

## Chaplaincy Log – May 2011

**1-** Chaplain McGowan had a counseling session with a citizen and was notified by the Consolidated Dispatch Center (CDC) of a traffic fatality – attempted to console and minister to the family at scene. Chaplain O’Connell was notified by Berkeley County Coroner’s Office of a natural death – provided comfort and assistance to the family.

**2-** Chaplain Dewey made a hospital visit to a first responder. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder, and along with Director of Development Jay Hart, Chaplain Dewey, and volunteer Maria Piraglia had lunch at the St. Phillips Tea Room.

**3-** Chaplains Dewey, Driggers, McGowan, Farmer, Cooper, Jones, O’Connell, Coleman, Youngblood and Jay Hart attended the Chaplaincy’s Cocktails and Conversation event hosted by Mark and Karen Phillips – many thanks to all who attended in support of the Chaplaincy. Chaplain Driggers attended the City of North Charleston Department Head breakfast, and referred an individual to mental health. Chaplain Raney offered the opening prayer for the Charleston County Rescue Squad.

**4-** The Chaplaincy had their monthly breakfast – many thanks to Charleston Country Administrator, Mr. Allen O’Neal for speaking about the CDC. Chaplain Dewey gave the prayer for the annual Homeland Security luncheon sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce – many thanks to Chamber President Bobby Pearce for the invitation. Chaplain Driggers had a meeting with Sarah Gainey strategizing on different mental health challenges, and had a counseling session with a first responder. Chaplain Youngblood was notified by Charleston County Sherriff’s Office (CCSO) of a suicide – assisted the officers and coroner in ministering the family.

**5-** Chaplains Dewey and Driggers attended the Police Memorial Service in North Charleston where they offered the Invocation and Benediction with a gospel reading. Chaplain Temoney offered the opening prayer for the Special Olympics Torch Run on Sullivan’s Island.

**6-** Chaplain O’Connell was notified by the Dorchester County Sheriff’s Office (DCSO) of the death of a child – offered counseling to the parents and several officers at the scene. Chaplain Youngblood accompanied Survivor Follow Up volunteer Mrs. Newton and the Charleston Police Department (CPD) to assist a suicidal individual. Chaplain Cooper responded to a traffic fatality – attempted to comfort those at the scene. Chaplain Farmer gave the prayer at the Hanahan Fraternal order of Police meeting.

**7-** Chaplain Youngblood was notified by the CPD of natural death – responded and worked with the Coroner, was notified by the CCSO of death by suicide – assisted the Coroner and the CCSO in making the death notification.

**8-** Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a first responder, and had a counseling session with a civilian. Chaplain Youngblood had a counseling session with a civilian.

**9-** Chaplain Driggers offered the benediction at the Road Wise Bee Street Completion Ceremony, had a counseling session with an individual, had a counseling session with a first responder, made a hospital visit to a first responder, and attended the monthly meeting of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) at the Jewish Community Center. Chaplain Farmer was notified by the Mt. Pleasant Fire Department (MPFD) of a natural death – provided comfort and prayers for the family at the scene.

**10-** Chaplain Driggers attended a Pastoral Alliance meeting at the Charleston Airbase Chapel sponsored by the Joint Base Chaplain Staff - many thanks to Lt. Col. Michael Brown for his support of the CCC, and assisted the family member of a first responder, assisted a first responder in obtaining help for an individual.

**11-** Chaplain O’Connell was notified by the North Charleston Police Department (NCPD) of a fatal motor vehicle accident - offered counseling to one of the drivers and worked with the coroner in making the death notification, and attended the funeral service for the child victim from the 6<sup>th</sup>. Chaplain Dewey prayed the blessing at the New England Society of Charleston at the Carolina Yacht Club – many thanks to Tom Waring for the invitation. Chaplain Driggers attended the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Board meeting with - offered the opening prayer, had a counseling session with a first responder, and followed up with the family member of a first responder – assisted them in contacting community resources.

**12-** Chaplain O’Connell visited DCSO first responders who responded to the child death on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Chaplain Dewey and Jay Hart attended the Charleston Promise Neighborhood Event at Market Pavilion Rooftop. Chaplain Farmer attended the SC Law Enforcement Officers Association in Columbia, SC to make a presentation on a course he has written on Law Enforcement Stress. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with an individual, and made a hospital visit to a first responder.

**13-** The CCC was notified by the South Carolina Highway Patrol (SCHP) of an accident in Colleton County where two victims were being Life-Flighted to MUSC - notified MUSC Chaplains. Jay Hart attended Coastal Community Foundation’s 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Soccer Party. Chaplain Dewey met with Julian Smith (Director of the Cooper River Bridge Run) – many thanks for their continued support of the CCC, and participated in a wake service for Ruke Brown. Chaplain Driggers attended the Mental Health Task Force meeting at Charleston/Dorchester Mental Health, ministered to the family of a first responder who just lost a loved one, and had a counseling session with a first responder.

