## PUBLIC SAFETY CHAPLAIN DEPLOYMENT - SOP MWCOG AREA • REVISED FEBRUARY 2006

# LOGISTICS or INCIDENT COMMANDER

- The area PD or FD chaplain responds and coordinates with Logistics Commander or Incident Commander depending on the type of incident:
  - Large-scale incident, chaplain reports to Logistics.
  - Small-scale incident, chaplain reports to Incident Commander
- This chaplain becomes the INCIDENT CHAPLAIN.

# INCIDENT CHAPLAIN

- Incident Chaplain takes on all aspects of pastoral care for emergency responders, victims and families.
- The Incident Chaplain, in small incidents, can also serve as the Resource Chaplain.
- In a Large-Scale incident, where more chaplains are needed, the Incident Chaplain calls on another chaplain to be the RESOURCE CHAPLAIN.

# RESOURCE CHAPLAIN

- •This chaplain, assists the Incident Chaplain in the crisis by:
- Calling in other chaplains at the discretion of the Incident Chaplain and deploys them as below and remains in communication with them, and in communication with the Incident Chap.
- RC reports to Incident Chaplain.
- RC Credentials and authorizes community clergy who show up on scene.
- RC should set up in a visible location (Chaplain tent or vehicle) near the scene. All PD or FD chaplains check in with the RC.

#### **ON-SCENE**

PROVIDES
PASTORAL &
CRISIS CARE

- Morgue
- Triage
- Field Hospital
- Decontamination
- First Responder Assistance

#### HOSPITAL

PROVIDES
PASTORAL &
CRISIS CARE

- Public Safety or Hospital Chaplain at this location(s)
- Civilian clergy & hospital chaplains can help here.

### **VICTIM**

PROVIDES
PASTORAL &
CRISIS CARE

- Civilian Clergy can be used here to assist civilian victims
- Family Assistance Center

# **REHAB-CTR**

PROVIDES
PASTORAL &
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- Canteen
- R/R for on-scene emergency responders

#### NOTES:

- This chart applies to critical incidents involving death of a public safety officer (police, fire, EMS, federal, state)
- This chart also applies to **critical incidents involving mass casualties** of the public.
- All public safety chaplains (police and fire) must show their departmental issued ID and be visible as such.
- All public safety chaplains must check in with Resource Chaplain for assignment.
- All community clergy that show up on the scene, who are not credentialed public safety chaplains, would need to check in with the Resource Chaplain and show proof of clergy status.

#### QUALIFICATION STANDARDS OF MWCOG PUBLIC SAFETY CHAPLAINS

#### All MWCOG CHAPLAINS MUST BE CERTIFIED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINES:

- Basic, Senior or Master Level Training Credentials from the International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC)
- Certificate of Basic or Advanced Fire Chaplaincy from the Federation of Fire Chaplains (FFC)
- Basic or Advanced Level Certification in Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) or CISM Resilency Training.
- Basic or Advanced Level Certification in Pastoral Crisis Intervention (PCM)
- Certification in Training in Mass Casualty Incidents/Fatality Response.

#### PLUS, ALL MWCOG CHAPLAINS MUST:

- Be duly authorized by their jursdiction's Police or Fire Chief and carry departmental credentials testifying to this.
- Undergo a background investigation in order to become a chaplain of the local public safety department.
- Undergo regular training in police or fire chaplaincy and in Critical Incident Response through their department.