## CHAPLAINS PROGRAM



Georgetown Police Department brings to the Georgetown community a multi-denominational chaplaincy program which provides a diversity of religious choices to those seeking spiritual and emotional help. The Police Chaplaincy is drawn from a corps of dedicated and experienced professionals who have committed themselves to the special training needed to be effective police chaplains.

Made up of local clergy, the police chaplains have been prepared for many different scenarios which can occur in the law enforcement arena. Whether handling death notifications, working with major disasters, counseling and praying with bereaved families, or encouraging police officers and their families, the Georgetown Police Chaplains have been there. The Chaplaincy has been readied for Homeland Security and any other major disaster which our community may face.

The primary function of Police Chaplains is to provide personal support for members of the Georgetown Police Department and their families. A secondary function is to assist officers in meeting citizen's needs or the needs of other police agencies. The Chaplaincy Program is more than just an employee assistance program to respond to needs. Chaplains exercise a positive "ministry of presence" by personally visiting members of the department on their job sites, attending training sessions and organizational functions with them, and — from time to time — being called out to accidents and crime scenes.

They also visit in homes and hospital rooms when invited to do so. The Chaplaincy Program maintains membership in the International Conference of Police Chaplains. The ICPC offers professional training for all our chaplains and provides a network of chaplain services to members of our department when they travel away from Georgetown. Likewise, our chaplains have provided services to members of other departments when they have been in our area. The Chaplains are honored by the opportunity to serve our police and our community.

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