

Pullman Fire Department Fire Chaplain Program

It is an honor to work with



Chaplain Ron McMurray

Chaplain's Pledge

As a chaplain I have taken a pledge. "I believe that God has the answer to mankind's problems of pain and suffering. I am ready to discuss these issues with anyone and show them the power and love of God offered through Jesus Christ. At the same time I must be open to people of all faiths and help them use their faith resources in their time of crisis. I recognize that a personal crisis is often a turning point in someone's life. It can become a time of faith renewal and recommitment. I want to be there to help them when this time comes."

Purpose

The purpose of a Fire Chaplain is to be a ministry of presence to the fire department personnel at the fire station and on the scene of an incident. I enjoy spending time with the fire personnel and watching their training and day to day activities. This helps me understand them and assist them when they have a need to talk. My goal is to enable them to be emotionally and spiritually secure even in the midst of a chaotic event.

Availability

A chaplain must be available to help victims of tragedy in a follow up capacity. Chaplains are on call twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. I have been trained in Crisis Counseling, Stress Management and Critical Incident Debriefings. A chaplain is trained to bring comfort and consolation to persons involved in critical incidents, natural catastrophes, and/or incidents dealing with death.

Pastoral Background

I have been an ordained minister for thirty-one years and presently pastor Grace Bible Church

in Pullman. With this background I am able to provide spiritual guidance and counseling to those who ask for it. A chaplain works with people facing a family crisis, on the job crisis, or during any critical incident. The chaplain does not replace a person's pastor or spiritual leader. If the person has a spiritual leader or is in need of a professional counselor then a referral will be made.

Community Service Activities

Member of International Conference of Police and Fire Chaplains, Board Member of American Red Cross of the Palouse, Board Member of Community Action Center, Volunteer Hospital Chaplain, Whitman County Sheriff's Office Chaplain (also Jail Chaplain).

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