

"TURNING THOSE IN CRISIS TOWARD CHRIST"

Emergency Chaplains

APRIL 2020



2020 BANQUET RESCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 9



Our annual banquet, originally scheduled for April 26, has been rescheduled for Sunday, August 9th at 6:00PM. We will still meet in the Family Life Center at Grey Stone Church in Durham. Dinner will be provided by HomePlate Restaurant.

All tickets that were sold for the April date will be honored on the new date. There are some tickets still available and can be reserved at EChap.org/banquet or by calling our office at (919) 399-9468. Sponsorships are still being accepted.

On Saturday, July 25th, we are hosting our first ever **Ride with the Responders** at Raging Bull Harley-Davidson in Durham. We are working on the details now, but go



ahead and gas up your bike and snug up your helmets... more info coming soon!

Our Second Annual **Run for the Chaplains** is set for Saturday, November 14th. This time there will be a 5K and a 10K event. The run will follow the American Tobacco Trail with the start and finish at Hillside High School in Durham. You can register online today at EChap.org/run

CHAPLAIN'S FIELD REPORT—APRIL

- ⇒ Our Crisis Response Teams in Durham and Person Counties have been able to respond to every call that they have received for service. COVID-19 precautions are in place and our chaplains are staying as safe as possible. They are finding out that crisis and grief ministry are very difficult when you can't hug and hold people.
- ⇒ Chaplains that serve Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS agencies have suspended any ride alongs but continue to visit stations, many times with food and coffee supplies for the troops.
- ⇒ All Chaplains have been encouraged to maintain contact with the First Responders they serve through calls, text messages, emails and social media.
- ⇒ We are posting reminders on Facebook for First Responders to call their Chaplain if they need to talk.

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MESSAGE TO OUR FIRST RESPONDERS FROM THE CHAPLAINS

You usually call us to take care of citizens in crisis, but did you know that our primary task is to take care of you...our First Responders? It's written in our DNA and it's the reason that we serve side-by-side with you. If you need a listening ear about anything that you are struggling with, call us. The numbers below are our personal cell phones. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Ralph Thompson: (919) 280-8908
Dylan Stone: (919) 808-2056

Kim Wilkinson: (919) 943-1237
Carter Thompson: (919) 475-5396

9-1-1 WEEK



National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week is April 12-18, 2020. Your hardworking dispatchers and public safety telecommunicators serve as a vital link between your community and fire, medical, and law enforcement agencies.

Our communicators are working especially hard during this pandemic. If you would like to write a note of appreciation and encouragement, we will be collecting those all month...and we are making it easy for you to take part. Go to your computer right now and type out a note for you local 9-1-1 folks. Put **YOUR NAME** and **YOUR CITY** in the subject line and send your note to: **Kim@EChap.org**

Kim will take care of delivering your note to the communicators who serve you. Be an encourager today!

ONLINE CRISIS RESPONSE TRAINING FOR CHURCHES

Recent events have kindled a renewed passion in the hearts of many Christians for reaching out to others in crisis. Emergency Chaplains wants to help believers cultivate that passion by sharing some of our crisis ministry training and experience.

We have two online courses that we will be happy to present for your ministry group through an interactive Zoom video conference. The two courses are:

- ◆ **Intentional Neighboring (Pandemic Edition):** Follows the example of Jesus' earthly ministry. Designed to encourage the learner to intentionally seek out those in crisis like Jesus did. Matthew 9:35-38 is the central text for this teaching.
- ◆ **Basics of Community Chaplaincy:** Encourages the learner to stake out a territory and work there, building relationships. They are taught to do so with the hope of gaining permission to share the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ in a non-threatening manner.

The courses are taught live, followed by an open Q&A time. Teaching for each lasts about 40 minutes and is designed to be instructional, interactive and inspirational. Our hope is to excite believers to seize the mission that lies before them. Contact Chaplain Ralph Thompson at (919) 280-8908 for more information.