

Chaplaincy Log - February 2009

2- Chaplain Dewey attended the Charleston Police Department (CPD) promotional ceremony, and responded to a home where an elderly woman was threatening suicide – she was transported to the hospital. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder, and attended the North Charleston Fire Department's (NCFD) pinning ceremony for their new Chief Greg Bulanow.

3- Chaplain Dashnaw gave the invocation at the monthly Tri-County Victim's Advocate meeting. Chaplain Dewey had Ken Burger of the Post and Courier as a ride-along. Chaplain Driggers was notified by the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the Charleston County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) of a traffic fatality – ministered to first responders at the scene, and attended the James Island Town Council Meeting and the CCC was awarded a grant of \$5,000 – many thanks to them for their support! Chaplain Raney attended the Charleston County Rescue Squad meeting – prayed the invocation.

4- Chaplains Youngblood, Dewey, Raney, Driggers, Jones, Farmer, O'Connell, Schwarz, Burrous, Holz, Brown, Dashnaw, Carter, Refson, Smith, Charleston County Detention Center Chaplain Eva Smith, Board Members Emily Burrous and Don Lundy, Office Manager Claire Gatlin, Director of Development Jean McDowell, and guest Donna Rakoske attended the monthly Chaplain's breakfast. Chaplain Dewey responded to a home where a 101 year old woman had fallen – he stayed with her until EMS arrived, and had lunch with Allen O'Neal who is the new Charleston County Administrator. Chaplain Driggers attended the promotion ceremony at the North Charleston Police Department (NCPD), and had a counseling session with a civilian.

5- Chaplains O'Connell and Dewey were notified by the NCPD and EMS of an unknown death – ministered to the victim's family at the scene. Chaplain Farmer was notified by EMS of a natural death – provided support for the victim's caregiver at the scene. Chaplain Dewey was notified by the Charleston Airport Police that a person was having some mental issues – notified EMS and Mobile Crisis who assisted in helping the person to a safe place, had a counseling session with a civilian, and stayed with persons who had been involved in a car wreck until a Trooper arrived. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a civilian, and spoke at Webster University to a class of Graduate Psychology students.

6- Chaplain Schwarz prayed the invocation at the Tri-County Law Enforcement Network meeting.

7- Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder, and had a counseling session with a civilian. The CCC was notified by the South Carolina Highway Patrol (SCHP) of an accident with a fatality – notified the Berkeley Crisis Chaplaincy.

8- Chaplain Farmer was notified by the Mount Pleasant Police Department (MPPD) of a natural death – ministered to the victim’s family and notified their Rabbi Tony Holz of Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim. Chaplain Driggers attended the viewing of a retired Fire Captain McElveen from the Charleston Fire Department (CFD) – spent time with the family and prepared to officiate the funeral on the 9th. Chaplain Raney responded to the St. Francis Hospital Emergency Room to be with the family of a retired CPD officer – offered support and prayed with the family, and was notified by EMS of a natural death – offered support to the victim’s family and friends.

9- Chaplain O’Connell presided at the funeral service for the victim from the 5th. Chaplain Farmer gave the invocation at the FBI Luncheon. Chaplain Youngblood had a counseling session with a civilian. Chaplain Driggers officiated the funeral service for a retired CFD Captain McElveen.

10- Chaplain Robinson attended the Charleston Rescue Squad meeting. Chaplain Youngblood gave the invocation at the Coast Guard’s Pilot’s Luncheon. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder, and was notified by EMS and the NCPD of a homicide – notified the MUSC Chaplain that the victim was being transported and spent time with first responders at the scene.

11- Chaplain Driggers attended an Incident Command course sponsored by the Coast Guard, and had a counseling session with a first responder.

12- Chaplain Farmer attended a tenant meeting at the airport. Chaplain O’Connell was notified by the SCHP of an accident with a fatality – worked with first responders at the scene and assisted the Coroner in making the death notifications. Chaplain Dewey made a visit to a funeral home, and stayed at a car wreck until police arrived. Chaplain Driggers completed a course sponsored by the Coast Guard.

13- Chaplain Dewey prayed at the annual Board of Directors meeting for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and along with Chaplain Driggers attended the Child Suicide Prevention seminar sponsored by Palmetto Behavioral Health and the North Charleston Breakfast Rotary. Chaplain Raney had a counseling session with a sworn officer.

15- Chaplain Youngblood was notified by EMS and the CCSO of an unknown death – ministered to the victim’s family at the scene. Chaplain Dewey was notified by EMS and the MPPD of a death by suicide – ministered to the victim’s family.

16- Chaplain Jones was notified by the NCPD and EMS of a death by suicide – ministered to the victim’s family.

17- Chaplains Schwarz and Owens were notified by EMS of a homicide – worked with emergency personnel and attempted to comfort the victim’s friends. Chaplains Dewey and Driggers attended a meeting with many agencies discussing protocol for Mass Fatality incidents. Chaplain Jones attended the Charleston County Rescue Squad meeting and gave the opening prayer.

18- Chaplain Dewey did a ride-along with the CPD. The CCC was notified by the Coast Guard of an incident where several members of a family drowned and several were transported to the hospital – notified the Georgetown County Chaplain. Chaplain Farmer attended the Charleston County Fire Chief’s meeting and gave the invocation.

19- Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder, along with Chaplain Dewey met with a person who offers private counseling, and along with Chaplains Dewey and O’Connell was notified by the NCPD and EMS of a moped accident with a fatality – assisted the Coroner in making the death notification and ministered to the victim’s family. Board Members John Bryan, Cindy Daniel, Jeff Pulley, Harry Sewell, Emily Burrous, Spencer Lynch, John Keener, Pam Pearce, Chaplain Dewey and Director of Development Jean McDowell attended the monthly Board Meeting.

21- Director of Development Jean McDowell, Chaplain O’Connell, Board President Emily Burrous, Survivor Follow Up Member Christine Hill and Board Member Charles Huff attended the Ready Lowcountry event at the North Charleston Fire Museum.

23- 28 Chaplains Farmer and Driggers attended the International Fellowship of Chaplains Chaplain Certification Training in Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina.

24- Chaplain Dewey prayed the invocation at Trident Technical College’s annual Academic Advisory Board breakfast, and made two hospital calls.

25- Chaplain Raney had a counseling session with a sworn officer. Chaplain Dewey attended the weekly briefing at Seahawk Taskforce, had a pre-marriage counseling appointment with a civilian couple, and made a hospital call.

26- Chaplain Youngblood was notified by EMS of a natural death – talked with employees at the victim’s residence, and was notified by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) that an officer had been shot – ministered to bystanders at the scene and responded to MUSC – worked with the hospital Chaplain and ministered to the officer and his family. Chaplains Raney and Schwarz attended the Charleston Area Peer Support Team training and Chaplain Schwarz gave the opening prayer. Chaplain Dewey attended and FBI retirement luncheon in Columbia for Cheryl Pelky who served 35 years with the FBI.

27- Chaplain Youngblood was notified by EMS of a death by suicide – worked with emergency personnel and assisted the Coroner in making the death notification, was notified by EMS and the CPD of an accident with a fatality – worked with CPD officers and the Coroner, and along with Chaplain Dewey attended a Crisis Negotiators Training with the CCSO and the MPPD. Chaplain Jones did a ride-along with the NCPD.

28- Chaplain Dewey attended the Law Rider’s annual Oyster Roast.

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