

Chaplaincy Log - October 2009

1- Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder, was notified by the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) of a natural death – ministered to the family and spent time with first responders on the scene, and had a training session with eight new out of county Chaplains in Ridgeland for response to calls in Beaufort and Jasper counties – thanks to Steve Scudder, Director of Missions at the Savannah River Baptist Association for his continued support of the CCC and his response to those in need in his community.

2- Chaplain Robinson was notified by the Charleston County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) of an accident with a fatality – ministered to the victim's family and worked with the Coroner at the scene. Chaplain McGowan was notified by EMS that a pedestrian was killed by a car – attempted to comfort the driver of the car. 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. Chaplain Driggers made a home visit, and performed a wedding at Middleton Place.

4- Chaplain Farmer was notified by the Charleston Police Department (CPD) of a death by suicide – attempted to comfort the victim's family at the scene.

5- Chaplain Dewey was notified by the CCSO and EMS that a person had been hit by a car while attempting to assist a motorist – attempted to comfort bystanders who had witnessed the accident and notified the MUSC Chaplain that several victims were being transported to the trauma center, and had a counseling session with a civilian.

5 – 7 Chaplain Driggers attended training on Chaplains Response to National Disasters in New York City – thank you to Mt. Pleasant Police Department Chief Harry Sewell for his continued support of the CCC!

6- Chaplain Robinson was notified by the Folly Beach Public Safety (FBPS) and EMS of a death by suicide – attempted to comfort the victim's family at the scene and notified the MUSC Chaplain that the victim was being transported. Chaplain Dewey responded with the North Charleston Police Department (NCPD) to a domestic dispute – gave the female a ride to a shelter.

7- Chaplains Dewey, Farmer, O'Connell, Smith, Robinson, Schwarz, Temoney, Foster, Carter, Owens, Holz, Chaplain in training Greeley, Charleston County Detention Center Chaplain Eva Smith, Board Member John Bryan, Office Manager Claire Gatlin, and guest speaker Kim Ford from North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey's Office on Aging attended the monthly Chaplains breakfast. Chaplains Dewey and Farmer were notified by EMS, the NCPD and the State Ports Authority that a port worker had been accidentally killed – attempted to comfort the victim's co-workers.

8- Chaplain Dewey had a meeting in Columbia with the Director of FBI Chaplains from Washington, DC, and along with Chaplain Refson was notified by the NCPD and EMS of an infant death – attempted to comfort the victim’s family.

9- Chaplain Dewey made a hospital visit to a former first responder, and along with Chaplain Driggers attended a luncheon for retired EMS employees. Chaplain Driggers assisted an out of County Chaplain with a parishioner who resides in Charleston County.

10- Chaplain Driggers assisted the out of county Chaplain from the 9th.

11- Chaplain Dewey, Board Member John Keener and daughter Kendall, Chaplains O’Connell and Raney had a booth for the CCC at the Taste of Charleston at Boone Hall Plantation – many thanks to the Charleston Restaurant Association for donating a booth to us. Chaplain Driggers attended and sang at a funeral for the loved one of a Berkeley County first responder.

12- Chaplain Dewey made a hospital call. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder and his family, had a counseling session with a civilian, and attended a dedication ceremony at St. John’s Mission. The CCC was notified by the SCHP of an accident with a fatality in Berkeley County – notified the Berkeley County Chaplain.

13- Chaplain Youngblood gave the invocation at the Charleston County Rescue Squad meeting. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder. Chaplain Jones gave the invocation at the Charleston County Rescue Squad meeting. Chaplain O’Connell had a counseling session with an individual. Chaplain Dewey made a hospital call, made a home visit, and was requested by Judge Debbie Summey to meet her family at the hospital as her mother was very sick – sadly, she died shortly after his arrival and he accompanied the family to the funeral home. Chaplains Dewey and Driggers attended the dedication and opening ceremony for the new Detainee Processing and Holding Center for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center – Chaplain Driggers prayed the invocation and Chaplain Dewey prayed the benediction.

14- Chaplain McGowan gave the invocation at the Charleston County Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting. Chaplain Dewey made a home visit, and attended the monthly airport tenants meeting. Chaplain Driggers made a home visit, had a counseling session with a civilian, and along with Chaplain Farmer attended the Ministerial Alliance Meeting.

15- Chaplain Dewey made a hospital visit to a civilian, attended the quarterly meeting of the Tri-County Fire Chief’s Association hosted by the Summerville Fire Department, along with Director of Development Jean McDowell addressed the Prime Timers Club at Holy Cross Episcopal Church on Sullivan’s Island, and attended the monthly board meeting. Chaplain Driggers was notified by EMS of a bomb threat on a CARTA Bus – responded and ministered to those on scene, and made a hospital visit to a first responder. The CCC held a Darkness to Light training session at St. Thomas Episcopal Church – many thanks to the church for use of their facility and to Elizabeth Huggins for giving us the eye-opening presentation.

16- Chaplain O'Connell was notified by the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) of the death of a child – attempted to comfort the victim's family. Chaplains Dewey and Driggers attended the funeral service for Judge Debbie Summey's mother, Mrs. Crosby. Chaplain Smith had a counseling session with a first responder.

