



Spokane County Sheriff Chaplaincy

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Sheriff Chaplain's Corner

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Who Is My Neighbor?

"... love your neighbor as yourself ..." **Matthew 22:39**

One of the Bible's most familiar parables is the Parable of the Good Samaritan. In the parable, Jesus begins to describe a traveler:

"... a man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead ..." **Luke 10:30 (ESV)**

The parable continues with two additional travelers that see the hurt stranger; a Priest and a Levite. Both titles imply religiously pious people who, for whatever reason, overlooked the wounded man and continued their journey, rendering no assistance. We have no way of knowing why they overlooked the injured man, but the parable certainly implies a negative connotation to their reasoning.

The third traveler, a Samaritan, noticed the injured man and rendered aid. He tended his wounds and took him to a place where he could get further care. The Samaritan traveler goes beyond all expectations in caring for this stranger.

"... saying to the innkeeper, take care of him, and whatever you spend, I will repay you when I come back..."

Luke 10:35 (ESV)



We see his level of care for this stranger goes far beyond expectations, even for us today. Certainly, we can see ourselves stopping and calling for help. Maybe even dressing wounds and/or transportation to a hospital. However, we can't imagine taking a stranger to a hospital and then signing the intake forms to cover the financial responsibility for their care, but ...

That is **not** what was being taught here. The parable answered a question posed by the audience: “Who” qualifies as our neighbor (**Luke 10:27-29**)? A question relevant today. Of all the people we interact with today, “who” qualifies as our neighbor? Is it friends, church family, co-workers, strangers, etc.?

It's easy to want to restrict our love and kindness to the people that we love and those who are kind to us. Therefore, in response to their question about “who” qualifies as a neighbor, Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan. Jesus concludes that parable with the question (**Luke 10:36-37**):

Jesus Asks: “... *of these three [travelers], who do you think proved to be a neighbor...*”

They Answered: “... *He that **showed mercy** unto the stranger...*”

Jesus Commands: “... *You go, and do likewise...*”

As God-fearing Chaplains and First-Responders, we are called to love God as our first-priority and then show that same godly-love to our neighbor as our next priority (**Matthew 22:37-40**). Thus, the Parable of the Good Samaritan matters because it defines “who” is our neighbor (**Luke 10:36-37**). Our neighbor is the person we encounter and in that moment we have the opportunity to show godly-mercy. The Samaritan had a God-ordained appointment with a stranger in need. In that moment, he demonstrated total compassion and mercy, using the resources he had to help without prejudice or bias; thus, he met the standard of God's expectation. When you get the call and you make every effort to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those in need, with all godly compassion and mercy we are able to bestow, then in that God-ordained moment, “... *you fulfill the royal law ... [and] you are doing well.*” **James 2:8.**

Prayer:

Our most gracious and merciful Father, we give to you all praise and honor. We pray for spiritual eyes to see those in need, and we pray for the courage to help, with all the mercy and compassion you have bestowed upon us. May we glorify you by our actions and words. Forgive us when we make mistakes, and restore in us right spirit. Amen.



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SCSO Chaplaincy Supporting at 9/11 Remembrance Ceremonies



On 9/11/2026, the SCSO Chaplaincy supported several 9/11 Remembrance ceremonies, to remember the 60 Police Officers, 343 Firefighters, 8 EMT/Paramedics and 2,977 civilians. This year was the 25th anniversary of this national tragedy.

National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims:

On 9/25/2026, the SCSO Chaplaincy supported the Spokane County's national day of remembrance for murder victims. It provided an opportunity to honor the memories of murder victims and recognize the impact on surviving family members and loved ones.



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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Spokane's Peer Support Resource Fair

On 9/28/2026, the SCSO Chaplaincy in conjunction with Keep-N-Safe held a one-day conference for the men and women who serve in the First Responder community and those who walk alongside them. Throughout the day, they addressed issues that affect our First-Responder community most deeply: wellness and self-care, burnout prevention and recovery, suicide intervention and prevention, post-traumatic stress, and healing from traumatic events.



Chaplain Jaylynn teaching at the PSRF Event.



Sr. Chaplain Jake served as Master of Ceremonies at the PSRF Event.



Chaplain Cliff teaching at the PSRF Event.



Memorial Dedication: Sgt. Ken Salas

On September 30, 2026, SCSO Chaplaincy facilitated the dedication ceremony adding Sgt Ken Salas name & picture to the Riverside Memorial Park. Many of his co-workers, peers and friends joined his family to honor him.



Riverside Park Memorial



Lead Chaplain Robert greeting the many deputies in attendance.



Chaplain Joe giving the Innovation



Lead Chaplain Robert speaking at the dedication.

