

## International Conference of Police Chaplains

### *Mission Statement*

The Law Enforcement Chaplain is a catalyst of reconciliation, bringing God's love to the relationship of staff and officers, law enforcement agency and community, and their families

## PBSO Sheriff's Office Chaplains Policy

It is the policy of the PBSO to provide a Chaplaincy Unit for the purpose of providing emotional and spiritual support to all agency employees and citizens.

Police Chaplaincy is a ministry of presence; to provide aid and comfort to those in need; and to provide a calm and thoughtful presence in high stress situations.

It is not an opportunity for evangelizing or church building.

## The Law Enforcement Chaplain

*"Chosen, Trusted, Commissioned,* I will be true.  
The opportunity I have was given to me.  
I accept it humbly and gratefully.  
Mine is an important assignment with great responsibilities and I will do my best.

As an appointed Chaplain  
of my law enforcement agency, and a chosen representative of my faith,  
I will serve both with all my ability.  
Since service to others is my goal,  
I will seek no personal credit.

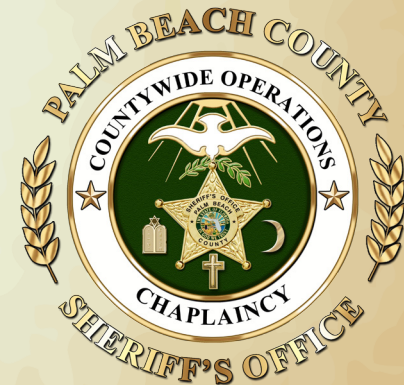
Recognizing that chaplains of other faiths  
have motives similar to my own,  
I will co-operate with them.  
As a Chaplain of men and women  
of many faiths, I will serve all with equal sincerity, believing that what I am is more convincing that what I say,  
I will live worthily.

Since I have been appointed to minister,  
I will strive to become a worthy representative of God.  
As a Chaplain I represent  
all citizens of good will.  
This I will always remember.

Because I am *Chosen, Trusted, Commissioned*  
for tasks beyond human limitations,  
I will seek the guidance of God daily  
and will trust utterly in Him."

*Author Unknown*

# Volunteer Chaplains Unit



Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

Ric L. Bradshaw, Sheriff

## Chaplaincy Unit's Vision

The Chaplaincy Unit:

- Responds to emergency crisis
- Provides spiritual leadership and support to members of the PBSO
- Establishes and maintains good working relationships with spiritual and community leaders

## Moral Values

The Chaplaincy Unit is committed to:

- Upholding the highest standard in morality and spiritual integrity
- Maintaining strict confidentiality
- Encouraging ecclesiastical and ethnic diversity
- Serving with professionalism

## Law Enforcement Chaplain's Philosophy

Believing that God is an answer to man's dilemma, the Law Enforcement Chaplain bears witness to the love and power of God for law enforcement officers, their families, other members of their department and the people they serve. Their pastoral care is offered to all people, regardless of race, gender, creed or religion

*– ICPC, International Conference of Police Chaplains*

## What Do Law Enforcement Chaplains Do?

Chaplains serve at the discretion of the Sheriff of Palm Beach County. They include representatives of all faiths who volunteer their time without compensation. Through their training, calling and professionalism a chaplain may be called to:

**Respond to emergency situations such as:**

- Suicide
- Death notification
- Officer injury
- Natural disasters
- Shootings
- Fatal or injury vehicle crashes
- Drowning
- Domestic violence disputes

**Provide or Officiate At:**

- Weddings
- Funerals
- Prayers at formal functions
- Liaison to other community clergy
- Hospital visitations
- Baptisms, Dedications
- Teach/instruct classes dealing with marriage, family, communication, etc.

## Chaplain Qualifications

- Must have five (5) years' experience in the pastoral ministry and be over 21 years of age
- Must be licensed and or ordained in good standing with a local ecclesiastical body
- Must have never been convicted of a felony offense, nor any offense involving moral turpitude
- Must not be involved in any other business or profession that could be interpreted as a conflict of interest

## Chaplain Requirements

- Available for "Emergency On Call Duty"
- Commit to 10 hours per month
- Attend monthly Chaplains meetings
- Attend quarterly 4 hr. trainings

**For Information or Application contact:**

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