

...BECAUSE EVERY CRISIS MATTERS...



# Emergency Chaplains

Durham, NC

JULY 2013

## CHAPLAINS NOW SERVING CARY FIRE DEPARTMENT

After more than a year of planning and recruiting, Emergency Chaplains began serving the Cary Fire Department this past May.

Cary FD employs 225 men and women who work together to serve the more than 141,000 citizens who live there. The firefighters cover more than 55 square miles that comprise the Town of Cary out of eight strategically located stations.

The department is led by Chief Allan Cain.

Four new chaplains have joined Emergency Chaplains to provide our services to the Town of Cary. They are:



### Greg Templin

Greg is the pastor of Ephesus Baptist Church in Raleigh. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and Southern Seminary in Louisville, KY. Greg is a native of Tennessee. He lives in Cary and is currently serving Stations 1 and 6.



### Matt Rice

Matt is the Connections and Teaching Pastor of Northwest Community Church in Cary. He is a graduate of Gardner-Webb University and Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest. Prior to serving at Northwest, he was the Lead Pastor of The Creek Church in Cary. Matt is currently serving Stations 7 and 8.



### Robert Chalnick

Robert is a member of Ephesus Church in Raleigh. He is a graduate of Long Island University, The New Seminary and Baruch College. He has previously served as a Fire Chaplain, Hospital Chaplain and Disaster Relief Chaplain prior to moving to North Carolina. Robert is currently serving Stations 2 and 3.



### Todd Cole

Todd is the Youth Pastor of Cary First Baptist Church. He is a graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary. Prior to moving to Cary in 2006, Todd served churches in Mississippi and Georgia. Todd is currently serving Stations 4 and 5.

These volunteer chaplains have been working since late 2012 to prepare for their service to the men and women of the Cary Fire Department. We are excited to have them on board to serve with us. Welcome to the team!



CARY'S NEWEST FIRE STATION (# 8)

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**2013 HOMETOWN HEROES BANQUET**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2013**  
**6:00pm**

Family Life Center @ Grey Stone Church  
2601 Hillsborough Road | Durham

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BANQUET

Table Hosts | Planning Team  
Decorating Team | Serving Team  
Sponsorship Coordinators

Contact Chaplain Ralph for more information  
about volunteering

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## OUR TEAM

### CHAPLAINS

Grant Bennett  
Richard Brown  
Danny Bryant  
Robert Chalnick  
Todd Cole  
Ricardo Correa  
Jeff DeGrow  
James Dodson  
Andre Gilliard  
Johnny Hewett  
Mike Jobe  
Steve Jordan  
Chris O'Guin  
Keith Kimball  
Matt Rice  
Don Sharp  
Gerg Templin  
Joe Thomas  
Mike White  
Phil Wiggins

### CHAPLAIN INTERNS

Ebenezer Addae  
Craig Alexander  
Art Klose  
Bill Oakley  
Floyd Pearce  
Harold Rigsbee

### COUNSELOR

Carter Thompson

### COUNSELOR/INTERPRETER

Pedro Valladares

### PHOTOGRAPHER

Russell Hill

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ralph Thompson

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Michael Perra  
Mike McCown  
Jay Veasey  
Kimberle Walker

## AGENCIES WE SERVE

BETHESDA FIRE DEPT.  
CARRBORO POLICE DEPT.  
CARRBORO FIRE DEPT.  
CARY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
DURHAM COUNTY EMS  
DURHAM COUNTY SHERIFF  
DURHAM 911 CENTER  
DURHAM POLICE DEPT.  
FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF  
KANNAPOLIS FIRE DEPT.  
LEBANON FIRE DEPT.  
NC HIGHWAY PATROL  
PERSON COUNTY EMS  
PERSON COUNTY 911 CENTER  
PROSPECT HILL FIRE DEPT.  
REDWOOD FIRE DEPT.  
ROXBORO POLICE DEPT.  
YOUNGVILLE FIRE DEPT.

## CONTACT US

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## PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Every crisis matters. That's what we believe at Emergency Chaplains and it's the driving force behind our ministry. Our heart is to meet people in crisis and take the comfort of Christ to them right where they are.



It takes a lot more than just a few chaplains to carry out the ministry before us. As a matter of fact, it takes a team of people dedicated to the cause. Not everyone is called to be a chaplain but everyone can be a part of the team that cares for our First Responders and comforts people who are often facing the most difficult day of their lives.

Our priority goals for 2013 are to start a **Grief Ministry Team** and to expand our **Crisis Response Team**. Starting these teams hinges on raising enough support to cover our office costs and to add a couple of part time employees.

A good part of our office costs have been taken care of through donated space that we will tell you about in our next newsletter. Continue to pray and consider giving to help us raise the needed support to start these important ministries in our community.

Also, we want you to consider how you can be a part of our team. Here are a few ideas of Partnership Opportunities that we have available:

### **PRAYER TEAM**

As a Prayer Team member you will be assigned a local First Responder who has asked to be prayed for. Your assignment will be to pray for your First Responder, by name, on a daily basis. We will also give you a mailing address where you can send notes of encouragement, birthday cards, holiday wishes, etc...

### **OFFICE VOLUNTEER**

Some examples of assistance that we will need:

- writing newsletters, brochures, training materials
- general office help (errands, stuffing envelopes, making phone calls)
- administrative support for our Chaplains, Crisis and Grief Teams.

### **CHAPLAIN**

We will always have a need for experienced Chaplains and Pastors to join our ranks. At the same time, we are also willing to train those who believe that the Lord has called them to serve as a Public Safety Chaplain.

### **CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM**

This team will respond to assist citizens at the time of crisis. The majority of calls for service will be to assist family and loved ones on the scene of a sudden, unexpected death. Our desire is to respond, 24/7, to every death call in the county. Volunteers will respond in pairs. Dozens of volunteers are needed. Training will be provided.

### **GRIEF MINISTRY TEAM**

This team will provide continuing care for family and loved ones that our Crisis Response Team helps. Some of the duties will be: Help with funeral, follow up visits, writing cards and letters, grief counseling and support groups. In addition to servicing the loved ones that our CRT has worked with, this team will also search local obituaries and public records in order to contact others who are experiencing grief. Dozens of volunteers will be needed for this team and training will be provided. Volunteers may take part in one or more duties within this ministry.



### **MONTHLY COMFORTER**

Monthly financial support of the ministry will help assure that we have the ongoing resources to "take the presence of Christ to those in crisis".

### **BANQUET VOLUNTEER**

Help is needed to make our 2013 Hometown Heroes Banquet a success. (see page 1 of this newsletter for details).

**You can contact Chaplain Ralph to find out more about partnering with us. Call him at 919.290-8908 or e-mail him at Ralph@echap.org**