

Chaplaincy Log – January 2011

1 – Chaplain Jones was notified by the Charleston County Consolidated Dispatch (CCCD) of an auto fatality – notified the hospital Chaplain and was notified by the South Carolina Highway Patrol (SCHP) of an auto fatality – notified the Jasper County Chaplain. Chaplain O’Connell was notified by the North Charleston Police Department (NCPD) of a natural death – responded to offer prayer and comfort to the family. Chaplain Dewey did a ride along with the Mount Pleasant Police Department (MPPD).

3 – Chaplain Driggers was notified by the Charleston County Consolidated Dispatch (CCCD) of a double homicide – responded along with Chaplain Farmer to minister to the family.

4 – Chaplain O’Connell attended the Tri-County Victim Advocates Meeting in North Charleston. Chaplain Driggers attended the North Charleston Department Head breakfast, attended a funeral and had a counseling session with an individual.

5 – Chaplains Carter, Farmer, Foster, Greeley, Jones, McGowan, O’Connell, Raney, Refson, Smith, Youngblood, Cooper, DiDomenico, Driggers, Dewey, Judy Koelpin, David Richardson, Sarah Marshall, Chief Greg Bulanow and Kimberly Strang attended the monthly Chaplains Breakfast – many thanks to Judy Koelpin for her many years of support of the Chaplaincy!

6 – Chaplain Dewey spoke with a civilian going through a difficult time over the phone until police and EMS were able to take him into protective custody. Chaplains Dewey, Driggers, Cindy Daniel, Walt Martin and Kimberly Strang attended the strategic planning meeting led by Tom Leonard. Chaplain Driggers was notified by the North Charleston Police Department (NCPD) of a body found – responded and spent time with the first responders and assisted the coroner in the death notification and offered the invocation at the swearing in for the new Charleston County Council Members.

7 – The CCC was notified by the South Carolina Highway Patrol (SCHP) of a hit and run fatality in Berkeley County – notified the Berkeley County Chaplain. Chaplain Driggers attended the Weapons of Mass Destruction Regional Response Training at the MPPD – offered the prayer at the beginning of the training and spent time with the first responders on scene, and assisted a local clergy member with the loss of a family member. Chaplain Youngblood attended the Law Enforcement Network luncheon and offered the invocation.

7 – 9 – Chaplain Dewey taught a course at the annual Disaster Mortuary Operational Recovery Team (DMORT) conference.

8 – Chaplain Driggers spent time with a family who had lost a loved one.

9 – Chaplain Dewey made a home visit.

10 – Chaplain Refson did a ride along with the MPPD. Chaplain Driggers was notified by an individual of a suicide that occurred on Jan. 9th – responded to the victim’s place of business to counsel the employees and responded to counsel a close friend of the suicide victim.

11 – Chaplain Cooper attended the Charleston Volunteer Rescue Squad Meeting. Chaplains McGowan, Driggers and Dewey attended a meeting to prepare for the Cooper River Bridge Run – many thanks to the Committee again for having the CCC as one of the charities. Spencer Lynch, Chaplains Dewey and Driggers, Jean McDowell and Kimberly Strang attended the banquet committee meeting. Chaplain Driggers followed up with the two individuals regarding the suicide on the 9th.

12 – Chaplain DiDomenico was notified by the North Charleston Police Department (NCPD) of a natural death – responded to provide comfort to the family. Chaplain Youngblood attended the Crisis Negotiator Advising meeting at Charleston/Dorchester Mental Health. Chaplain Dewey and Driggers attended the funeral for former Mayor Harry Hallman. Chaplain Jones was notified by the ???? of a vehicle that hit a bicyclist – responded to offer support to the victim. Chaplain Driggers met with the camp coordinator at Camp St. Christopher.

13 – Chaplain Youngblood did a ride along with the Charleston County Sheriff’s Office (CCSO). Chaplain Dewey was notified by the MPPD of a death by suicide – responded along with Chaplain in Training Sherman to comfort the family. Carol Etheridge, Joe Nicholson, Jim Woods, Anne Burris, Chief Greg Bulanow, Chaplains Driggers and Dewey and Kimberly Strang attended the new board members meeting.

