Emergency Chaplains



JULY 2022

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CHAPLAIN FIELD REPORTS

At approximately 3:00am, a call was received for chaplain assistance where an infant was in cardiac arrest. Two chaplains responded to the hospital to meet the crews and family. Child was pronounced dead at the hospital. Chaplains ministered to the family and first responders for 5 hours. Follow up debriefings for responders are being provided.

After receiving news of a death in her family, a woman began experiencing respiratory distress and called 9-1-1. EMS determined that she did not need to go to the hospital, and they offered her a chaplain. Chaplain responded and simply provided a listening ear, prayer, and other resources.

A chaplain was called to the scene where an officer, from a different agency, had committed suicide. Care for the family was transferred to a family minister. The chaplain is following up with LEOs from the responding agency.

Two chaplains responded to an accident on the interstate that involved several vehicles. One teenager died during transport. A new chaplain, who was in field training, was summoned by EMS to ride in the ambulance to the hospital with another minor from the same vehicle. Both chaplains stayed at the hospital to assist with family arriving from out of town. Total time on call: 5 hours

GRIN Training (ICISF) in Garner, NC

Assisting Individuals in Crisis + Group Crisis Intervention Thursday-Saturday | September 15-17

If you are a chaplain, chaplain prospect, or a first responder, EChap can sponsor you to take this class at NO CHARGE!

Call Chaplain Ralph ASAP for details at (919) 280-8908

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CHAPLAIN SPOTLIGHT-DYLAN STONE

When Dylan Stone joined Emergency Chaplains as a volunteer six years ago, he was a college student looking for practical ministry experience. At the time, he was enrolled at The College at Southeastern preparing to be a missionary.

I assigned Dylan to the Crisis Response Team (CRT) in Durham. Hands down, the CRT...in Durham...is the best place for a young man to discover how to do ministry in the real world.

For Dylan's first training day, he was paired with Chaplain Scott Wilkos. That morning, they were called to a home where a middle-aged man had died in his sleep. The man's wife had tried to wake her husband that morning but found him unresponsive. The firefighters and medics did all they could, but their resuscitation efforts were not successful.

Since it was Dylan's first call, he was shadowing Scott. His primary job for the call was to observe and learn. But he was eager, ready to jump in, ready to 'be the chaplain'...just waiting for Scott to ask him to assist.

About two hours into the call, his big moment came. Scott whispered, "I need you to do something." Dylan's pulse quickened. His mind raced. "Yes sir!" he excitedly whispered back.

Scott reached into his pocket and pulled out a pair of latex gloves. Handing them to Dylan, he said, "the funeral home just arrived. Go help them take care of the body."

Dylan reminded me of this first call the other day. Sometimes 'complete shock' is the best teacher. I'm just glad that he didn't pass out from a standing position.

Over the past six years, Dylan has gone from volunteer, to part-time, to full-time with our



ministry, completed his BA in Global Studies, and graduated in 2020 from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary with a master's degree in Ministry Leadership. Plus, he married Morgan, undoubtedly the best thing that ever happened to him other than surrendering his life to Jesus.

Dylan has become an effective chaplain, leader, and trainer since joining our team, and he recently announced that chaplaincy...and Durham...is clearly the mission field God has called him to serve!

Although Dylan is already working full-time hours in our ministry, we have never been able to pay him more than part-time wages. I'm praying that you can help us change that. We need to raise the funds to cover a full salary for him. Remember, we do not receive funds from the agencies we serve. It is only through the generosity of God's people that the ministry of Emergency Chaplains exists.

All I want to ask you to do right now is check "Join Team Dylan" on the enclosed card and mail back to us in the envelope provided. We will mail you a magnet prayer card and Dylan will be in contact with you about partnering with him. Maybe you could have him come to your church, small group, or other gathering to share his passion. Please pray for him and help as you are led.

Chaplain Ralph

Check out **EChap.org/Dylan** for more info on Team Dylan