



Emergency Chaplains

Brantley Pearce Memorial Awards



Sergeant Richard Brown

Richard Brown and Kevin Wilson received the Brantley Pearce Memorial Awards on October 22nd during Emergency Chaplains "Called To Care" Banquet. Following a delicious Prime Rib dinner, both men took to the podium after receiving their awards to address the 260 who had gathered at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center. Richard and Kevin were chosen for dedicating their public safety careers to serving the Lord by serving people in crisis.

Sergeant Richard Brown received the Chaplain Award. He has served as a Chaplain with the Wake Forest Police Department since 1996 and joined the department as a sworn officer in 1999. In addition



Colonel Kevin Wilson

to providing chaplaincy for his department and the community, Sergeant Brown has served in most every role in the Uniformed Division and is currently in charge of the Support Services Division. A native of Hawaii, Richard is a graduate of Southeastern College at Wake Forest and active in the ministry of Richland Creek Community Church in Wake Forest.

Colonel Kevin Wilson received the First Responder Award. Kevin joined Durham EMS in 1976 as one of the original paramedics hired to serve the county. He retired last year after serving the people of Durham for more than 40 years. Although Kevin has officially retired, he continues to teach across the state of NC, while seeking to inspire medics to be passionate about taking care of hurting people. Kevin is a graduate of Campbell University and active in ministry at Grey Stone Church in Durham.

CHAPLAIN FIELD REPORTS

The Durham CRT has responded to 307 calls for service this year.

- **HEROIN/OPIOD EPIDEMIC:** In October, Chaplain 3 responded to five crisis calls. One call involved the homicide of a 33-year-old man in a parking lot at 1:15AM. For the next two hours, Chaplain 3 provided care for family members and friends of the deceased who were gathered at the scene. Three of the calls answered by Chaplain 3 in October were for deaths where opioids (either heroin or opiod pills) were involved. In most cases where opioids are involved, the death is considered unintentional.
- **DIVINE APPOINTMENTS:** While conducting a follow up visit with a patient in the hospital, Chaplain 10 was approached in the hallway by a woman who wanted him to come and visit her father. Chaplain 10 had the privilege of sharing the gospel with a terminal cancer patient who was unsure of his salvation. Later, Chaplain 10 saw the daughter again in the cafeteria who confessed to him that God could never forgive her because she continued to "shack up" and she was "beyond hope." Chaplain 10 was able to share the truth of the gospel with her. In this case, the family was from out of town and had been discharged home when Chaplain 10 followed up. Many people would consider the opportunity to share the gospel with a family this way as "chance". We believe they are "divine appointments" arranged by the Lord. Please pray for the seeds of the gospel that were planted in this family during their crisis.

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