

"TURNING THOSE IN CRISIS TOWARD CHRIST"

Emergency Chaplains

AUGUST 2022



14TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET | SUNDAY EVENING-OCTOBER 23, 2022



Karen Dean presented the first Brantley Pearce Memorial Awards in 2012. Receiving the chaplaincy award was EChap founding Board Member Mike Smith (L). Steve Kincaid of Durham EMS received the First Responder award.

BRANTLEY PEARCE MEMORIAL AWARD ESTABLISHED 2012

Brantley Pearce and his friend, Miles Moorman, died in a motor vehicle accident on Aug 28, 2010 while on a weekend trip to the NC coast.

The love, care, dedication, and compassion of the first responders who answered the call that night made a profound impact on Karen Dean, Brantley's mother. At the same time, the lack of chaplaincy care on the scene, for the families gathered at two different hospitals, and for the responders after the call made an even greater impact on Karen.

As a way to honor Brantley's life, Karen established the Brantley Pearce Memorial Award in 2012 to show appreciation to first responders and chaplains who answer the calls and faithfully care for folks during difficult times.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the award. It continues to be a fitting tribute to Brantley's life by increasing awareness of the tremendous importance of dedicated first responders and chaplains, while raising funds to sustain the ministry of Emergency Chaplains.

Our world desperately needs more men and women to serve as both first responders and chaplains. Take time to pray today for the safety of those who currently serve and for a multitude of others to heed the call to join our ranks.

Call to Care Banquet

Sunday Evening | October 23rd
Get your tickets today.....don't delay!

Stay on Mission

Love God | Love People | Serve Both

Meal catered by:
Home Plate Restaurant

Tickets \$15 per person

Go to **EChap.org**
or use the enclosed card
to reserve your place at the table

Interested in volunteering at the banquet?
Do it! Go to EChap.org

GRIN Training (ICISF)

3 day, in person training class 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
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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

The past 30 days have been extremely busy for us on all fronts. In the office, Melinda is monitoring reports from our field chaplains while Kathy is developing our curriculum for online delivery and classroom training. John handles our donations and bank deposits. Between running calls, teaching and speaking opportunities, managing the crisis teams, and planning for the banquet, Dylan and I have signed up five new chaplains. There's going to be a lot of field training going on in the 4th quarter this year!



Chaplains Bill Oakley, Jim Barr, Don Sharp, Josh Taylor, Bill McGrath, and Dylan Stone with MADD Director Ollie Jeffers at Person County National Night Out

We received a call from the RDU Airport Police for chaplain assistance following the tragic death of Charles Crooks. He was the 23-year-old co-pilot that, according to the NTSB, either jumped or fell from an airplane that was making an emergency landing at RDU. The victim's parents, who lived in another state, came to the Triangle and went to the RDU Police looking for some answers the day after the incident. Understanding the tremendous grief they had to be experiencing, Chief Myers had his staff contact us for a chaplain response. Chaplain Scott Wilkos took the call and provided the comfort of Christ at a time when the family needed it the most. The staff at RDU could not thank us enough for helping them through this most difficult situation.



Chaplains Ralph Thompson, Brandon Lindsey, and Dylan Stone represented EChap and taught "Basics of Fire Chaplaincy" in Raleigh at the South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo (SAFRE).

Speaking of Chaplain Scott Wilkos, he is now providing field training for one of our new chaplains...his wife, Ann. Her first 3 calls were unprecedented. She sat in the ER at Duke with a mother as she held her baby that had just died. In a driving rainstorm, she found herself comforting a 10-year-old in the back of an ambulance. On a trip to the grocery store, she and Scott were made aware of a cardiac arrest call nearby. Upon arrival, Scott took over CPR from a bystander. As the first EMS unit arrived, Scott handed Ann his trauma shears and instructed her to cut the patient's shirt off so they could quickly apply the defibrillator pads. By the time Fire and EMS transported the patient...he was conscious and breathing on his own!

Following the line of duty death of Wake County Deputy Ned Byrd, Chaplain Paul Shambaugh participated in an informal debriefing and brunch held for any deputies and officers in Wake County that wanted to attend.

In Harnett County, Chaplains Thompson, Shambaugh, and Stone conducted a training event for the Dunn Police Department Chaplains.

In Yancey County, there was a triple homicide and barricaded subject call that ended with the officers shooting and killing the suspect. Chaplain Johnny Hewett responded to be with his deputies immediately following the incident. The next day he helped with a debriefing for all who responded to the scene as well as the telecommunicators who were on duty in the 9-1-1 Center.



As part of their "Love Week", Elevation Church packed snack kits and homeless kits for EChap to distribute to the first responders that we serve.

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