

Chaplaincy Log - April 2009

1- Chaplains Dewey and Farmer were notified by the Mt. Pleasant Police Department (MPPD) that two boys had been missing from their home for about 10 hours – thankfully they were found uninjured – many thanks to Firehouse Subs for their support of food for the Command Post and the family. Chaplains Dewey, Driggers, Farmer, O’Connell, Youngblood, Schwarz, Holz, Jones, Robinson, Temoney, Foster, Raney, Carter, and Dashnaw, Chaplain-in-training McGowan, Charleston County Detention Center Chaplain Eva Smith, Board President Emily Burrous, Board President Emeritus Don Lundy and wife Barbara, Survivor Follow Up Members Joanne and Mike McSherry, and Ken Shortridge, Office Manager Claire Gatlin, Director of Development Jean McDowell, and guest speaker Solicitor Scarlett Wilson attended the monthly Chaplain’s breakfast meeting. The CCC was notified by the South Carolina Highway Patrol (SCHP) of a traffic fatality in Berkeley County – notified the Berkeley Crisis Chaplaincy. Chaplain Driggers had two counseling sessions with first responders.

2- Chaplains Dewey and Driggers attended a news conference concerning prevention of child abuse at the Air Force Base. Chaplain Driggers spoke at James Simmons Elementary School for career day – made all the children junior Chaplains.

3- Chaplain Dewey and Board President Emily Burrous attended a luncheon news conference for the Cooper River Bridge Run. Chaplain Schwarz attended the Law Enforcement Network meeting. Chaplain Raney responded to the Summerville Medical Center - ministered to the wife of a man that was in a car accident. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder, and had a counseling session with a civilian.

4- Chaplain Robinson was notified by the Charleston Police Department (CPD) of a death by suicide – ministered to the victim’s family at the scene. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a civilian, assisted a first responder in finding out the condition of an individual who had been transported to the hospital by contacting the family – prayed for and ministered to the family – many thanks to the MUSC Chaplains for their support! The CCC was notified by Emergency Medical Services (EMS) of an attempted suicide – notified the MUSC Chaplain, and was notified by EMS of a shooting – notified the MUSC Chaplain.

5- Chaplain Youngblood was notified by the CPD of a natural death – ministered to the victim’s family.

5-8 Chaplain Dewey attended and spoke at the annual conference for the National Disaster Medical System in Dallas.

6- Chaplain Schwarz was notified by the North Charleston Police Department (NCPD) of an accident with a fatality – ministered to the driver of the car and the victim’s friends at the scene.

6 Continued- Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a civilian, and gave the invocation and benediction at the CPD Promotion Ceremony. The CCC was notified by the Coast Guard of a drowning in Tybee Island, Georgia – notified Rev. Otto Immel who responded to the scene, many thanks for his assistance!

7- Chaplain Youngblood attended the Tri-County Victim Advocates meeting. The CCC was notified by EMS and the NCPD of a still birth – notified the MUSC Chaplain as the person was transported. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a civilian.

8- Chaplain Dashnaw gave the invocation at the Charleston County Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting. Chaplain Youngblood attended the Charleston County Aviation Authority Meeting. Chaplain Driggers attended a mass casualty meeting at the Berkeley County Emergency Preparedness Division, attended the FOP Memorial Board Meeting, and had a counseling session with a civilian. The CCC was notified by the NCPD of a shooting – notified the MUSC Chaplain.

9- Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder, attended the Survivors of Homicide Support Group meeting, and along with Chaplain Brown was notified by EMS and the NCPD of a double shooting – notified the MUSC Chaplain that one victim was being transported, and ministered to those on the scene and assisted the Coroner in making the death notification.

10- Chaplain-in-training McGowan did a ride-along with the NCPD. Chaplain Driggers had two counseling sessions with civilians, and had a counseling session with a first responder.

11- Chaplain Farmer did a ride-along with the CPD. Chaplain Driggers was notified by the Charleston County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) that a body was found in the woods – ministered to first responders at the scene.

12- Chaplain Ott was notified by the Awendaw Fire Department of a fire – ministered to the family who lost their house. Chaplain O'Connell was notified by the NCPD of a natural death – ministered to the victim's family and friends and assisted the Coroner at the scene. Chaplain Raney was notified by the SCHP of an accident with a fatality – assisted the Coroner in making the death notification, ministered to the victim's family members, and called the family's pastor, the Rev. Roosevelt Geddes of Wesley United Methodist Church. Chaplain Driggers was notified by the NCPD of a traffic fatality – assisted the Coroner in making the death notification and called the victim's pastor, the Rev. Mark Grillo of Family Worship.

13- Chaplain Dewey had a counseling session with a civilian, made four home visits, and made a home visit with Board Member and MPPD Chief Harry Sewell to the family whose daughter died in the Bahamas. Chaplain Driggers was notified by the NCPD of a natural death – ministered to the victim's family at the scene.

14- The CCC hosted a luncheon for emergency services dispatchers in Charleston County that were participating in the new 911 Consolidated Dispatch Center training. Chaplain Dewey made a hospital visit to a civilian. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a civilian.

