

"TURNING THOSE IN CRISIS TOWARD CHRIST"

# Emergency Chaplains

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## Remembering our Responders this Christmas Season

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### Nine months ago, our world changed.

Some of us started working from home, had to figure out childcare and home schooling, where to find the basic home cleaning and paper products (if any could be found) and where, when and how to wear our mask and gloves. We could not go out to eat, attend large gatherings or even go to the movies. We adjusted and what was unusual and inconvenient became our new normal.

Would you take a moment with me and think about the changes our First Responders faced and continue to face every day? In the early stages of the pandemic, getting the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was an issue while learning new and ever-changing protocols. They had to consider how to keep their families safe when they returned home from their shift.

As time marched on, staffing became an issue as many First Responders decided to move to other careers. So now, many Agencies face staffing shortages. Some also face hostile responses from the public that has only gotten more volatile this year. This has been a difficult year for our First Responders.

As this year closes, the new normal for our First Responders is exhaustion. They are tired. They need our help.



- Would you please consider joining our prayer team? We pray every month for our First Responders, the Public Safety Agencies they serve, and our Chaplains. Visit [EChap.org/pray](https://EChap.org/pray) if you are interested to find out more.
- Would you prayerfully consider becoming a Public Safety Chaplain? The need is only growing and we can provide the training. Visit [EChap.org/training](https://EChap.org/training) to learn more about becoming a Chaplain.
- Would you consider making an end of year donation to Emergency Chaplains to help us continue to be there for the First Responders and those they serve? To donate, visit [EChap.org/donate](https://EChap.org/donate)

Whatever you do this Christmas, please remember our First Responders in your prayers. Many will be serving our communities and missing precious time with their families to take care of us. Let's make sure we are there for them.

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## 2020 Emergency Chaplains Virtual 5K-10K

Congratulations to our runners who finished this year’s Virtual Run! Despite the ever-changing obstacles that 2020 brought, we saw several runners complete the run, and we had some amazing sponsors who helped make it happen!

### 2020 Race Sponsors



## A Special 'Thank You' to our Amazing Volunteers!

Have you noticed that you have received a newsletter from Emergency Chaplains each month in this crazy year? Normally, we would have a team of volunteers come to our office and help us prepare newsletters for mailing. But that hasn't happened in quite some time. Our volunteers have continued to bless us by picking up supplies from our office and preparing newsletters from home! We would like to thank our amazing volunteers who have given so much of their time to ensure we get newsletters out!

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