

FROM THE BOARD

As you are aware, this community is very diverse. The burden our officers carry is tremendous and having emotional and spiritual guidance available is so important. The dangers our officers face every shift, and the emergencies that happen in our community daily, are immense. The purpose of the Chaplaincy is to help lighten the burden in any way possible.

For more information on the Lodi Chaplaincy Association, please contact Chaplain Coordinator, Chet Somera at (209) 333-6864 or email to csomera@lodi.gov.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Julie Wall
Ret. Lieutenant Garold Murray
Captain David Griffin
Lt. Kevin Kent
Sergeant Mark Werdon
Secretary Amber Leonardini

CHAPLAINS ARE TRAINED

Our Chaplains attend training from various resources that are available :

ICPC

International Conference of Police Chaplains

ATSS

Association of Traumatic Stress Specialists

ICISF

International Critical Incident Stress Foundation

CPOMF

California Peace Officers Memorial Foundation

The training of our Chaplains is also accredited by the American River College. Continuing education is also provided in many areas such as critical incident stress management, school crisis, mass disaster response and domestic violence.

Up to date information is given continually to enhance the knowledge and preparedness of all our Chaplains in order to meet the needs of the Lodi community.

LODI CHAPLAINCY ASSOCIATION



**SERVING LAW ENFORCEMENT,
FIREFIGHTERS &
THE LODI COMMUNITY
SINCE 1994**

ABOUT THE LODI POLICE CHAPLAINCY

The Lodi Police Department Chaplaincy began in 1994 to provide care and support to the employees of the Lodi Police Department. Since then, we are now Chaplains to the Lodi Fire Department and citizens of Lodi who are victims of tragedy. The Chaplains go to homes, hospitals, business offices, schools, fully prepared to give their support to people who have experienced a crime against them and/or have tragically suffered the loss of a family member or friend.

The role of the Police Chaplains is to be a resource to the officers and the fire personnel by providing extended services that the officers or fire personnel may not be able to deliver.

Police officers often say to the Chaplains, "I wouldn't want to do the difficult work you do for anything!" The officer might be trained and able to face armed robbers or control an unruly crowd, but the sobbing parent at a sudden death of their child can erase even the most stoic officer's composure. As a team, both the Chaplains and officers make a difference in the lives of those touched by tragedy.

Chaplains represent a wide variety of religious traditions and levels of professionals preparation and endorsement. But when the chaplains is working in the police world, each is "Chaplain" for everyone, not the religious leader of a particular tradition serving a particular congregation or service agency.

ABOUT THOSE WHO SERVE

Law Enforcement Chaplains are ordained clergy from various faith-based communities in Lodi. These Chaplains serve many personal and spiritual needs of individuals right where they are when they need the support of another person who comes along side them when they need support of another person. They come without judgment, with openness and care for them until the crisis moment is over.

Chaplains are professional and work with Law Enforcement on a professional level providing the following:

- Critical incident stress management
- Post traumatic event counseling
- Crisis related intervention services
- Line of duty, death, funeral officiating

Chaplains work with Law Enforcement personnel on a personal level providing:

- Pre-marital counseling
- Wedding officiating
- Family support/counseling
- Home and Hospital visitation
- Spiritual guidance
- Prayer support
- Referrals to qualified counselors
- Funeral planning & officiating

The relationships between officer and Chaplain is one of strict confidentiality. Privileged communication is always observed.

Chaplains respect those they serve even though there may be profound difference in race, gender economic status and religious experience.

HOW YOU CAN HELP THROUGH GIVING

The Lodi Chaplaincy Program is a well respected nonprofit, 501C (3) organization and is funded by contributions given by the churches, businesses and individuals. A Board of Directors serves as a governing body to oversee policy, planning and the fiscal integrity of the organization. Your generous support helps meet the financial obligations of our mission to serve law enforcement and the community.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

- I would like to become a monthly supporter of the Lodi Chaplaincy Program.
\$100 \$50 \$25 Other \$ _____
I will continue my pledge for:
1 year 2 years 3 years 4 years

- I cannot make a monthly pledge at this time, but would like to give a one-time gift of: \$ _____

Your gift is tax-deductible. Please make checks payable to:

Lodi Chaplaincy Association
215 W Elm Street | Lodi CA | 95240