

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



Emergency Chaplains

Durham, NC

SEPTEMBER 2015

Help Us Honor Our First Responders!



Brantley Pearce
1992-2010

2015 HOMETOWN HEROES BANQUET COMING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

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.



2014 Brantley Pearce Memorial Award winners
with Brantley's mother, Karen Pearce
L-R: Mike Jobe (Durham Co Sheriff), Brandon Pittman (Durham Co EMS)
Karen Pearce, Jim Fox (Durham Co Sheriff)

We also pay tribute to Brantley Pearce who died in an automobile accident five 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.**

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:

**Chris Thomas (336) 263-1670 or
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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 2015 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 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.

Emergency Chaplains 2015 Goals

- Fully fund our 2015 budget of \$130,000.
- Continue recruiting and training Biblically sound volunteers to serve across the state of North Carolina.
- Crisis Response Team: Add 8 new members to the team in Durham. Begin pilot program by starting this ministry in 2 additional counties.
- Grief Ministry Team: Start this new ministry in Durham County to provide ongoing support to those who are grieving the death of a loved one.
- Our projected budget for FY 2015 calls for one full-time Executive Director, one part-time Assistant Director and one part-time Office Manager.
- Partner with 200 additional Monthly Comforters who give \$25 or more each month.

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.

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REMEMBERING THOSE WHO GAVE ALL

In a nine day period, between August 24 and September 1, four law enforcement officers across our country died as a result of being attacked while performing their duties. There is a rising tide of anti-police sentiment in the United States, particularly in our larger cities. We need to pray for our officers daily. They are constantly exposed to the evil in our world and yet stand bravely to protect us in the face of danger. As a reminder of that danger and as an encouragement to support our officers, please take time to read about these four who died recently:

September 1, 2015 | Lieutenant Joe Gliniewicz | Fox Lake (IL) Police Department

Lieutenant Joe Gliniewicz was shot and killed while investigating suspicious activity.

At approximately 8:00 am Lieutenant Gliniewicz radioed his dispatcher that he was stopping to investigate three suspicious males that he observed near Route 12 and Sayton Road, in Fox Lake. Shortly thereafter he radioed in a foot pursuit. When backup officers arrived they found Lieutenant Gliniewicz mortally wounded. The three subjects fled and remain at large.

Lieutenant Gliniewicz had served with the Fox Lake Police Department for 32 years and is a U.S. Army veteran. He is survived by his wife and four sons.



August 28, 2015 | Deputy Sheriff Darren Goforth | Harris County (TX) Sheriff's Office

Deputy Sheriff Darren Goforth was shot and killed from ambush while pumping gas into his patrol car at a commercial gas station at the intersection of West and Telge Roads, in Cypress.

Deputy Goforth was on patrol and had completed an assignment at the scene of a vehicle collision. He went to a local gas station to fuel his patrol car. As Deputy Goforth stood next to his patrol car filling it with fuel, a male subject walked up behind him and fired multiple shots. After Deputy Goforth fell to the ground, the subject shot him several more times before fleeing the scene in a pickup truck. The subject was apprehended the next day following a massive manhunt involving multiple law enforcement agencies from around the Harris County and Houston area. He was charged with capital murder.

Deputy Goforth had served with the Harris County Sheriff's Office for 10 years. He is survived by his wife and two children, ages 5 and 12.



August 26, 2015 | Officer Henry Nelson | Sunset (LA) Police Department

Police Officer Henry Nelson was shot and killed at approximately 3:00 pm while responding to a domestic disturbance call where three women had been stabbed by a male subject at a home on Anna Street in Sunset. When Officer Nelson arrived the subject opened fire and fatally wounded him.

The subject fled the scene and crashed his vehicle into a nearby gas station where he barricaded himself for several hours. He was apprehended after a SWAT team made entry into the gas station. Officer Nelson was airlifted to the hospital, where he succumbed to his wounds. One of the three stabbing victims also died.

Officer Nelson had served with the six-person Sunset Police Department for 13 years. He is survived by his daughter.



August 24, 2015 | Trooper Steven Vincent | Louisiana State Police

Senior Trooper Steven Vincent was shot and killed while checking on a vehicle that was being operated by a suspected intoxicated driver near the intersection of Highway 14 and Fruge Road, near Bell City.

Trooper Vincent was on patrol when he spotted a vehicle from a previous reckless driving report. The vehicle in question had driven off the road and was stuck in a ditch. Trooper Vincent approached the vehicle and began speaking with the occupant and then ordered him to exit the vehicle.

The male exited the vehicle with a sawed off shotgun in his hand and opened fire, striking Trooper Vincent in the head. The man then taunted Trooper Vincent as he lay on the ground mortally wounded.

A passing motorist witnessed the incident, stopped his vehicle and tackled the subject. He then wrestled the shotgun away from the man while additional civilians who stopped to assist, utilized Trooper Vincent's handcuffs to cuff and take the subject into custody. They then called for assistance and rendered aid to Trooper Vincent.

He was taken to Lake Charles Hospital where he died the next day from his wounds.

Trooper Vincent was a U.S. Army veteran. He had served with the Louisiana State Police for 13 years and had previously served with the Lake Charles Police Department for 11 years. He is survived by his wife and 9-year-old son.

