

Chaplaincy Log - June 2009

1- Chaplain Dewey had a counseling session with a civilian, and spoke at the orientation session for the Immigration and Customs Enforcement class. Chaplain Schwarz was notified by the South Carolina Highway Patrol (SCHP) of an accident with a fatality – assisted the Coroner in making the death notification and attempted to comfort the victim's family.

2- Chaplain O'Connell gave the opening prayer at the Charleston County Rescue Squad meeting, was notified by the North Charleston Police Department (NCPD) that a child had drowned – attempted to comfort the victim's family and notified their pastor the Rev. George Bradley of Royal Baptist Church, and along with Chaplains Dewey and Farmer participated in the Charleston County Hurricane Drill.

3- Chaplains Dewey, Driggers, O'Connell, Dashnaw, Schwarz, Smith, Youngblood, Holz, Temoney, Ott, Raney, Owens, Refson, Carter, Chaplain-in-training Jones, Board Members John Bryan and Don Lundy, Guest Speaker Judge Bonnie Koontz, Director of Development Jean McDowell, and Office Manager Claire Gatlin attended the monthly Chaplain's Breakfast. Chaplain Dewey was notified by the Charleston Police Department (CPD) and the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) of a death by suicide – attempted to comfort the victim's family. Chaplain O'Connell was notified by the NCPD of a bank robbery – attempted to comfort the bank's employees. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder, had a counseling session with an individual, and was notified by EMS of a possible death by suicide – responded to the scene and ministered to first responders, thankfully it was a false alarm. The CCC was notified by the SCHP of an accident with a fatality – notified the Berkeley Crisis Chaplaincy.

4- Chaplain Driggers made a hospital visit, had a counseling session with an individual, and had a counseling session with a first responder.

5- Chaplain Driggers made a hospital visit, and had a counseling session with a civilian.

6- Chaplain Driggers made a hospital visit, had a counseling session with a first responder, had a counseling session with an individual, and spoke at the Men's Prayer breakfast at Christ St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Hollywood – many thanks to their church which donates every month to the CCC!

8- Chaplain O'Connell assisted at the funeral of the child drowning victim from the 2nd. Chaplain Driggers was notified by EMS of a missing person – ministered to the victim's family at the scene, and had a counseling session with a first responder, and attended a meeting at the City of North Charleston regarding homelessness.

9- Chaplain Driggers attended a meeting at the Mount Pleasant Police Department (MPPD) regarding the increase in recent suicide attempts from the Ravenel Bridge, attended a workshop on Mass Casualties at the Charleston County Emergency Operations Center, assisted a first responder in arranging a funeral, officiated the wedding of a first responder, and attended the Charleston County Rescue Squad meeting.

10- Chaplain Dashnaw gave the invocation at the Charleston County Emergency Planning Committee meeting. Chaplain Youngblood was notified by the CPD of a natural death – ministered to family members at the scene. Chaplain Driggers attended a meeting at Palmetto Lowcountry Behavioral Health regarding housing needs in the Lowcountry, attended the airport tenants meeting, assisted an out of state first responder by checking on a loved one in the Charleston area, and was notified by the Charleston County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) of a bank robbery – along with Chaplain Youngblood ministered to the bank's employees.

11- Chaplain Raney had a counseling session with a first responder. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder, and gave the invocation at the Exchange Club of Charleston's meeting where they honored first responders killed or injured in the line of duty – many thanks to the Exchange Club for all they do in the community!

12- Chaplain Driggers gave the opening prayer at the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation golf tournament, and also participated in the tournament.

13- The CCC was notified by EMS of an attempted suicide – notified the MUSC Chaplain. Chaplains Youngblood and Robinson were notified by EMS of a possible drowning – worked with emergency personnel at the scene and thankfully it was only a false alarm. Chaplain Driggers spoke at the Men's Prayer Breakfast at St. Johns Episcopal Church, had a counseling session with a first responder, and gave the opening prayer at the picnic for the St. Johns Fire Department celebrating their 50th year in existence – many thanks to them for their continued support of the CCC!

14- Chaplain Youngblood followed up with the family of the person who attempted suicide on the 13th. Chaplain Driggers was notified by EMS of a fire – ministered to the family and first responders on the scene and responded to the East Cooper Hospital to support and minister to a firefighter who was transported – thankfully he was not seriously injured, and was notified by the MPPD of a natural death – attempted to comfort the victim's family and friends at the scene.

15- Chaplain Farmer was notified by EMS and the MPPD that a body had been found in the water – worked with emergency personnel at the scene, assisted the Coroner in making the death notification and attempted to comfort the victim's girlfriend. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder, and offered support to an out of state pastor who graduated from the Pastoral Crisis Intervention class sponsored by the CCC last fall in regards to a line of duty death.

