



...TURNING THOSE IN CRISIS TOWARD CHRIST...

Emergency Chaplains



SEPTEMBER 2016

HOMETOWN HEROES BANQUET TO BE HELD SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th
YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND—SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS



2015 Award Winners

*Front row (L to R): Len Needham, Jose Lopez, Sr., Christina Fountain, Jessica Butler, Valentene Blackwell
Back: Karen Pearce, Johnny Hewett, John Kennedy, Lukas Strout, Mark Weaver, Ralph Thompson, David Earp, Chris Vermillion, Glen Price*

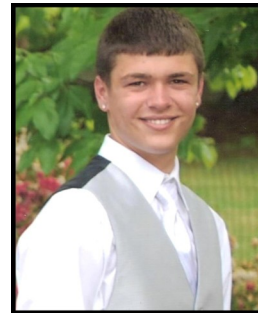
In appreciation of our local Public Safety personnel, Emergency Chaplains hosts a **“Hometown Heroes” banquet** each year to honor first responders who have gone above and beyond the call of duty.

We also pay tribute to Brantley Pearce who died in an automobile accident six years ago. Brantley’s family sponsors the Brantley Pearce Memorial Awards at the banquet because they know first-hand the kind of help that is needed during a time of great loss. **You can honor local First Responders by becoming a Banquet Sponsor and/or a monthly comforter of Emergency Chaplains.**

We rely completely on individuals, churches and businesses for the funding of our banquet and for the operation of our ministry. By becoming a sponsor of our 2016 Hometown Heroes Banquet you will be helping us provide this annual event to honor all First Responders. The banquet serves as an encouragement for our First Responders and brings recognition to several individuals for their exceptional service to the community.

Please consider partnering with us to provide the annual Hometown Heroes Banquet. You will find sponsorship information on the enclosed response form. You can return the form with your check in the provided envelope.

If you prefer to donate online, go to our website (www.EChap.org) and click **“Donate”**. Be sure and list **“Banquet”** as the purpose of your donation. Any additional funds raised through sponsorships goes toward the operational budget of Emergency Chaplains.



In Memory of
Brantley Pearce
1992-2010

BANQUET VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will need help with greeting, registration, security and some light set up and clean up. Dinner and a seat at the banquet will be provided for all volunteers.

If you would like to serve at the banquet, please contact:

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WELCOME NEW CHAPLAINS!



Philip Sheridan

Emergency Chaplains is pleased to announce the addition of two new members now serving on our Crisis Response Team in Durham.

Philip Sheridan is employed by Novozymes in Franklinton, NC. He is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke University where he earned an MA in Public Policy. Phil also serves as a volunteer chaplain for Duke Regional Hospital and with NC Baptist Men Disaster Relief. He is a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church where he serves as a teacher and is active in missions and outreach. Phil is married to Priscilla and they make their home in Hillsborough.



Scott Wilkos

Scott Wilkos is a retired Firefighter/EMT for the City of Middleton, Connecticut Fire Department and now works as a Senior Software

Developer for Concrete Data, LLC in Durham. Scott has been preparing for his work as a chaplain by taking classes through Emergency Services Chaplains Online Training. He is also a member of the Triangle J CISM Team. Training that Scott has received includes: Line of Duty Death training through the North Carolina State Response System and also CISM: Individual and Group Crisis Intervention through the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation . Scott is married to Ann. They make their home in Durham and they are members of Braggtown Baptist Church.

For more information about serving as a volunteer with Emergency Chaplains contact:

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UNITED WAY

We are pleased to announce again this year that you can designate a pledge to Emergency Chaplains through the United Way of the Greater Triangle. Just write in **“Emergency Chaplains/Durham”** on your pledge sheet.

Our United Way code is 60000731.

CITY OF DURHAM SEVEN STARS CAMPAIGN

Employees of the City of Durham can designate Emergency Chaplains to receive their donations through payroll deduction. We are listed on the 7-Stars approved charities form coming out in September. Look for us!

CHAPLAIN FIELD REPORTS

Following are some highlights from August field reports. Names have been omitted because of the confidentiality of our work.

***At the request of law enforcement on scene, Chaplain Oakley responded to minister to the driver of a vehicle who was involved in an accident where a pedestrian was struck and killed. The chaplain stayed with the driver on scene while the accident was investigated. Due to the damage to his vehicle the driver needed a ride home and Chaplain Oakley provided. Although the driver accepted the chaplain’s kindness and assistance, he refused his offer for prayer, claiming to be agnostic.*

***Chaplain Correa responded to the scene of a 3 year old child found in the family’s van, unresponsive. Upon their arrival, EMS took the child into the ambulance but she was pronounced dead on the scene. Chaplain Correa and his wife remained on scene for the next 3 hours while the Police Department conducted their investigation. They returned the next day to help the family make decisions in choosing a funeral home and planning a memorial service.*

***Chaplains Hewett, Sharp and Thompson travelled to Roxboro, NC to meet with a group of pastors about forming a Crisis Response Team (CRT) to serve Person County. There were also representatives there from Person EMS, Timberlake Fire, Person 9-1-1, and Roxboro PD. The meeting went well. There is a significant interest in starting a CRT from both the agencies and local pastors. Recruiting efforts are underway with the hope of starting a team by January, 2017.*

***Chaplain Wilkos travelled to Orange County to assist with a Critical Incident Stress Debriefing for Fire and EMS. Units had responded to a head-on collision that involved the fatality of a young woman who was closely associated with one of the local departments.*