



North County Chaplains



Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Chaplains



South County Chaplains



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**CHAPLAINS
PROGRAM**



Unless the Lord guards the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain.

Psalms 127:1

CHAPLAINS PROGRAM

An Introduction to Law Enforcement Chaplaincy

No one is confronted with more situations that demoralize and create emotional, mental and spiritual burdens than today's law enforcement personnel. These burdens also affect the Deputy's family and other members of his or her department. Law enforcement agencies need the specialized guidance, counseling and assistance for their personnel, families and communities.

A law enforcement chaplain is a clergy person with special interest and training for providing pastoral care in the high powered and dangerous world of law enforcement. This pastoral care is offered to all people, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, creed, or religion. It is offered without cost or the taint of proselytizing.

The law enforcement chaplain is led in his or her own faith to be available and ready to serve those in need. The chaplain's ministry provides a source of strength to the law enforcement personnel and their families, other department members, and the community.

Chaplains listen and participate in the workplace of law enforcement personnel with empathy and experience, advising calmly in the midst of turmoil and danger, and offering assistance when appropriate or requested.

The mission of the Sheriff's Department is to safeguard the lives and property of residents of Santa Barbara County and respond to public concerns in a manner which promotes neighborhoods free from the fear of crime. The quality of service we provide is enhanced by the Sheriff's Chaplains Program.

Sheriff's Chaplains are volunteers who serve alongside the deputies of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office as they perform their ordinary and extraordinary tasks.

Chaplains provide comfort, help, counseling, ministry, and spiritual guidance to citizens of Santa Barbara County and to Office personnel and their families.

The purpose of the Sheriff's Chaplains Program is to assist deputies in dealing with people in a crisis situation.

The Chaplain is equipped to deal with situations where counseling, comforting or reassuring would be of help. This type of situation would include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Death Notification
 - Homicide/Suicide Cases
 - Fatal or Serious Injury Accidents
 - Critical Incidents
 - Some Domestic Altercations
 - Comfort to Victims and Families
 - Line of Duty Injury or Death
- Family Assistance to Department Personnel

The Chaplains Program is a resource to employees who, in the course of their duties, encounter families or persons in crisis.

Chaplains are a resource to those in the community whose lives are broken by violence or tragedy.

Chaplains provide a liaison between victims and the support services offered in the community.

Chaplains are a resource to employees and their families.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR CHAPLAINS

1. Must be an ordained minister of a recognized denomination or a reputable, independent church or religious organization and:
2. Must be at least 21 years of age.
3. Must be fingerprinted for a security clearance.
4. Must be endorsed by denomination or congregation for service as a Sheriff's Chaplain.
5. Must exhibit and maintain high moral and character standards.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. Submit a letter of intent.
2. Review for minimum qualifications.
3. Participate in a minimum of three ride-a-longs (minimum of 2 hours each) during a variety of shifts and with a variety of deputies.
4. Participate in an oral interview.
5. Successfully complete a background investigation.
6. Candidate recommendation for appointment. Appointment made by the Sheriff.

An application to become involved with the Chaplains Program may be obtained from the Sheriff's Headquarters Station or you may request an application be mailed to you by calling (805) 681-4100.