

Chaplaincy Log - July 2009

1- Chaplains Driggers, Jones, Schwarz, Temoney, Youngblood, Raney, Ott, Farmer, O'Connell, Robinson, and Owens, Board Members Emily Burrous and Don Lundy, Office Manager Claire Gatlin, and Director of Development Jean McDowell attended the monthly Chaplains' breakfast meeting. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder, and attended a Mass Fatality Core Meeting. The CCC was notified by the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) of an accident with injuries – notified the MUSC Chaplain.

2- Chaplain Robinson was notified by the Charleston County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) of a death by suicide – attempted to comfort the victim's family at the scene. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a civilian.

3- Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a civilian. Chaplain Farmer was notified by the CCSO of a SWAT call out – worked with emergency personnel at the scene and thankfully the situation was resolved safely.

5- Chaplain Refson did a ride-along with the Mount Pleasant Police Department (MPPD), and along with Chaplain Farmer was notified by the MPPD of an unknown death – attempted to comfort the victim's family at the scene. The CCC was notified by EMS of an infant death – notified the MUSC Chaplain, as the child died en route to the hospital.

6- Chaplain Dewey made a hospital visit. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a civilian, spoke at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Academy welcoming ceremony, and had a counseling session with a local business following the death of an employee. Chaplain Dewey, Chaplain Driggers, Director of Development Jean McDowell, and members of the Friends of the Chaplaincy gathered for a quarterly lunch meeting – many thanks to Board Member John Keener for hosting the group at the Charleston Crab House!

7- Chaplain Raney gave the opening prayer at the Charleston County Rescue Squad meeting. Chaplain O'Connell attended the Tri-County Victims Advocate meeting. Chaplain Dewey had a counseling session with a first responder. Chaplain Driggers responded to a fire – worked with emergency responders at the scene, and was notified by EMS of a death by suicide – attempted to comfort bystanders and witnesses and assisted the Coroner in making the death notification.

8- Chaplain Robinson attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting. Chaplain Farmer was notified by EMS and the North Charleston Police Department (NCPD) of a natural death – attempted to comfort the victim's family.

8 Continued- Chaplain Driggers attended a pastoral alliance meeting at Palmetto Lowcountry Behavioral Health, addressed and gave the invocation to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Board of Directors meeting – many thanks to the DNR for making the CCC their official Chaplains for the South Carolina coast, had a counseling session with a first responder, had a counseling session with the family members of the death by suicide victim from the 7th, and followed up with the employees of the business whose employee died by suicide on the 6th.

9- Chaplain Youngblood was notified by the Charleston Police Department (CPD) and EMS of a natural death – worked with the Coroner and ministered to the victim's neighbor and friends at the scene, and had a counseling session with a civilian. Chaplain Driggers made a hospital visit, and attended the Homicide Support Group meeting. Chaplain Farmer was notified by the Sullivan's Island Police Department (SIPD) and EMS of a missing swimmer and another person who almost drowned – attempted to comfort the victim and family of the near drowning and assisted the Coroner in contacting the out of state family of the other victim.

10- Chaplain Robinson did a ride-along with the Folly Beach Public Safety (FBPS). Chaplain Youngblood was notified by EMS of an officer involved shooting – attempted to comfort emergency responders, and was notified by EMS of a body found on Folly Beach – worked with the Coroner and emergency responders at the scene. Chaplain Driggers attended an ER Utilization meeting at mental health, ministered to first responders who were searching for the missing swimmer on the 9th, and gave the invocation and benediction at the Charleston Fire Department (CFD) promotion ceremony. Chaplain Farmer was notified by EMS and the SIPD of a possible drowning – attempted to comfort the victim's family and assisted in notifying them when the victim's body was found.

11- Chaplain O'Connell was notified by the CCSO of an accident with a fatality – attempted to comfort the driver of the car.

12- Chaplain Refson did a ride-along with the MPPD, and along with Chaplain Farmer was notified by the SIPD and the MPPD of a distressed individual – ministered to the person and assisted them with finding shelter for the night.

13- Chaplain Raney was notified by the CPD of a natural death – attempted to comfort the victim's family. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a civilian, had a counseling session with a family, and was notified by the NCPD of a homicide – along with Chaplain O'Connell ministered to family and friends at the scene.

