



Sierra Law Enforcement Chaplaincy

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Volunteer Reserve Chaplain of the Month

“God called me to serve Him almost four years ago after listening to a CD by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Tim Thompson, U.S. Army. I knew I would be able to respond to God’s will due to my life experiences because my father, husband, brothers and sons are or were retired police officers. I love serving with Sierra Law Enforcement bringing comfort, understanding and information to those who are in need.”

Comments from the Executive Director... A commander from the Sheriff’s Office called Chaplain Robin Drummond because an employee’s boyfriend had been killed on his motorcycle. The commander said, “I wanted to call you because we always call Tim, and he needs a break.” What that commander didn’t know is that Chaplain Robin had lost a dear sibling due to a motorcycle accident just a few months before. God tells us in II Corinthians, Chapter 1, that He comforts us in our distress so that we will be able to comfort others in their distress, and that certainly was true in this situation. I believe the Spirit of God directed this commander to call Chaplain Robin (unknowingly to her) because she was the very best person who could respond to that employee. When Chaplain Robin arrived at the woman’s home and was invited in, there were 30 people in the living room grieving. She wisely took the deceased’s fiancé to a room where they could talk privately before offering help to the others.



Chaplain Robin and her Officer Son Ryan

I received a call from the Deputy Coroner and a local pastor asking for chaplain support to help a family whose mother committed suicide. The Chaplaincy also received a call from the decedent’s daughter who is a nurse. The youngest child had found her mother and was traumatized. We helped the two daughters understand how trauma can affect a family, especially the trauma of a parent’s suicide. It was obvious that the daughter who



found her mother was much more impacted than the other daughter. There is no body armor or flak jacket for the senses which are the “portals” to our soul. People who witness a gruesome scene are profoundly impacted; their experience is a trauma to their soul, the very core of their being, that they will live with for a long time. We all know what to do if someone has a trauma fracture to their leg — you put it in a splint — but what do you do for a trauma to the soul? Jesus’ last speech to His disciples in the upper room addressed this very issue. He said, “In the world you are going to have trouble and tribulation; that is why I am going to send the ‘Comforter.’” The powerful Spirit of God is called the “Comforter.” The original biblical Greek word for comforter is “*parakaleo*” which is made up of two words – “para” meaning alongside and “kaleo” or called. The Comforter is called alongside to walk with the hurting, grieving, and broken in spirit to minister and to heal. We continue to follow up with this family and help them work through the emotional complexity of this type of trauma, with its guilt and the tendency to blame oneself—responses that are often part of the suicide of a loved one. Many survivors of suicide think that somehow they should have seen the signs and prevented such an event. Our hearts go out to this family in pain.

Chaplain Tim

PLEASE PRAY WITH ME FOR...

Statistics for September, 2015

Emergency call outs	5
Ride-alongs	4
Briefings attended	15
Counseling	18
Weddings	2
Funeral/Memorials	4
Hospital visits	15

- ◇ The children whose mother suicided
- ◇ A police officer whose mother died suddenly
- ◇ A family whose loved one died in a motorcycle accident
- ◇ A peace officer on light duty because of cardiac issues
- ◇ One of our Chaplains in the hospital
- ◇ Another officer with bulging discs in his back
- ◇ An officer that had stents placed in his heart
- ◇ Me for emotional and spiritual strength to carry on