16- Chaplain Holz did a ride-along with the CPD. The CCC was notified by the NCPD of a shooting – notified the MUSC Chaplain. Chaplain Driggers attended a meeting at the Charleston County Emergency Operations Center regarding mass fatalities, and was notified by EMS of a distressed inbound aircraft preparing to land at Charleston International Airport – responded to the scene and supported first responders and passengers and thankfully the situation was resolved safely. Chaplain Raney prayed the invocation at the Charleston County Rescue Squad meeting.

17- Chaplain Temoney was notified by EMS of an infant in cardiac arrest – attempted to comfort the victim’s family, and Chaplain Farmer responded to the EMS station to minister to the employees who responded to the call. Chaplain O’Connell was notified by the NCPD of a robbery – ministered to the store’s employees. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a civilian, and spoke to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officers – many thanks to Captain Frampton for his continued support!

18- Board Members Emily Burrous, John Bryan, Dennis Rhoad, Jeff Pulley, David Richardson, Pam Pearce, Chaplain Dewey, Chaplain Driggers, Director of Development Jean McDowell and Office Manager Claire Gatlin attended the monthly Board of Directors meeting. The CCC was notified by the SCHP of a fatality in Berkeley County – notified the Berkeley Crisis Chaplaincy. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder, made a hospital visit, and along with Chaplains Farmer, Owens, Raney, and Youngblood attended the Memorial service for the Charleston 9 firefighters.

19- Chaplain Jones did a ride-along with the NCPD. Chaplain Driggers made a hospital visit, had a counseling session with a first responder, and attended the Palmetto Police Motorcycle Skills Competition (PPMSC). Chaplain Jones gave the opening prayer at the PPMSC.

20- The CCC was notified by the NCPD of a stabbing with a death –notified the MUSC Chaplain. Chaplain Driggers gave the opening prayer at the PPMSC, had a counseling session with a civilian, made a hospital visit, and gave the opening prayer at the banquet for the PPMSC.

21- Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a civilian.

22- The CCC was notified by the SCHP of an accident with a fatality in Colleton County – notified the Colleton County Chaplain. Chaplain Driggers had two counseling sessions with first responders, had a counseling session with an individual, facilitated a meeting with the CCSO and family members regarding a death, was notified by the CCSO of a death – ministered to the victim’s family at the scene, and was notified by EMS of a drowning – responded to the hospital and ministered to the victim’s family.

23- Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with an individual, had a counseling session with a first responder, and made a hospital visit. Chaplain Raney did a training session on stress for the Charleston County Rescue Squad.

24- Chaplain Temoney did a ride-along with the MPPD. Chaplain Owens was notified by EMS of a natural death – attempted to comfort the victim’s family. Chaplain Driggers had two counseling sessions with two first responders, made a hospital visit, and did a ride-along with the NCPD.

25- Chaplain Farmer did a ride-along with the CPD. Chaplain Youngblood attended a hostage negotiations training session with the CCSO and the MPPD. Chaplain Ott was notified by the CPD of a fire – attempted to comfort the victims at the scene. Chaplain Driggers rode into port on the US Coast Guard Tall Ship – many thanks to Captain McAllister and his personnel for their continued support and the good time had by all, and along with Director of Development Jean McDowell attended the Charleston Battery Soccer Game at Blackbaud Stadium hosted by the Coastal Community Foundation – many thanks to them for their continued support.

26- Chaplain O’Connell was notified by the CPD of a drowning – worked with emergency personnel at the scene and attempted to comfort the victim’s friend. Chaplain Raney was notified by EMS of a natural death – worked with emergency responders at the scene and assisted the Coroner in making the death notification.

27- The CCC was notified by the SCHP of an accident with a fatality – notified the Berkeley Crisis Chaplaincy. Chaplain Youngblood was notified by the Folly Beach Public Safety (FBPS) of a drowning – he notified the MUSC Chaplain that the victim was being transported; he responded to the scene and attempted to comfort the lifeguards who rescued the person from the water, and sadly, the victim died in route to the hospital.

28- Chaplain Youngblood was notified by EMS and the CPD of an accident with two fatalities – assisted emergency personnel at the scene and attempted to comfort the victims’ families.

29- Chaplain O’Connell did a ride-along with the NCPD. Chaplain Carter did a ride-along with the CPD. Chaplain Youngblood did a ride-along with the NCPD Victim’s Advocate Department, had a counseling session with a civilian, and assisted a family in making funeral arrangements for their loved one who passed away. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder, and was notified by the DNR and the Sullivan’s Island Police Department (SIPD) of a death by suicide – worked with emergency personnel at the scene and Chaplain Farmer responded to the SIPD station and attempted to comfort the victim’s family and assisted in making the death notification.

30- Chaplains O’Connell and Schwarz were notified by EMS and the CCSO that a car had hit a person on a bicycle – ministered to the driver of the car and worked with emergency responders and the coroner at the scene. Chaplain Temoney was notified by EMS and the MPPD of a death by suicide – worked with emergency responders at the scene. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder, and attended the NCPD retirement ceremony. Chaplain Carter was notified by the CPD of a death – ministered to the victim’s family at the scene.

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At the Charleston Area Convention Center

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