provide care for the family and other responders on scene for over two hours.

ONE CHAPLAIN RESPONDED to a construction site where a worker was found in cardiac arrest. EMS responded but resuscitation efforts were not successful. The deceased's family arrived and the chaplain was able to minister to and pray with them while officers conducted the death investigation.

**DURING A STATION VISIT**, a firefighter shared with the chaplain about some personal issues and some things concerning close friends and family. The chaplain was able to advise and encourage the firefighter as well as pray with them and give a few other helpful resources.

**RESUSCITATION EFFORTS** were in progress for 30 minutes before patient was pronounced dead on scene. Chaplain responded to help minister to the family who was from Nigeria. The chaplain made calls to assist the family in getting their loved ones body back to Nigeria for burial. Chaplain was able to pray with family before leaving the scene.

**MULTIPLE CHAPLAINS RESPONDED** to a house fire that resulted in a fatality. Chaplains ministered to family on scene while Fire Department, Fire Marshal, and Sheriff's Office conducted their investigation.

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