



NEED TO TALK?

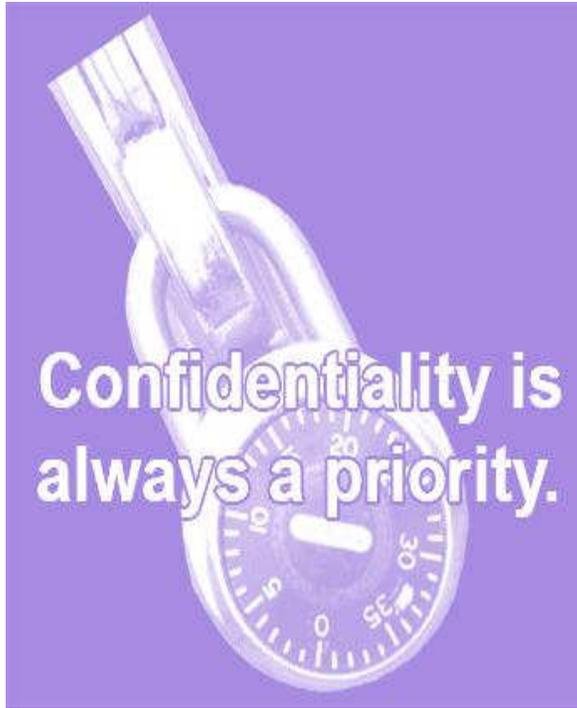
If you need to talk, the Chaplains are ready to listen. We will work around your schedule and every discussion is held in the strictest confidentiality.

The first step is to let a Chaplain know that you would like to talk. Here's how:

☎ Contact Chaplain Paul St John @ 760-0097. He will put a Chaplain in touch with you.

OR

☎ Select a Chaplain from the Chaplain Roster posted in the Region Office and email or call.



CONFIDENTIALITY!

If you, or someone you know, needs to talk with a Chaplain, we are always at the ready to listen. Rest assured confidentiality is vital. The only time information will be shared would be in the case of a person who presents a threat to himself or others.

We, as Chaplains, respect each officer's right to privacy and will keep all counsel in the same confidence. We will do our best to work around your schedule.

*What's said in the car,
STAYS in the car!*



RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN CORPS

*“Serving Those
Who
Protect & Serve”*

FROM THE SHERIFF



*"I can do all things through
Christ who strengthens me"*
Philippians 4:13

The Richland County Sheriff's Department Chaplain Program is a vital part of who we are and what we do. These men and women of the Lord lead us to be better servants and carry out our duties in a Christian Manner.

Each Chaplain provides counseling and comfort to our deputies and their families in a time of need. Their prayers and support are with all of us every day.

As Sheriff, I am proud and honored to have such a dedicated and caring group of God's messengers as our Chaplains. I thank the Lord for giving them to us.

*"Be strong and of good courage, do not be
afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your
God is with you wherever you go."*
Joshua 1:9

The Richland County Sheriff's Department Chaplain Corps is a valuable resource to the community and department. Chaplains ride-along with officers to get to know the officers and the intricacies of their work. Chaplains are available to be called on to give comfort to grieving victims and relatives of victims. The Chaplains are on call at all times of the day, all days of the week. The Chaplains are also a valuable resource for the officers and their families in their times of need.

The Chaplain is a clergy person with a special interest in providing pastoral care in the high pressure and dangerous world of law enforcement. This pastoral care is offered to all people regardless of race, gender, national origin, creed or religion. It is offered without cost and without any pressure.

The Chaplain is "chaplain" for everyone, not the religious leader of a particular denomination. Chaplains serve many personal and spiritual needs of individuals where they are, when they need the support of another person who comes to them without judgment, with openness, and cares for them even after the crisis moment is over. Mostly, the Chaplains listen. But they also comfort people who are shaking with fear with a gentle touch: or perhaps, if someone asks, a prayer will be offered in privacy to support the trembling of spirit.

What Do Chaplains Do?

- Counsel deputies & other members of the department
- Counsel the families of deputies and other departmental personnel
- Visit sick and injured officers and departmental personnel in hospital
- Assist with death notifications
- Provide assistance to victims
- Provide for the spiritual needs of the officers
- Provide answers for religious questions
- Offer prayers at special occasions as requested
- Serve as part of the Crisis Response Team
- Assist at suicide incidents
- Provide premarital counseling as well as perform weddings
- Are available to perform funeral services
- Provide counseling for any issue faced by the deputy & their family