

# Duties of a Chaplain

Emergency personnel request the help of a chaplain in situations involving spiritual or emotional problems rather than problems involving criminal violations. Chaplains are called to incidents where they may provide assistance in the following scenarios:

- Assist in death notifications for individuals who have lost a family member
- Family disturbances
- Lonely and despondent persons
- Alcohol and drug abuse problems
- Suicide attempts
- Spiritual assistance to crime victims, injured persons and family

- The chaplain offers spiritual guidance and assistance to people in crisis situations. If those who receive assistance ask for further help, the chaplain will coordinate such follow-up guidance as is necessary.
- A chaplain serves as liaison with community clergy.
- The chaplain provides guidance for police officers, firefighters, and their families if requested.
- A chaplain is a resource to the officers, firefighters, and citizens through a “servant ministry” of presence, spiritual guidance, and comfort in times of crisis. This includes putting people in contact with the appropriate agencies to help them.



*All information shared with the Chaplain is privileged and confidential information.*



## Organization and Purpose

The St. Louis Park Police Department's Chaplaincy Program started in 2005 with an idea from a police dispatcher.

The model for the chaplaincy program came from numerous metro area departments, and in 2010 expanded to the fire department.

The chaplains volunteer their time and are available as professional, non-denominational resources for emergency personnel. They also serve as a resource to the city and community when first responders request their assistance at crisis situations.

Currently the St. Louis Park Chaplaincy has 7 Chaplains and 2 liaison officers.

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*The chaplain has become an increasingly important member of the emergency personnel community. In times of crisis or high stress it usually falls to the chaplain to pick up the emotional pieces. They are volunteers that serve the community through the police department and fire department on a variety of incidents.*

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