

Justice Court Chaplaincy (JCC) Program

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Introduction

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Scope and Role of the Ministry

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- The role of the JCC Chaplain is to be a representative of God bearing witness to His hope, forgiving and redeeming power.

Qualifications and Requirements

Chaplains & Assistant Chaplains

Chaplains

- Must be ordained or licensed as clergy in good standing or duly appointed as a Chaplain by their affiliated emergency service or law enforcement agency.
- Must be able to pass a criminal background check.
- Show a God-like compassion, understanding and love for others.
- Maintain Biblical, ethical and moral standards.
- Demonstrate maturity in judgment, emotional stability and personal flexibility.
- Be tactful and considerate in approach, relating easily to all people.
- Be familiar with and/or willing to learn the various helping agencies in the community.
- Have a deep concern for the spiritual and emotional well-being of emergency response personnel, their families and the victims of accidents and disasters.
- Be willing to respond to any and all situations where the presence of a Chaplain is required.
- Be willing to obtain training in Critical Incident Stress Management, Crisis Counseling and other related topics as available.
- Possess a valid Texas driver's license.
- Network with other clergy, i.e. hospital and other area clergy.

Assistant Chaplains

- Must be recommended by their pastor/clergy, JCC Chaplain or by their affiliated emergency service or law enforcement agency.
- Must be able to pass a criminal background check.
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- Be willing to assist the Chaplain in carrying out his/her duties.
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Mission and Governance

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- Provide care and counseling to employees and family of law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical service agencies.
- Comfort and provide resource information to victims of fire, crime, medical emergencies and natural/manmade disasters.
- Assist law enforcement in notifying individuals who have lost a family member in an unexpected manner and comfort them as needed only.

Chaplains will receive guidance from an Advisory Board. The Advisory Board is comprised of members representing the various agencies supported and the general public. This Advisory Board is responsible for providing guidance to the Chaplain on policy or needs of the program.

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