



Sierra Law Enforcement Chaplaincy

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COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR STEVE WRIGHT

The Sierra Law Enforcement Chaplaincy exists to minister to public safety professionals and citizens in their times of crisis. Our chaplains are trained to provide emotional and spiritual support, but that support is time-sensitive. The sooner a chaplain is deployed, the sooner the chaos can begin to stabilize and the people involved can make steps toward hope and healing. Bringing that assistance more quickly is why we try to recruit chaplains who live in the communities they serve.

Recently, we found that the majority of our chaplains live in El Dorado County, so we have been looking to find chaplains who live in the Folsom area, and we have some great news. We just finished the initial training of three chaplains and interviewed two others who live in and will serve in Folsom. I can't wait to introduce these new chaplains to you, but they are awaiting their uniforms and background checks before they are officially part of the Sierra Law Enforcement Chaplaincy. From all of us at the Sierra Law Enforcement Chaplaincy to each and every one of you, we would like to say thank you. Without your support and your prayers for this ministry, appointing these new chaplains would not be possible.

On December 8th, 2017, from 7:30-9:30 at Faith Episcopal Church in Cameron Park, Portland, Oregon's virtuoso acoustic guitar trio — Acoustic Guitar Summit — will be playing a Christmas concert that is sure to be a highlight of your Christmas season. This concert will also help you support the Sierra Law Enforcement Chaplaincy as some of the proceeds will go directly to us. Please get your tickets today at:

www.sierrachaplaincy.com/acoustic-guitar-summit

COMMENTS FROM CHAPLAIN TIM

Our second annual golf tournament was another successful event! It is really validating to have so many people from our community come out to support this ministry because they value the support the chaplaincy provides to the community. Many voiced their thanks for the chaplains who have been there to minister and serve the needs of the members of the community in times of crisis and emergency.

This past month I was able to take a week off and go to Oregon to visit my god-daughter and her husband and their two wonderful children. It has been years since I have had a longer vacation, and I found it really hard to step back, relax, and enjoy my time with the family in Oregon. I think that is a warning sign, or as the cops would say, "that is a clue," that I need to slow down. I continue my duties at Marshall Hospital, and we are working with the hospital in renewing our arrangement to provide chaplaincy and spiritual services to the staff and patients at the hospital. I don't talk much about the demands at the hospital partly because we are bound to strict confidentiality through HIPPA laws regarding health information protection (Health Information Portability and Accountability Act of 1996).



This is the time of year we all need to stop and give thanks to our Lord for His goodness and provisions for us. In Psalms 9, King David put it very well: *"I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart; I will tell of all Your wonders."*