14- Chaplain Driggers was blessed with a grandson – thanks be to God! Chaplain Owens gave the opening prayer at the Charleston County Rescue Squad meeting. Chaplain O'Connell was notified by the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) of a death – attempted to comfort the victim's family and assisted the Coroner at the scene. Chaplain Youngblood was notified by the Hanahan Police Department and the Berkeley County Coroner of an accident with a fatality – assisted the Coroner in making the death notification.

15- Chaplain Farmer did a ride-along with the CPD. The CCC was notified by EMS and the NCPD of a shooting – notified the MUSC Chaplain. Chaplain Driggers attended a meeting at Sea Hawk, and had a counseling session with a civilian.

16- Chaplain Schwarz was notified by EMS of a death by suicide – attempted to comfort the victim's family and worked with the coroner at the scene. The CCC was notified by EMS of an accident with injuries – notified the MUSC Chaplain, and was notified by the South Carolina Highway Patrol (SCHP) of an accident with a fatality – notified the Colleton County Chaplain. Chaplain Driggers had three counseling sessions with first responders, and had a counseling session with a civilian. Chaplain Carter was notified by EMS and the CPD of an accident with a fatality – worked with emergency personnel at the scene, notified the MUSC Chaplain, and Chaplain Driggers counseled with two individuals regarding the accident.

17- Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with the family of one of the individuals involved in the accident on the 16th. Chaplain Farmer was notified by the CPD and EMS of a death – attempted to comfort the victim's family.

18- Chaplain Farmer was notified by the CPD of a death – attempted to comfort the victim's family and notified the United States Air Force Chaplain as the victim was in the USAF Reserves, and was notified by EMS and the CPD of an accident with fatalities – along with Chaplain-in-training Jones attempted to comfort the victims' family and friends at the scene.

19- Chaplain O'Connell was notified by the NCPD of a natural death – attempted to comfort the victim's family and worked with emergency personnel at the scene.

20- Chaplain Driggers and Chaplain Dewey met with Coast Guard Lieutenant Commander Eric King and Lieutenant Commander Ryan Rhoades – many thanks to LCDR King and welcome to Charleston LCDR Rhodes!

20-22 Chaplain Driggers attended and completed a Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations training course.

20-24 Chaplain Dewey attended the annual in-service training for FBI Chaplains in Atlanta, Georgia.

21- Chaplain Driggers renewed the wedding vows for a first responder's parents for their 25th anniversary, and was notified by EMS and the NCPD of an accidental death – attempted to comfort the victim's family and friends at the scene.

22- Chaplain Holz gave the opening prayer at the Charleston County Fire Chief's Association meeting. Chaplain O'Connell was notified by the NCPD of a natural death – attempted to comfort the victim's family at the scene.

23- Chaplain Driggers attended a Chemical, Ordnance, Biological, Radiological, Weapons of Mass Destruction (COBRA) course at the Charleston County Emergency Operations Center, and assisted the MPPD with an individual contemplating death by suicide.

23 Continued- Chaplain O'Connell did a ride-along with the NCPD. Chaplain Youngblood gave the opening prayer at the Tri-County Association of Fire Chiefs meeting.

24- Chaplain O'Connell gave the opening prayer at the North Charleston Fire Department's (NCFD) promotional ceremony, and attended the Fire Academy graduation.

26- Chaplain Raney was notified by the MPPD of a death by suicide – attempted to comfort the victim's family, and was notified by EMS of a drowning – attempted to comfort the victim's friends and coordinated with a Spanish language translator to follow up with them later.

27- Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder, and attended an Open House at the Department of Mental Health.

28- Chaplain Dewey had a very productive lunch and fellowship with CCSO Sheriff Al Cannon – the CCSO was the first agency and director to support the concept of a full time Chaplaincy program – many thanks to them for supporting us since 1990! Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder, gave the opening prayer at the quarterly awards ceremony for the CCSO, and along with Chaplain Dewey attended a joint training meeting with the CPD and the CFD command staff.

29- Chaplain Driggers attended the Blue Dot Award Ceremony and Longevity Presentation for employees of the City of Charleston, and gave an elderly woman a ride home that was caught in a terrible rain and lightening storm.

30- Chaplain Temoney was notified by the CCSO and EMS of an accident with two fatalities – worked with emergency personnel and attempted to comfort the victims' families. Chaplain Dewey had a counseling session with a first responder. Chaplain Driggers gave the invocation and benediction at the ICE Academy Graduation.

31- Chaplain Dewey was notified by EMS of a person threatening death by suicide – thankfully the situation was resolved safely.

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