



Spokane County Sheriff Chaplaincy

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Sheriff Chaplain's Corner

WHEN WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE

Greetings to everyone and Happy August!

In the magazine, Church Champions Update, Dave Travis shares this profound insight from a baseball game he watched.

Tuesday night I couldn't go to sleep. I clicked on the hotel TV and found my beloved Atlanta Braves playing the Colorado Rockies. It was the ninth inning, and the score was tied at 6-6.

The game continued. As the innings progressed, the Rockies used all of their relief pitchers. (Major league teams have 25 person rosters, 10 of which are usually pitchers. Of those, four or five are starters, and the rest are relievers.)

Without any relief pitchers left on the bench, the starting pitcher from the night before was sent out to pitch an inning. He had pitched numerous innings the night before but went out again and held the Braves.

In the 12th inning, the Rockies had a terrible choice. Should they send out one of their two remaining starting pitchers, who would have to play over the next two days, or a utility player? They chose to send an injured catcher, Brent Mayne, to the mound.

The manager asked him: "Can you pitch?"

"Sure" said Brent, even though he had never pitched at any level in his Life.

A few pitches went over the catcher's head. One flew behind a batter's back, but Mayne managed to get the Braves to ground into two grounders and a fly ball out to get the Rockies out of the inning.

In the bottom of that inning, Mayne's position came up to hit. With an injured batting hand, he couldn't do it. So the Rockies sent out a new player who had never had a hit in the major leagues. Of course he drove a run in to win the game.

Why tell this story? Because sometimes we all have to fill uncomfortable roles or positions. Sometimes we have to do it even when we are hurt or even in some pain. If we are able, we have to go out there and support our team/family, in spite of how we might feel.

I remember my deployment in 2015-16 when Chapel services had to take place, even when I was recovering from the Norovirus. My Chaplain Assistant was amazed that we were able to perform both services for Task Force TQ that Sunday. With God all things are possible!

Too many times we may excuse ourselves from tasks that need to be done, saying, "It's not my place or my mission, it's not my gift, it's not my position!"

As a result, the work that you or I are called to do could be left undone. But God has created us with talents and gifts to fill a gap when we find it, and to accomplish His work.

PRAYER: Dear God in heaven, open my eyes to the needs of my community, my family members, and my peers all around me. Help me to do my part to make the world a better place than the way I found it. In the Name of the King of Glory, Amen.

(Adapted from Perfect Illustrations for Every Topic and Occasion)

A Very Special Thanks!



Valor Technical Cleaning

Thank you to Greg Lando and the whole crew for their generous support of the chaplaincy. Valor employees offer crime scene and other types of biohazard cleanup with discretion and Integrity. They approach every job with care and professionalism.

Donors

We want to thank Randy & Christine Meier for their contribution and support to the chaplaincy. Their donation goes towards the many needs our chaplaincy has including, training needs and helps with the support we give to deputies (food, coffee) at crime scenes. We appreciate you!



“Holidays and Heroes” Fundraiser!

Christmas in July? No! However, preparations are underway already for this year's “Holidays and Heroes” annual event held every year in December. This past month, the chaplains, explorers, and deputies participated in a crucial piece for the success of this event...a fundraiser sponsored and held at “Hops n Drops” at the Spokane Valley Mall. The restaurant graciously donated 20% of the sales from that evening. “Holidays and Heroes” helps out many families during the holiday season, by providing a special morning for selected children to go shop with a deputy for Christmas gifts (a large box of food containing everything needed for a delicious Christmas meal is also given) and truly leaves a positive impact. Thank you Hops n Drops!



City of Reardon Training Exercise

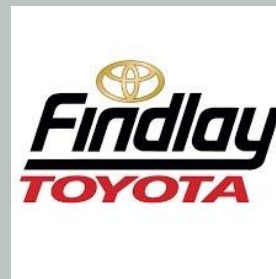
Last month, the chaplains along with the chaplain support staff, participated in a very important training exercise in the city of Reardon. These scheduled exercises organized by Spokane County Emergency Management, are crucial should an actual emergency occur. The chaplains were happy to link arms with the many different organizations and law enforcement agencies represented that day and offer our services. We pray always that our communities remain safe, but thankful for the many organizations and personnel ready and trained up should an actual event take place.

Talk to a Chaplain

Whether you're an officer, county employee, community member, or friend our chaplain team is here for you.

- 24x7 Support Spiritual
- Guidance & Referrals
- Pastoral Counseling
- Conversation
- Crisis Intervention
- Weddings & Funerals

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Free One Day Conference
For All First Responders
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Time: 8:00am - 5:00pm

Location: Timberview Church

15511 N Howe Rd, Mead, WA 99021

This free one-day conference will examine the unique challenges first responders face and provide a wide range of information, teaching, and resources geared toward those leading and guiding first responders through these challenges.

Core Topics Include:

- First Responder Wellness
- Suicide Prevention
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