

Chaplaincy Log - December 2009

1- Chaplain O'Connell gave the prayer at the Tri-County Victim Advocate meeting. Chaplain Dewey was notified by the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the Charleston County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) that a person barricaded himself inside a residence – along with Chaplain O'Connell ministered to the man's girlfriend with whom he had a domestic disturbance and thankfully he was taken safely into custody by the SWAT team.

2- Chaplains Dewey, Youngblood, O'Connell, Farmer, Jones, Raney, Prioleau, Robinson, Schwarz, McGowan, Temoney, Owens, Chaplain in training Gray, Chaplain in training Greeley, Board Member Emily Burrous, Survivor Follow Up Group members Rick Dandridge, Ann Gaither, Joanne and Mike McSherry, Director of Development Jean McDowell, Office Manager Claire Gatlin and guest speak Deputy Chief Reggie Burgess of the North Charleston Police Department attended the monthly Chaplains' breakfast meeting. Chaplain Dewey made a hospital visit, and along with Director of Development Jean McDowell attended a Cocktails and Conversation event given by Ann Marie and Jimmy Hagood – many thanks to them for a wonderful evening where we were able to share the CCC story with their neighbors and friends.

4- Chaplain Raney gave the invocation at the CCSO Annual Awards Dinner and Chaplain O'Connell and his wife Debbie also attended. Chaplain Dewey made a visit to the funeral home to see the family of a victim from November 29th, attended the Christmas party for the Former FBI Agents, prayed the invocation for Lawrence Gordon's retirement dinner following his 37 year Federal Law Enforcement career, and attended the City of Isle of Palms Christmas party. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a civilian, and spoke at the Hammerton Lodge for their yearly dinner.

5- Chaplain Youngblood was notified by EMS of a death by suicide – ministered to the victim's neighbors and worked with emergency personnel at the scene, and was notified by EMS of a natural death – attempted to comfort the victim's family and worked with emergency personnel. Chaplain Farmer attended the Concerns of Police Survivors luncheon at the SC Police Training Academy in Columbia. Chaplain Robinson attended the Fraternal Order of Police Oyster Roast. Chaplain Dewey prayed the benediction for the annual Charleston County Rescue Squad Christmas dinner, responded to a natural death with emergency responders – attempted to comfort the victim's family, and along with Chaplain Driggers and Director of Development Jean McDowell attended the annual Christmas party for the City of Folly Beach where they presented the CCC with a \$10,000 check – many thanks to them for their continued support of the CCC! Chaplain Dewey, Chaplain Driggers, his wife Lennis and their granddaughter Macy, Chaplain Farmer, Chaplain in training Greeley, and Office Manager Claire Gatlin rode in the City of North Charleston's Christmas Parade. Chaplain Driggers attended the Charleston County Rescue Squad's annual Christmas Party.

6- Chaplains Dewey, Farmer, Driggers, Director of Development Jean McDowell rode in the Charleston Christmas Parade. Chaplain Smith was notified by the CCSO of a natural death – attempted to comfort the victim’s family. Chaplain Dewey, Chaplain Driggers and his wife Lennis and their granddaughter Macy, Chaplain Farmer, Chaplain Owens, Board Member Emily Burrous and her daughter Wilson, and Director of Development Jean McDowell rode in the City of Charleston’s Christmas Parade. Chaplain Dewey had a counseling session with a civilian, and responded with emergency responders to a home where a husband had reportedly hit his wife – ministered to the couple.

7- Chaplain Driggers made a home visit to a civilian.

8- Chaplain O’Connell was notified by EMS and the North Charleston Police Department (NCPD) of a homicide – he worked with emergency responders and the coroner at the scene. Chaplain Dewey made a hospital call to a civilian. Chaplain Driggers attended the weekly staff breakfast for the City of North Charleston, made a home visit to a civilian, and spoke on behalf of the NCPD during the public hearing portion of their reaccreditation. Chaplain Jones was notified by the NCPD of a death by suicide – worked with emergency personnel at the scene.

9- Chaplain Dewey attended the Airport Tenant’s meeting, along with Chaplain Driggers attended a meeting of the Lowcountry Crisis Negotiators Steering Committee, and also along with Chaplain Driggers attended the City of Charleston’s Annual Christmas Party. Chaplain Driggers assisted Charleston County School Counselors with students coping with the death of a teacher, and along with Chaplain Foster attended the Law Enforcement Planning Committee meeting.

10- Chaplain Robinson had a pre-marriage counseling session with a first responder. Chaplain Dewey had a counseling session with a civilian, and made a home visit to a civilian. Chaplain Driggers attended COBRA (Specialized Chemical, Ordnance, Biological, Radiological, and Weapons of Mass Destruction Response Team) team training at the Charleston Fire Department training facility.

11- Chaplain Dewey gave the blessing at the Mt. Pleasant Police Department’s (MPPD) annual awards ceremony. Chaplain Driggers made a home visit, and made a hospital visit.

12- Chaplain Dewey made a hospital call to a civilian. Chaplain Driggers attended the Ashley River Fire Department’s Annual Christmas party, and had a counseling session with a family who lost a loved one.

13- Chaplain Dewey and wife Kathy hosted the annual open house Christmas/Holiday party for the CCC – many thanks to them for their hospitality, and Chaplains Dewey, Driggers, Robinson, McGowan, Chaplain in training Bill Greeley, Survivor Follow Up Group member Mac McTeer, Board of Directors President Emily Burrous, Director of Development Jean McDowell, and Office Manager Claire Gatlin rode in the Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade. The CCC was presented a check from the Grace Episcopal Church tea room – many thanks to them for their continued support! Chaplain Driggers made a home visit, and made a hospital visit.