14 - Chaplain Dewey attended the retirement luncheon for FBI agent Cindy McCants, gave an interview to Comcast for our 20th Anniversary. Many thanks to John Keener (owner of the Charleston Crab House) for throwing the oyster roast fundraiser for the CCC attended by staff, chaplains, board members and friends. Chaplain Driggers attended the Mental Health Task Force Meeting at Charleston/Dorchester Mental Health.

15 – Chaplain Smith was notified by the CCCD of a possible homicide – responded to counsel the victim’s family and assisted the coroner in making the death notification.

16 – Chaplain Raney did a ride along with the Charleston County Sheriff’s Office (CCSO).

17 - The CCCD notified the CCC of a death – Chaplain O’Connell responded to comfort the family. Chaplain Dewey and Jones were notified by the CCCD of a person that had been found deceased – responded to comfort the victim’s friends. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a civilian and had a meeting with a young couple contemplating marriage.

18 – Chaplain Driggers assisted an individual getting in touch with mental health.

19 – Chaplains Dewey and Smith attended the monthly meeting of the Charleston County Fire Chiefs Association. Chaplain Driggers counseled a first responder.

20 – Chaplain Dewey had David McDougall of the Post and Courier as a ride along, had a counseling session with a civilian and made a home visit. Chaplain Driggers attended a retirement party for Debbie Alfaro, of MPPD and attended the Knights of Columbus first responder awards ceremony in North Charleston and offered the invocation and benediction.

21 – Chaplain Driggers attended the retirement party for NCFD Chief Strueber and offered the invocation.

22 – Chaplains Dewey, Driggers, McGowan, Chaplain in Training Coleman, Herbie Hill, Terry Thompson and Kimberly Strang attended the first Annual Awards dinner for the Zonta Club of Charleston at the Harbor Club. Chaplain Driggers performed a wedding for the daughter of a first responder.

24 – Chaplain Dewey attended the Survivor Follow Up meeting, responded to a home where a person had shot themselves – responded and stayed with the children until a relative arrived on scene and notified Candy Bates of the CCSD, as one of the children attended a middle school. Chaplain Driggers attended a debrief at Mary Ford Elementary School and discussed strategic planning for the response to crisis in schools.

25 – Kimberly Strang attended a Cooper River Bridge Run Meeting. Chaplain Dewey assisted Chaplain Driggers with a shooting – responded to the hospital (MUSC) then notified the hospital Chaplain. Chaplain Driggers assisted an individual in West Ashley, was notified by the CCCD of an operation on James Island – responded and spent time with the first responders at the scene of a tactical operation, and responded to the second scene in West Ashley and assisted the family members on scene.

26 - Chaplain Dewey has a counseling session with a civilian. Chaplain Driggers followed up with the first responders regarding the call on the 25th.

27 – Chaplain Dewey attended the quarterly awards ceremony/breakfast for the City of Charleston, was notified by the NCPD and the CCSD of a teacher found dead – responded along with Chaplains Cooper and Driggers to support the school counselors and had a counseling session with a civilian. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder.

28 – Chaplain Dewey, Farmer and Kimberly Strang accepted a check from the East Cooper Hospital Volunteer group – many thanks to their wonderful group. Chaplain Dewey responded to a home to counsel a civilian with drug problems. Chaplain Driggers helped out with the school from the call on the 27th and supported the crisis response team in helping students and staff dealing with the loss of a teacher and had a counseling session with an individual.

29 – The CCC was notified by the CCCD of a natural death – Chaplain Cooper responded to offer support to the family members. Chaplain Dewey has a counseling session with a first responder. Chaplain Driggers attended the annual Rotary oyster roast.

30 – Chaplain Dewey has a counseling session with a first responder. Chaplain Farmer was notified by the CCCD of a death by suicide – responded to the scene to offer assistance to the first responders. Chaplain Driggers made a hospital visit to an individual in a local area hospital.

31 – Chaplain O’Connell attended the Summerville Oakbrook Morning Rotary meeting in Westcott Plantation and gave a presentation about the CCC. Chaplains Dewey and Driggers attended the retirement party for Terry Boatwright.

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