15- Chaplain Dewey responded to a school where a student threatened his teachers and classmates with a knife – talked with the students, parents, and staff and thankfully no one was hurt, and along with Chaplain Jones was notified by the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) of an accident with a fatality – ministered to residents and emergency personnel and assisted the Coroner in making the death notification. Chaplain Driggers attended the Charleston County Fire Chief's Meeting.

16- Board Members Emily Burrous, Don Lundy, Spencer Lynch, Cindy Daniel, John Keener, Jeff Pulley, John Bryan, Harry Sewell, David Richardson, Dennis Rhoad, Director of Development Jean McDowell and Chaplain Dewey attended the monthly Board Meeting. Chaplain Dewey prayed the blessing at the Free Foundation's annual luncheon. Chaplain Driggers attended a seminar on the role of the church in Domestic Violence, was notified by EMS of a natural death – responded to the scene and ministered to the victim's family and friends, and was notified by the MPPD of a natural death – responded to the scene and ministered to victim's family. Chaplain Carter was notified by EMS of a natural death – ministered to those on scene.

17- Chaplain Dewey prayed at the ribbon cutting for the new Charleston County Public Works Building, and presided at the wedding of U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Commander and Mrs. Eric King.

18- Chaplain Schwarz was notified by the DCSO of a death – ministered to the victim's family at the scene. Chaplain Dewey was notified by the CCSO and EMS that a person was being transported to the Emergency Room who had been severely burned – notified the hospital Chaplain and attempted to comfort the family on the scene, and along with Chaplain Raney had a group counseling session. The CCC was notified by the CCSO and EMS that a person was severely injured in a traffic accident and was being airlifted to the trauma center and sadly the person died – notified the MUSC Chaplain. Chaplain Driggers had two counseling sessions with civilians.

19- Chaplain O'Connell had a counseling session with a family.

20- Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder. Chaplain O'Connell met with the family whose loved one died on the 18th to make funeral arrangements.

21- Chaplains Dewey and Driggers spoke to the Charleston Fire Department personnel who are taking a Critical Incident Stress Management course. Chaplain Raney gave the invocation at the Charleston County Rescue Squad meeting. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with an individual, was notified by EMS and the CCSO of a homicide – along with Chaplain Foster ministered to the witness and family at the scene and assisted the Coroner with the death notification, and was notified by the CSSO of a SWAT call out – responded to the scene and spent time with first responders. Chaplain O'Connell officiated at the funeral for the person who died on the 18th.

22- Chaplains Dewey and Driggers participated in the Crisis Negotiating training with the MPPD and the CCSO. Chaplain Driggers had two counseling sessions with civilians.

23- Chaplain Dewey and Board President Emily Burrous attended the 2009 State of the School's Breakfast – many thanks to Dr. Nancy McGinley for publicly thanking the CCC, and along with Chaplain Driggers attended a water safety task force meeting at the Coast Guard base. Chaplain Driggers attended the Survivors of Homicide Support Group meeting.

24- Chaplain Driggers attended a meeting regarding mass casualty response.

25- Chaplain Youngblood was notified by EMS of a fire at the Joseph Floyd Manor – worked with the Charleston Fire Department and EMS and notified the MUSC Chaplain that victim's were being transported to the trauma center. Chaplain Driggers attended the Diocese of South Carolina Episcopal Church Women meeting in Myrtle Beach at Trinity Episcopal Church – spoke to the women attending about the CCC.

26- Chaplain Dewey made a hospital call to a civilian. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a civilian.

27- Chaplain Farmer was notified by EMS of a natural death – ministered to the victim's family at the scene. Chaplain Dewey attended the monthly Survivor Follow Up group meeting, assisted at a traffic accident until police arrived, attended the quarterly luncheon for the retired FBI agents, and along with Chaplains Driggers, was notified by EMS that a baby was being held hostage – thankfully, all was resolved safely. Chaplain Raney gave the invocation at the Tri-County Fire Chief's meeting. Chaplain Driggers attended a Public Hearing for the MPPD re-accreditation process – spoke on behalf of the CCC.

28- Chaplain Dewey prayed the invocation for the CCSO awards ceremony. Chaplain Ott gave the invocation at the Charleston County Rescue Squad meeting. Chaplain Driggers attended a sub group meeting at the Red Cross to discuss volunteer response during a mass casualty event.

29- Chaplain Dashnaw did a ride-along with the NCPD. Chaplain Driggers had two counseling sessions with civilians.

30- Chaplains Dewey and Driggers hosted a luncheon for the Chaplains in Jasper, Beaufort, and Colleton Counties that respond to calls for us – also in attendance were three troopers from the SChP, and they also attended a spiritual care sub-committee meeting for Mass Fatality Protocol. Chaplain Temoney was notified by EMS of a natural death – counseled and prayed with the victim's family. Chaplain O'Connell was notified by the NCPD of a natural death – ministered to the victim's family at the scene. The CCC was notified by the NCPD of a shooting – notified the MUSC Chaplain. Chaplain Driggers made a hospital visit, had a counseling session with a civilian, and attended the Chaplain Training program at the Charleston County Detention Center – spoke to those in attendance about being a Chaplain.

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