

"TURNING THOSE IN CRISIS TOWARD CHRIST"

Emergency Chaplains

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TRAIN WITH THE CHAPLAINS!

It's an exciting moment when all your hard work pays off and you open the envelope containing your Public Safety Chaplaincy Certification! Chaplain K. J. Ellington (left) recently completed his certification and is now serving the NC State Highway Patrol, Troop A-1 in Dare County.

K.J. is a North Carolina native who spent 14 years planting and growing Jordan Community Bible Church in Jordan, Montana. Last year, he and his wife, Sharon, and two boys moved to Avon, NC. They are planting a new church on the NC Outer Banks, and chaplaincy provides a natural platform for building relationships on the island. Welcome to the team, K.J! If you are interested in knowing more about our training or our certification, give us a call today.

Chaplain Ralph recently spent the day with a newly formed group of chaplains in Warren County. This group (pictured right) participated in our on-site training workshop, "Basics for Public Safety Chaplains."

This one-day workshop was specifically tailored for the Warren County group as they are forming a Crisis Response Team that will support all public safety agencies in the county. Topics for the workshop included: Expectations of Every Chaplain, Basic Operations, Basic Crisis Response, and Death Notification.

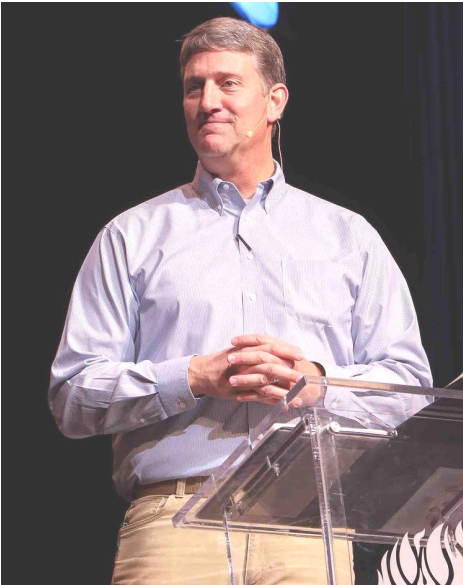


Chaplain Ralph and Chaplain Scott Wilkos (left) traveled to Winston-Salem on July 20th to lead two classes at the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Summer Conference held at the Benton Convention Center. CTE high school teachers from across North Carolina take part in this annual conference. Scott led a class on Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) titled, "Preparing to Survive the Storm." Chaplain Ralph taught a class on death and dying called, "He Can't Be Dead, He Was Talking to Me a Minute Ago."

One focus for CTE in NC Public Schools is to prepare high school students for a career in healthcare. It is an honor for Emergency Chaplains to be a part of this effort. Encourage the kids that you know to investigate CTE in their area and prepare for a career in EMS or nursing. It is a noble and rewarding call to answer....and we desperately need them!

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Jonathan Lotz (left) will be the keynote speaker for the 2023 Call to Care Banquet on Thursday evening, November 2nd. Save the date and plan to attend. Tickets will go on sale September 30th.

In our last newsletter, we told you about Chaplain Jerry McFadyen and our fundraiser to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for his use in Yadkin County. Thanks to your generosity, we are about halfway to our goal. There's still time if you would like to be a part! To donate online, go to **EChap.org/AED**. If you prefer to send a check, be sure and note "AED" on the memo line.

EChap will offer our Core Training as a fall semester class starting on August 30th. If you've been thinking about our training and need a little encouragement and mentoring...along with a schedule to keep you on track...this option is for you. Go to **EChap.org/training** to read more about the training and to sign up.

CHAPLAIN FIELD REPORTS

One Chaplain responded to a call where a couple had overdosed. One was pronounced dead on scene; the other was transported to a local hospital. Chaplain stayed on scene for over 2 hours with the couple's teenage child until other family members arrived.

In June, Chaplains Ralph & Dylan traveled to Greenville, NC to meet with our team serving Pitt and Beaufort Counties. Chaplains Lenny Waters and Jimmy and Debbie Barber are serving multiple agencies, including the Pitt County Fireman's Association. They also had the opportunity to meet with the Beaufort County Sheriff to discuss beginning a Chaplaincy program for their department. Pray for us... big things are happening in Eastern NC!

Three Chaplains assisted on the scene of a pediatric cardiac arrest. Unfortunately, the child was pronounced dead on scene by medics. Two Chaplains were at the home with family and friends for over 3 hours while police and the medical examiner investigated. An additional Chaplain responded to the EMS station to check on crews that were first on scene.

Most every day, our on-call Chaplain will be dispatched to assist on crisis scenes. Sometimes, they get other divine appointments. Recently, a couple from Virginia wanted prayer...the husband was sick and dying from cancer. Their healthcare provider went to the internet and found our 24-hour crisis response number. They called, and our on-call Chaplain was able to counsel and pray for this couple by phone. They were grateful to have a chaplain who was only a phone call away!

Chaplains Ralph & Scott taught Death Notification to new officers in the Durham Police Academy, plus they presented a program on officer resilience and how Chaplains can help them throughout their careers. This time is also vital for our Chaplains to meet new officers and begin building relationships with them before they hit the streets. Pray for these 8 new recruits joining DPD!

Chaplain Ralph recently taught our Death Notification course to Durham's H.E.A.R.T. program. H.E.A.R.T is part of the Durham Community Safety Department and seeks to provide resources for community members during non-violent mental health events.

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Join the EChap Prayer Team. Pray for our First Responders, Public Safety Agencies, and our Chaplains.

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Prayerfully consider becoming a chaplain.

The need is growing.

We can provide the training.

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