



Spokane County Sheriff Chaplaincy

July 2026 Newsletter

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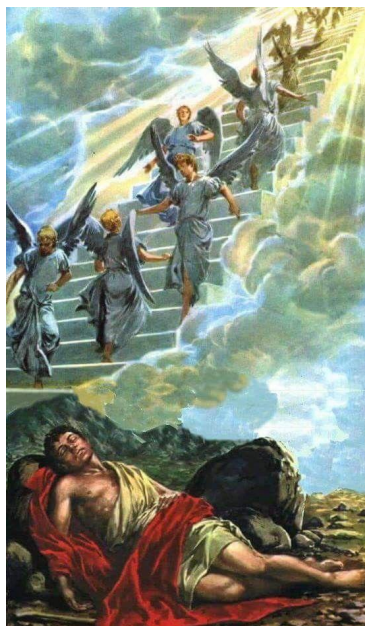
Chaplain Office in the
DEM Building



Sheriff Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Marilyn Howard

The stillness of the room was palpable. Even within the ordinary living of a cluttered bedroom, time stood still. The visitation of death had presented itself. Family members attended with deepest sorrow to process their grief. The family pressed together, some holding hands and others engulfed in embraces that soothed their souls. The tension of unbelief about the loss eased as memories were shared. There is a pause. A daughter lying with a mother gone to rest, granddaughters sweetly caring for one another, a son caring for his wife. What a sacred moment. A moment where it is declared, "Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place."



My mind is taken to Jacob in Genesis 28. He was on his journey from Beersheba to Haran. It was late in the evening, and Jacob began to make provision for his night's rest. As he settled into sleep, he had a beautiful vision of angels ascending and descending a ladder that reached to heaven. He saw the Lord standing above it all, and it is here that Jacob hears this beautiful message that the Lord gives him of the future of his posterity and promises of His enduring presence. Jacob then awakens from his slumber and was so moved by his experience that he declared, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it."

Our world today so often is asking, "God, where are you?" The non-believer who teeters and thinks that there may be a God but can't prove it will ask the question. The believer will also ask the question when there is a crisis at hand and can't seem to grasp the circumstances. People of old have posed the question. The Psalmist often cried out the very sentiment that God is not to be found. Habakkuk, surrounded by overwhelming injustice and violence, wondered how long he was going to cry before the Lord sent help. Job certainly expressed in Job 23:8-9 that, whether he moved forward or backward, on either hand, he could not perceive God. It has been a question asked through the ages.

I would like to remind you that God has always wanted to dwell with His people. We see from the beginning of time, where instructions were given to Moses to “build a sanctuary that I may dwell in their midst” (Exodus 25:8). And then down through the ages to the end of time in Revelation 21, where God declares that His dwelling place is with man. God’s pronouncement of His dwelling with His people resounds throughout the ages.

So often, we forget that God is present because He promised. The missing link is our response. So, we miss it. We can be so buried in our circumstances that we do not perceive. How do we move past God’s presence just being a theological concept to, as Jacob moved, to be able to perceive God’s presence? He worshipped. He had an experience with God’s presence.

Remember, El-Shaddai and His complete all-encompassing presence are dwelling with you. He wants to have an experience with each of us.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, Thank you so much for your steadfast love and for your promise to be with each of us. Please give us a different vision of you dwelling with your children and your gracious presence. Help us to perceive and the courage to respond to your enduring presence.

TRAINING MATTERS

Date: August 3-7, 2026

Location: Valleyford Community Church

Details & Registration:

firstresponderchaplainacademy.org



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Hoopfest Weekend Support

Statistically Law Enforcement observes a spike in DUI and Human trafficking during Hoopfest weekend. In response Law Enforcement conducts extra DUI Emphasis patrols. The SCSO Chaplaincy, in conjunction with WSP Chaplains and SPD Chaplains, supported Law Enforcement through the weekend with prayer and refreshments.



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WSP, SCSO & SPD Chaplains



Hoopfest DUI Emphasis LE Safety Briefing



Previous Month's Action Report

14

Chaplains

4

Support Staff

14

Callouts

1342

Volunteer Hours

6

Ride-Alongs



SPOKANE COUNTY SHERIFF CHAPLAINCY

Monthly Training

As with any profession, the SCSO conducts monthly training meetings to continue to develop and hone skills for the chaplains. June's Monthly Training took place at Turning Point Church

One of the SCSO Chaplains completed their chaplain training and took the Spokane County Sheriff's Chaplain oath as fully-endorsed SCSO Chaplain. Congratulations Chaplain Cade Clarke.



During the Chaplain's monthly training at Turning Point Church, the SCSO Chaplaincy visited and prayed over the Turning Point Law Enforcement Break Room.

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

Supporters of the Month

Valley Assembly Church



A special thank you to Pastor Kent Makins and the congregation at Valley Assembly Church for your support!

Where's the Chaplain?



Asst Lead Chaplain Ryan accepting the "Hero Spotlight Award" on behalf of the SCSO Chaplaincy



Chaplain Cliff passing the Gumby Award to Chaplain Support Staff Yvonne



Chaplain Anthony serving as the on call Chaplain for July 4th



Chaplain Rocky, the SCOPE Chaplain, supporting a SCOPE event.