**14-** Jay Hart set up a Chaplaincy table at the Lowcountry CERT Hurricane Preparedness Expo at Lowes on James Island.

**15-** Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a civilian. Chaplain Youngblood responded to a natural death – worked with CPD and the coroner to provide comfort to the family.

**16-** Chaplain Youngblood provided a debriefing for a group of employees whose co-worker had died. Chaplain Driggers taught an in service stress management class at the training for NCPD, and officiated a funeral with Rev. Gallant for a first responder's loved one.

**17-** Chaplain Driggers was notified by CDC of a natural death – ministered to the individual at the scene, met with Tom Leonard, Chaplain Dewey, and Jay Hart.

**18-** Chaplains Dewey and Youngblood participated in the Crisis Negotiators/SWAT exercise with the MPPD, Chaplain Dewey offered the prayer for the annual Bike Ride in Silence at Hampton Park, responded to a natural death – attempted to comfort his friends. Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with a civilian.

**19-** The CCC had their monthly Board of Directors meeting with the following members present: Lewis Lee, Steve Peper, Sarah Marshall, John Bryan, Emily Burrous, Greg Bulanow, John Cawley, Anne Burris, Joe Nicholson, Spencer Lynch, Tom Leonard (Strategic Plan Consultant), Chaplain Rob Dewey (Senior Chaplain), and Jay Hart (Director of Development). Chaplain Dewey counseled with a first responder. Chaplain Driggers attended Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Regional response training, and the committal for Chaplain Roth (SC Firefighter Association Chaplain), and attended peer support training.

**20-** Chaplain Driggers attended the firefighter combat competition at Citadel Mall – offered the opening prayer. Chaplain Dewey spoke on the CCC at the monthly Block Training for CCSO and had a counseling session with a civilian couple.

**21-** Chaplain Raney offered the opening prayer at the firefighter combat competition at Citadel Mall.

**23-** Chaplains Dewey and Driggers met with a local clergy person. Chaplain Driggers attended the Crisis Negotiations Training at NCPD – assisted as an evaluator for participant scenarios. Chaplain O'Connell and Chaplain in Training Sytner were notified by the Charleston County Aviation Authority of a diverted flight – assessed and spent time with the passengers. Chaplain Dewey led Survivor Follow-Up Ministry team training. CCC set up an information table at Christ Church in Mt. Pleasant for their outreach fair.

**24-** Chaplain Driggers had a counseling session with an individual, worked with MUSC Chaplains and NCPD to get support for a family at MUSC, had a counseling session with a first responder and along with Chaplain Dewey, attended the employee Support meetings at Park Circle for NCPD sergeants – gave the opening remarks at two meetings. Chaplain Dewey had a counseling session with a first responder. Chaplain O'Connell was notified by the SCHP of a traffic accident fatality – assisted the Dorchester Coroner in making the death notification.

**25-** Chaplains Driggers and Dewey attended a Charleston Area Critical Incident Stress Meeting for Agency Directors and Chaplain Dewey had a counseling session with a civilian.

26- Chaplain Driggers officiated the wedding of a first responder.

27- Chaplain Dewey taught a class for the Crisis Negotiators on Self-Care. Chaplain Driggers attended the CNT training stress management class.

28- Chaplain Raney did a ride along with NCPD.

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31- Chaplain Dewey attended Mayor Summey's weekly breakfast for Department Heads. Jane Ferrell did a ride along with Chaplain Driggers - thank you for your support of the Chaplaincy, and had a counseling session with a first responder.

### **Special Notes**

**The CCC would like to thank the following businesses and organizations for their financial support in the month of May:** North Charleston Breakfast Rotary Club, Free Enterprise Foundation, Inc., Belser Thompson Real Estate, and Cybergrants, Inc.

**Our thanks also go to the following congregations and ministries for their financial support of the Chaplaincy during May:** St. Andrews Church – Mt. Pleasant, John Wesley United Methodist Church, Old Saint Andrew's Parish Church, James Island Christian Church, Christ St. Paul's Episcopal Parish, Isle of Palms Baptist Church, Seacoast Christian Community Church, Grace Episcopal Church, and Prince George Episcopal Church

### **Memorials:**

Mr. Dennis Skelton - Many thanks to Col. and Mrs. Don Lundy.

### **Honorariums:**

Mr. and Mrs. George Mark Phillips – Many thanks to Dr. and Mrs. John Spratt.

**Thank you to the Reverend Spike Coleman (St. Andrews Presbyterian Church) for printing our log this month.** If you, your congregation, company, or organization would like to print the log next month or any month in the future, please call 724-1212. **Thank you!**

**The Chaplaincy will be hiring an Office Administrator as of August 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in applying please send a resume to Director of Development, Jay Hart at [dofd@coastalcrisischaplain.org](mailto:dofd@coastalcrisischaplain.org).**