

"Turning Those in Crisis Towards Christ"



Emergency Chaplains

MAY/JUNE 2019

WHAT'S HAPPENING Executive Director's Ministry Report



A big **THANK YOU** shout out to **Harold Rigsbee** and **Eldon Pearce**. Both men recently retired from serving with our **Durham Crisis Response Team**. We don't actually let anyone retire from membership. Both men continue to serve Emergency Chaplains as Ambassadors, working to recruit new chaplains and ministry partners. Gentlemen, thank you for your service!

Emergency Chaplains is partnering with **The Summit Church** and taking part in **ServeRDU** this August. Our chaplains, along with Summit members, will be reaching out to our local law enforcement officers during the week and taking part in prayer walks to pray for our city.

One additional chaplain is needed to serve **Cary Fire Department**. Currently, we have four chaplains serving in Cary, but the town is growing and adding new fire stations. Candidates for service must be ordained or willing to work toward Chaplain Certification through EChap.

With retirements and reassignments, we currently have five vacancies on our **Durham Crisis Response Team** and could use your help in filling those. Last year, our Durham CRT answered over 400 calls for service and we are on track to respond to even more calls in 2019. We especially need additional help Monday-Friday on day shift, but we also need some additional help with nights and weekends. Do you know anyone interested in serving? What about you?

The **EChap Certification Project** is a little behind but still on track to be implemented late this summer. Once completed, our certification process will not only offer more quality training than any other nationally recognized program, it will be the most affordable and most accessible. Stay tuned for more details.

We had planned the first annual **Emergency Chaplains' 5K Run/Fundraiser** for late August but we are having to reschedule due to circumstances beyond our control. Right now we are working on plans to have the 5K Run in November. Our annual banquet, traditionally held in the fall, is now planned for the Spring of 2020.

Emergency Chaplains is partnering with the **Yates Baptist Association** to provide **"Gospel Conversations Training"** for our chaplains and anyone else who would like to take part. The next class is scheduled for Saturday, June 8 from 9-12 at **Mt Hermon Baptist Church**, 4511 Old NC 10, Durham, NC 27705. There is no cost to attend. Let Chaplain Kim know if you are interested.

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Chaplain Spotlight

Bruce Beck serves as Pastor of West Oxford Baptist Church in Oxford and recently joined Emergency Chaplains where he will be working to build a stronger chaplaincy presence in Granville County.

Bruce is currently serving Oxford Fire Department and working to develop a Crisis Response Ministry for the City of Oxford. Once established, new opportunities for chaplaincy service will become available on a countywide basis.

Prior to moving to Oxford, Bruce served churches in Henderson and Salisbury and has been actively involved in chaplaincy since 2002. He is a graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary where he earned his MDiv and DMin in Counseling. Bruce is married to Amy and they live in Oxford with their three children.



Rick Freeman enrolled in Emergency Chaplains' Basic Training School in early 2018 to gain a better understanding of the ministry. He completed the course and has decided to continue through our training regiment in order to become a Certified Chaplain by the end of 2019.

In the meantime, Rick will be working to develop additional chaplaincy opportunities in Rockingham County, Reidsville, Eden, Wentworth and other surrounding municipalities.

Rick is a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill with a BA in Radio/TV/Motion Picture and founder/owner of Carolina Voice Overs, based in Reidsville. He is active in ministry with Cross Culture Church in Raleigh, a member of Gideon's International and volunteers in local and overseas missions as often as his schedule will allow.

Chaplain Field Reports

Durham CRT Chaplains responded to a reported drowning where friends had been swimming in a river. CPR was in progress upon arrival but the patient was resuscitated and taken to the hospital. Chaplains transported the friends to the Emergency Room and ministered to them until other support arrived.

Four Chaplains attended the May 10th Peace Officers Memorial Service in Durham and participated in a 'Blessing of the Badges' for all LEOs present.

A Chaplain reported that a First Responder made an appointment to talk about relationship issues. The gospel was presented and the First Responder surrendered to the Lord for salvation. Weekly disciple meetings are taking place.

Chaplain Scott Wilkos and his wife, Ann, opened their home on Memorial Day and provided food for First Responders on duty. About 40 LEOs, FFs, Medics and Communicators were served.

Chaplains were on hand immediately following the gas explosion in downtown Durham on April 10 and following days to help with individual and group debriefings.

Chaplains responded to a call for service in the aftermath of a suicide. One chaplain ministered to family while another chaplain ministered to LEOs who witnessed the subject shoot himself.

Chaplain Kim Wilkinson helped put together a training event for LEOs, FFs and Medics that focused on providing emergency medical care for K9s.

Person County Chaplains provided a 'Blessing of the Hands' for nurses at Person Memorial Hospital during National Nurses Week.

During a Law Enforcement ride along, a chaplain helped diffuse a domestic event between parents and a teenager.