



CRYSTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Police Chaplains provide temporary on-scene counseling and grief support. The Chaplain Corps is comprised of volunteer non-sworn clergy, or lay persons with special training, who assist police officers upon a request for service.

OPERATION

The Chaplain Corps is administered by a Police Sergeant under the direction of the Chief of Police.

Chaplain Corps members maintain a call schedule and are available 24-hours daily.

SITUATIONS WHERE CHAPLAIN SERVICES MAY BE UTILIZED

Chaplain services should be offered by police officers for the following events:

- Death scenes
- Death notifications
- Accidents with serious or life threatening injuries
- During times of natural or man made disasters
- Any time the officer determines a need

When a crime scene investigation has been initiated, chaplain services shall not be offered to suspects, witnesses or victims until approved by the investigator assigned to the incident.

Police Chaplains may be asked to assist a department member's family during times of crisis.

Police Chaplains will submit a brief report when called out that details, time, date, situation, officer in charge and referrals offered. Chaplains need not detail information they deem private or protected.