



Spokane County Sheriff Chaplaincy

July 2025 Newsletter

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Sheriff Chaplain's Corner

PAINFUL DIVERSITY

One of the most bizarre land disputes came to an end on July 31, 2015 when the governments of India and Bangladesh agreed to an exchange of 162 enclaves between themselves. These enclaves consist of small bits of territory within each other's borders. Within India's borders, for instance, there were over 51 Bangladeshi enclaves amounting to more than 7,000 acres of land. Within these enclaves lived 14,000 dwellers who identified themselves with India, yet are denied such basic needs as water, electricity, health care, roads, and public education because they are technically citizens of another country – Bangladesh. To make matters even worse, travel outside of these poverty-ravaged enclaves was nearly impossible, since it amounted to crossing an international border – and few if any of these enclaves had embassies which could issue passports. In some cases, there were "counter-enclaves." These were Indian enclaves within Bangladeshi enclaves within India – Indians isolated from their own country, yet within their own country.

The same conditions existed in Bangladesh, but in reverse order.

Within the Bangladesh mainland were 111 Indian enclaves of 17,000 acres in which 51,000 Indians lived. Like their counterparts in India, these parcels of ground became "no man's lands," neglected by the governments that surrounded them.

After 68 years of living in these horrific conditions, the Land Boundary Agreement, ratified back in 1974, was finally implemented. Though some bureaucrats in the national capitals squawked at giving up territory to another nation, the enclave dwellers erupted in wild celebrations, parties, fireworks, and religious gatherings to offer thanks for their deliverance from such "painful diversity." They had had enough of their "tribalism" and gladly gave it up to enjoy the benefits of national unity.

What a contrast to our own situation in America. Here in the USA we happily seek to divide ourselves between a thousand different loyalties based on ideology, race, color, politics, and religion. We're all in the same boat and, yet, each group is pulling out a plank for themselves. We'd rather pull our boat apart and hold onto a floating piece of wood in the cold ocean waters, than stay dry by keeping the boat intact. Celebrating diversity is fine, but not at the expense of our unity. Psalm 133:1 says, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!"

PRAYER: Dear Father in heaven, please bless the United States of America. Please heal our many divisions and mend our every flaw. By Your Spirit divine, turn our hearts to You in faith and repentance and to each other in love and reconciliation. Forgive our many sins, O Lord, and heal our land. Amen.

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(From Chaplain David Causey and The Sustainer's Faith: A Year-Round Resource for Spiritual Resiliency [19th ESC])

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FIRST RESPONDER
CHAPLAIN ACADEMY

Date: August 11-15, 2025

Location: Valleyford Community Church - Valleyford, WA

Details & Registration: firstresponderchaplainacademy.org

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Previous Month's Action Report

12

Chaplains

3

Support Staff

15

Callouts

1,164

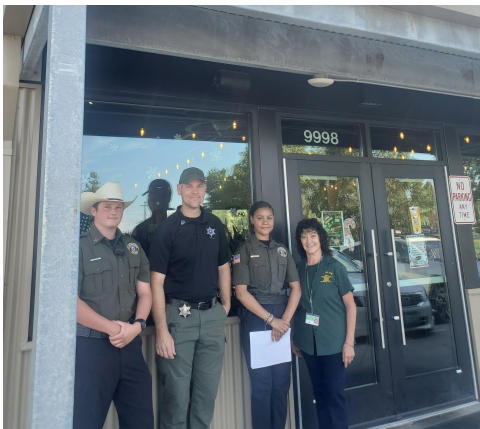
Volunteer Hours

3

Ride-Alongs

Christmas in July Fundraiser

The Sheriff's office partnered with Hops n Drops (north and valley locations) and Red Robin (north location) last week for a Christmas in July fundraiser to support the Holidays & Heroes event in December. Holidays & Heroes, coordinated by Deputy Chris Young, provides an opportunity for Deputies to take children selected by the local school district Christmas shopping in December. They are also given donated food to provide Christmas dinner for their family. Members of SCOPE, Chaplaincy, Explorers, and Deputies were at each of the three locations to greet the public dining that day. A portion of the meals purchased went to support Holidays & Heroes. THANK YOU Hops n Drops and Red Robin!!



Talk to a Chaplain

Whether you're an officer, county employee, community member, or just need someone to talk to, our chaplain team is here for you.

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

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