

## Emergency Services Ministry

Chaplain J. Paul Russell is a partner with CPPA. He can help members with personal problems, illness, death in the family, marriage, special services, family issues, spiritual issues and many other things. He is available to our members for assistance and help.

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### MISSION STATEMENT

- To provide an ongoing, accessible and effective ministry to the personnel of the Emergency Services that will meet the individual need and the corporate needs of the Departments.
- To provide techniques and tools for personnel that will help them deal with or offset the effects of negative stress that is a part of the profession, keeping in mind that all stress is not negative and that the proper kind of stress that compliments awareness is a vital and necessary part of the profession.
- To provide a "safe" person and place where individuals may discuss problems, personal or professional, without fear of negative repercussions. The exceptions to confidentiality will be when a person indicates a probable route of suicide, bodily harm to another person or intent to breach the law. Such exceptions will have to be dealt with immediately and with full disclosure to their Department and other agencies that might be needed to assist the person.
- To provide Spiritual resources for personnel that request such services, providing the person does not currently have a religious leader they can call on for such services.
- To provide, at all times, access to the ultimate source of hope and comfort through personal example and intercession, as requested by the individual.
- To be the primary liaison between the Emergency Services and community religious organizations, promoting a spirit of cooperation and understanding between them through presentations, discussions and active participation in seeking solution to the concerns of community religious organizations and the concerns of the Emergency Services.
- To provide, on behalf of the ministry, crisis aid and intervention to people affected by crime, accident or disaster until their own religious leader or community assumes the responsibility for such assistance.
- To provide leadership in defining and presenting classes, seminars and programs that could improve the quality of life of the personnel within Emergency Services

***Who is this ministry for?*** Not only is this a ministry for law enforcement and fire service personnel, but just as importantly, it is a ministry for the spouse and loved ones of these people. It is the spouse and loved ones who often times has to put up with the anger and frustration that is brought home from the job. It is the spouse who often times is the one who gets the blunt end of the frustrations of the days work. It is the spouse who needs to be there at these times to simply love, encourage and provide godly counsel. It is the spouse and loved ones who also need to be encouraged in order that they might have the strength and wisdom to deal with the different issues as they arise. I cannot stress enough that this ministry is as much for the spouse, as it is for the employee.