

## What Fire Service Chaplains Do

Fire service chaplains may perform some or all of the following duties:

- Care for firefighters or EMS personnel
- Care for other fire department members
- Care for family members of firefighters and other department personnel
- Visit sick and injured firefighters and department members at home or in the hospital
- Make death notifications
- Assistance to victims of crisis situations with Psychological First Aid and spiritual support
- Teach fire department personnel in areas such as stress management, ethics, family life, and victim response.
- Serve as part of the Critical Incident Stress Management Team
- Assist at an emergency scene within the NIMS system
- Serve as a liaison with other clergy in the community
- Provide for the spiritual needs of department members and their families
- Offers prayers at special occasions such as recruit graduations and award ceremonies
- Provide a confidential listening ear
- Coordinate and provide family services in the event of a serious injury or death of a firefighter or department member
- Serve as a ready resource for the fire chief

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### *A Firefighters Prayer*

*When I am called to duty, God  
whenever flames may rage,  
Give me the strength to save some life  
Whatever be its age.  
Help me to embrace a little child  
Before it's too late,  
Or some older person  
from the horror of that fate.  
Enable me to be alert  
And hear the weakest shout,  
And quickly and efficiently  
to put the fire out.  
I want to fill my calling  
and give the best in me,  
To guard my neighbor  
And protect his property.  
And if according to Your will  
I have to lose my life,  
Please bless with Your protecting hand  
My children and my wife.*



## THE FEDERATION OF FIRE CHAPLAINS



*He has sent me to bind up the broken  
hearted...  
To give unto them beauty for ashes...  
To proclaim the acceptable year of the  
Lord - Isaiah 61*

## *“Serving those who serve”*

The Federation of Fire Chaplains support the ministries of volunteer and paid fire department chaplains, and assist fire service agencies in developing their chaplaincy programs.

A firefighter is injured, a family watches their home burn, a mother is distraught over a severely injured child, a department member's marriage is in trouble. In each of these situations a trained and caring fire department chaplain can serve as a valuable resource to offer comfort, encouragement and support.



Our goal is train and equip fire chaplains to strategically assist in the most traumatic situations firefighters and communities face.

**The Federation of Fire Chaplains** has members in all 50 states and internationally serving in non-denominational, non-sectarian roles with local fire departments, with no compromise on individual convictions.



### **Benefits to Members**

- Provides standing and certification in a professional organization
- Written materials and website designed to help chaplains implement effective programs
- Four newsletters annually keep chaplains current in their field
- Educational opportunities are offered in annual conferences and regional meetings
- A Fire Chaplain Directory is available to all members to provide a network of mutual support and information sharing
- Chaplain identification is provided through identification cards, membership certificates, arm patches, and auto decals
- Outlines and resources for annual Memorial Services.

### **Benefits to Department**

- Provides information and resources for establishing a chaplaincy program
- Gives chaplain training and support
- Keeps chaplains abreast of latest programs and resources available.

### **Membership**

Membership is open to all who are involved with the fire service chaplaincy. Some of our members are full-time career chaplains; the majority are volunteers. Other are firefighters or paramedics who have religious training, denominational officials, laypersons, or seminary students.

### **Membership Qualifications**

#### *Members are....*

...appointed to the chaplaincy by a fire department agency

...endorsed by their religious body for ministry as a chaplain

...currently serving as a fire department chaplain.

#### *Associate Members are....*

...appointed to serve as a chaplain by a fire service agency but lack the ecclesiastical endorsement.

...former fire department chaplains who are not serving in that capacity

...individuals or groups that have an interest in and are supportive of the objectives and goals of the Federation of Fire Chaplains.

