

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN CORPS



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CHIEF OF POLICE**

MISSION

The mission of the Chaplain Corp is to foster a more positive relationship between members of the Detroit Police Department, the community and render spiritual guidance and prepare chaplains through in-service training programs.

CHIEF'S NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON CHAPLAIN CORPS

- **The Detroit Police Department Chaplain Corps, while going back to 1949 was formally established by Detroit Ordinance in January 1975.**
- **The Chief of Police appoints members of the clergy of various faiths to serve as chaplains.**
- **The Chaplain Corps fall under the oversight of Chief's Neighborhood Liaison. As such, the Commanding Officer of Chief's Neighborhood Liaison serves as the Director of the Corps.**

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- **Chaplains are called upon to assist department personnel in making notification to families of officers who have received serious injury or death, assisting PEER support at the scene of critical incidents and or death**
- **Visit sick and injured police and fire personnel, offer comfort to families, friends and co-workers of deceased members of the department**
- **Conduct and/or participate in religious services for deceased officers and/or their families upon request**
- **Conduct an annual inter-denominational Detroit Police Department Memorial Service, and upon request provide ceremonial participation at departmental functions**
- **Chaplains also work with the Department in emergency situations (i.e., attempted suicides, barricaded gunmen), and the notification of next of kin in a citizen's death or injury. They may also be called on to serve as mediators between citizens and the department**

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Candidates for membership must meet the following criteria:

- **Be a person in good standing and endorsed for the police Chaplaincy by a recognized religious body**
- **Have a specialized interest in the police chaplaincy by training and work experience**
- **Have a minimum of five years preparation and experience in the ministry, with at least two of the five years in direct experience in the ministry**
- **Have not been convicted of a felony**
- **Their conduct is in keeping with the dignity of the ministry**
- **Their candidacy is presented by bearing recommendations from denominational leaders and recognized civic leaders**
- **They are in acceptable physical and mental health**

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- **We have a total of 69 Chaplains currently, but are seeking to increase our numbers in the near future. Our rank structure as it stands is listed below:**
- **1 Chief Chaplain**
- **7 Deputy Chief Chaplains**
- **6 Chaplains @ 2nd Precinct**
- **6 Chaplains @ 3rd Precinct**
- **5 Chaplains @ 4th Precinct**
- **6 Chaplains @ 5th Precinct**
- **6 Chaplains @ 6th Precinct**
- **5 Chaplains @ 7th Precinct**
- **5 Chaplains @ 8th Precinct**
- **6 Chaplains @ 9th Precinct**
- **6 Chaplains @ 10th Precinct**
- **5 Chaplains @ 11th Precinct**
- **6 Chaplains @ 12th Precinct**



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- **The Chaplains are required to do a minimum of 16 hours per month totaling 880 hours, however most of the chaplains do above and beyond the required 16 hours. This total does not include when our chaplains are called to a scene**
- **Through ongoing professional training and certification, a (DPC) strives to understand and address life's experiences and events as they relate to the spiritual, moral and emotional well-being of Detroit Police Personnel. Detroit Police Chaplain's functions include but are not limited to the following:**
- **Maintain confidentiality with those they speak, with the exception of present or future harm to self or other individuals (past excluded)**

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- **Minister:**

- through prayer support

- through Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)

- through coaching and reflection

- **Perform:**

- marriage ceremonies, child dedications and funerals

- **Make:**

- hospital visits

- **Establish:**

- positive working relationships with members of their assigned district

- **Inform:**

- district personnel of service programs availability

- **Give:**

- moral and ethical counseling

- **Provide:**

- assistance in notifications of death and injury

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2018 UPCOMING EVENTS

- Unsung Hero Presentation- February 13, 2018
- 45th Annual Detroit Police Department Interfaith Memorial- May 4, 2018
- Heroes in Blue Appreciation Week- May 14-18, 2018



QUESTIONS