14- Chaplain Dewey made a hospital visit to a civilian, was notified by EMS that a staff member at a doctor's office was having a heart episode – notified the hospital Chaplain, and made a home visit to a civilian. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a family who lost a loved one.

15- Chaplain Dewey made a home visit to a civilian, attended the weekly staff breakfast for the City of North Charleston, made a home visit to a civilian, and along with Chaplain Driggers attended the annual retirement ceremony for the Charleston Police Department (CPD). Chaplain Driggers was fit tested for two gas masks in preparation for a COBRA response, and assisted Charleston County School Counselors with a student dealing with grief issues.

16- Chaplain McGowan was notified by EMS and the MPPD of an accident with a fatality – worked with emergency responders and assisted the coroner in making the death notification. Chaplain Dewey went Christmas caroling with the MPPD to some nursing homes, and along with Chaplain Driggers attended the annual Christmas drop in at the Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center. Chaplain Driggers assisted Charleston County School Counselors with a student dealing with grief issues, and presided over the funeral of a retired Vietnam Veteran and was assisted during the service by Chaplain Farmer. The CCC was notified by the South Carolina Highway Patrol (SCHP) of an accident with a fatality in Colleton County – notified the Colleton County Chaplain and the MUSC Chaplain as a person with injuries was being transported.

17- Chaplain Schwarz did a ride-along with the NCPD. Chaplain Foster did a ride-along with the NCPD. Chaplain Dewey went Christmas caroling with the MPPD to some nursing homes, and attended the annual Christmas drop in for the Federal Judges. Chaplain Driggers was notified by EMS of a vehicle and body discovered in water – worked with emergency responders at the scene. Chaplain Carter was notified by EMS of a death – attempted to comfort the victim's family at the scene.

18- Chaplain O'Connell was notified by the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) of a missing person – attempted to comfort the victim's family. Chaplain Dewey attended a drop in at the local FBI office, made a home visit to an emergency responder, made a home visit to a civilian, had a counseling session with a civilian, was notified by the SCHP of an accident with a fatality – notified the Berkeley Crisis Chaplaincy, and attended a fundraiser to benefit the CCC at the Charleston Crab House – many thanks to board member John Keener and his staff for hosting this event!

19- Chaplain Dewey was notified by EMS of a three car wreck on the Ravenel Bridge – notified the MUSC Chaplain that several persons were being transported to their facility, and had a counseling session with a civilian.

20- Chaplain Robinson did a ride-along with the Folly Beach Public Safety (FBPS).

21- Chaplain Dewey had a counseling session with an emergency responder, and was notified by EMS of a death – attempted to comfort the victim's family and friends at the scene. Chaplain Driggers made a home visit, and had a counseling session with a civilian.

22- Chaplain Dewey gave the blessing at the North Charleston Fire Department's Annual Christmas party, and attended a Holiday drop in for the Charleston County Delegation with Chaplain O'Connell and Director of Development Jean McDowell and Office Manager Claire Gatlin. Chaplain Driggers had two counseling sessions with civilians, and gave the invocation at the City of North Charleston's Council meeting.

23- Chaplain Dewey made two home visits to civilians. Chaplain Driggers attended the Christmas Luncheon for Malphrus Construction Company in Ridgeland – offered a prayer and was presented a donation from the employee's in honor of the Malphrus family.

24- Chaplain Dewey visited with a civilian in a nursing home. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder. Chaplain Smith was notified by the CCSO of an auto pedestrian fatality – ministered to the driver of the car and worked with emergency responders at the scene.

25- Chaplain Raney was notified by the NCPD and EMS of a death by suicide – along with Chaplain in training Gray attempted to comfort the victim's family and worked with emergency responders at the scene. Chaplain Refson was notified by the CPD of a death – attempted to comfort the victim's family. Chaplain Dewey responded to a home where a woman had fallen – stayed with her until EMS arrived.

26- Chaplain Farmer did a ride-along with the CPD. The CCC was notified by EMS that a person had been hit by a car – notified the MUSC Chaplain as the person was transported.

27- Chaplain Robinson was notified by EMS that a bicyclist had been hit by a car – attempted to comfort the driver and passenger of the vehicle and worked with emergency personnel at the scene.

28- Chaplain Driggers had two counseling sessions with civilians, and made a visit to an assisted living facility.

29- Chaplain Youngblood was notified by EMS of natural death – attempted to comfort the victim's family. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder, along with Chaplain Youngblood assisted a family with finding a priest on Edisto Island to be with their loved one to provide end of life assistance, and along with Chaplain Farmer was notified by EMS of an accident with a fatality – they attempted to comfort witnesses and bystanders at the scene and ministered to emergency personnel and dispatchers who worked the call.

30- Chaplain Schwarz was notified by the North Charleston Fire Department (NCFD) and NCPD of a fire – attempted to comfort the homeowners. Chaplain Owens was notified by EMS and the CPD of a natural death – attempted to comfort the victim's family. Chaplain O'Connell did a ride-along with the DCSO. Chaplain Driggers made a home visit.

31- Chaplain O'Connell did a ride-along with the NCPD. Chaplain Raney did a ride-along with the NCPD. Chaplain Driggers did a ride-along with the CCSO.

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