17- Chaplain Dewey made a hospital visit to a first responder. Chaplain Driggers attended the Christian Men's Conference Meeting in Georgetown, and responded to MUSC to comfort the Detention Center Chaplain who was involved in a wreck.

18- Chaplain Refson did a ride-along with the Mount Pleasant Police Department (MPPD). Chaplain Dewey made a home visit to be with Ray Graham's family – he was a great early supporter of the CCC who sadly died, and preached at St. John's Episcopal Church on John's Island for Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy Appreciation Sunday – Chaplain Driggers, Chaplain Youngblood and Board Member Cindy Daniel also attended to man a Chaplaincy booth – many thanks to St. John's Episcopal Church them for their continued support of the CCC. The CCC was notified by the SCHP of an accident with a fatality in Jasper County – notified the Jasper County Chaplain, and was also notified by the NCPD of a shooting – notified the MUSC Chaplain. Chaplain Driggers was notified by the CPD of a fire – attempted to comfort the victims at the scene.

19- Chaplain Youngblood was notified by EMS of an unknown death – attempted to comfort the victim's friend and assisted the Coroner in making the death notification. Chaplain O'Connell was notified by the CCSO that a child was missing – attempted to comfort the child's family and thankfully she was returned home safely. Chaplain Dewey addressed the Crisis/Hostage Negotiators team for the NCPD, and met with representatives from the funeral home and EMS to prepare for Ray Graham's funeral. Chaplain Driggers attended a community breakfast at North Charleston High School exploring avenues with the school to partner with them, and assisted in training with the NCPD negotiations team and discussed self care.

20- Chaplain Dewey attended the visitation for Ray Graham. Chaplain Driggers gave the invocation at the Tri-County Manufacturers Council Meeting and Director of Development Jean McDowell also attended.

21- Chaplain Dewey presided at the funeral for Ray Graham with Chaplain Driggers assisting. Chaplain McGowan, Chaplain Dewey and Chaplain Driggers attended the Annual Charleston Prayer Breakfast. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a retired first responder. Chaplain Schwarz and O'Connell were notified by the Dorchester County Coroner's Office that a plane had crashed – they ministered to the victims' families and emergency personnel at the scene and also provided follow up counseling to the victims' families.

22- Chaplain O'Connell was notified by the DCSO that a person had been crushed and killed at work – he attempted to comfort the victim's co-workers and assisted the Coroner in making the death notification. Chaplain Dewey gave a DUI presentation to 8th through 12th grade students at First Baptist Church School.

22 Continued- Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder, along with Chaplain Farmer assisted in training with the NCPD negotiations team scenario training, and along with Chaplain Dewey, Director of Development Jean McDowell, Office Manager Claire Gatlin and Board of Directors President Emily Burrous attended the Open Grants Awards Presentation for the Coastal Community Foundation – many thanks to them for their continued support!

23- Chaplains Dewey, Farmer, and Driggers participated in the Crisis and Hostage Training with the NCPD. The CCC held its 2nd Annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic – many thanks to those who came out for a good time – many thanks to Bill and Ann G. Youngblood for hosting us again this year! Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a civilian.

25- Chaplain O'Connell had a group counseling session with the employees of the company where the man was killed on the 22nd, and attended the visitation for the victim's of the airplane crash on the 23rd. Chaplain Dewey was notified by the SCHP that a person had died in a traffic wreck – along with Chaplain in training Greeley attempted to comfort the passenger of the car. Chaplain Holz was notified by EMS and the NCPD of a fatal shooting – attempted to comfort the victim's family at the scene.

26- Chaplain O'Connell attended the funeral service for the airplane crash victim's from the 23rd, and was notified by the NCPD of death by suicide – ministered to bystanders at the scene and assisted emergency responders. Chaplain Dewey made a visit to an inmate at the Charleston County Detention Center, had a counseling session with a civilian, and attended the monthly Survivor Follow-Up meeting – many thanks to Dr. Rob Acierno for speaking to the group. Chaplain Driggers was notified by the North Charleston Fire Department (NCFD) that a first responder was being transported by EMS – attempted to comfort the first responder, and had a counseling session with a first responder. Chaplain Farmer was notified by St. John's Fire Department that a first responder was in the hospital – attempted to comfort the first responder.

27- Chaplain Dewey attended an open house at the new office for the Secret Service – many thanks to John Kenny for his support of our ministry, and made a hospital visit to a first responder. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder, and assisted an out of county Chaplain with a hospital response to be with a first responder's family.

28- Chaplain Dewey made a hospital visit to a first responder, had a counseling session with a first responder, and made a home visit. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder. Chaplain Jones was notified by the NCPD of a natural death – attempted to comfort the victim's family and friends at the scene.

29- Chaplain Dewey was notified by a citizen that he was at a church and very depressed – responded with police officers to talk with him – many thanks to the Star Gospel Mission for extending him a place to stay.

30- Chaplain Dewey made a hospital visit to a first responder, and was notified by EMS that a person had been murdered – along with Chaplain in training Greely talked with his friends who were at the scene. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder.

31- Chaplains Dewey and Farmer did ride-alongs with the CPD. Chaplain Driggers did a ride-along with the MPPD. Chaplain Youngblood was notified by EMS of a shooting – along with Chaplain in training Greely worked with the Coroner and emergency responders at the scene.

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