

"TURNING THOSE IN CRISIS TOWARD CHRIST"

# Emergency Chaplains

OCTOBER 2021



## OFFICER DOWN

Knightdale Police Officer Ryan Hayworth was killed when his patrol car was struck from behind by a suspected drunk driver on Sunday, October 17th at about 2:40am.

Officer Hayworth, along with his training officer, were at the scene of a single-vehicle crash on I-540, near mile marker 22, when their patrol car was struck by the other vehicle, which failed to move over or reduce its speed. Officer Hayworth suffered fatal injuries in the collision. His training officer, as well as the original accident victim and the suspected drunk driver, were seriously injured.

Officer Hayworth, 23, was a U.S. Army veteran and had served with the Knightdale Police Department for only three months.

First responders deal with emotional trauma every day, but a line of duty death (LODD) is the most traumatic of all. They especially need the care of trained chaplains who can help them through their pain.



*Officer Ryan Hayworth*

Chaplain William Lee, who lives in Knightdale, heard about the incident before the local news broke the story. Because of his training, he immediately began the process of making contact with the department. Later in the day Chaplains William Lee, Paula Lee, and Rodney Bunch met with officers and others who were directly affected by the tragedy. Their ministry continued into the week and will continue for months, maybe years to come.

Just a week before this incident happened, William and Paula completed two classes with us in Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM). We offer these classes to train chaplains with the basic tools needed to

assist first responders following a line of duty death. Because of their training, William and Paula were able to step into this crisis with confidence. Yes, they were nervous. No, they are not professionals...but, they were well trained and ready to fearlessly answer God's call to enter the valley of the shadow of death.

Please pray for the Hayworth family, members of the Knightdale Police Department, and our chaplains in the coming days. Pray for divine appointments and that many will turn to Christ in the midst of this crisis.



**2021 CISM TRAINING CLASS**

**Front Row, L-R:** Claude Thomas, Paul Shambaugh, Ken Shires, Maria Corchado, Kaye Duncan, Paula Lee **Back Row:** Jim Hendrix, William Lee, Josh Taylor, Ed Miller, Duane Calvin, Aaron Back (instructor)

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Core Training will give you the skills and the confidence you need to build caring relationships with the hope of gaining permission to share the life changing Good News of Jesus in a non-threatening manner.

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**Saturday, November 6, 2021**

## 5K RUN

*Invite your friends to come and run or walk with you on the American Tobacco Trail to support your chaplains!*

More info at [EChap.org/run](http://EChap.org/run)

*Free Seminar for Churches/Small Groups*

## Intentional Neighboring

*Responding to Everyday Crisis, Everyday*

Prepare those in your group to engage friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, acquaintances, and even strangers with the love and comfort of Christ in difficult times.

*We will provide this training event exclusively for your church or small group.*

Contact Chaplain Ralph for info: (919) 280-8908

## CHAPLAIN FIELD REPORTS

**CHAPLAIN REQUESTED TO ASSIST WITH FAMILY** while a patient was being resuscitated. Patient was transported to a local hospital where they were later pronounced dead. The Chaplain drove the patient's wife to the hospital, but also stayed with her for over six hours, ensuring she was cared for.

**A WOMAN CAME HOME TO FIND HER HUSBAND DECEASED.** Chaplain requested by Police to assist. Chaplain provided care and comfort for the family, and was able to pray with them before clearing the scene.

**TWO CHAPLAINS RESPONDED** to a call where two men had died in the same home. Drug overdose suspected. Chaplains ministered to approximately 50 family members over the course of several hours on scene, allowing Law Enforcement to focus on their investigation.

**AN OVERDOSE CALL PROMPTED A CHAPLAIN TO RESPOND.** An individual was in need of medical attention, and had a young child. Chaplain was able to help ensure the child was cared for by family and neighbors while the patient was transported to the hospital for evaluation.

**THE DEATH OF A FIRST RESPONDER** takes a toll on the entire Public Safety Community. Chaplain participated in a critical incident diffusing for First Responders following the sudden death of a Medic.

**SHOOTING LEAVES TWO MEN DEAD** along the interstate, mid-afternoon. Chaplains were requested to assist with distraught family as they arrived on scene. Five different Chaplains worked the scene over a six hour period, helping with crowd control and ministering to many through prayer and presence.