



Calaveras County

SHERIFF

California



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**Applications  
Welcome**

## CHAPLAINS PROGRAM

The Chaplains Program includes law enforcement chaplains and community chaplain volunteers who are on-call 24 hours a day. They are secular in purpose and are specifically trained to be crisis responders. As Chaplains, they are to be 'religiously neutral' and are in no way intended to, nor do they replace an individual's clergy person. The Chaplains are available to provide human support, spiritual guidance and/or confidential counseling to all members of the Sheriff's Department and their families. In conjunction with the Sheriff's Department, Chaplains are also available to serve the people of the community through a field service ministry. A Chaplain may also choose to serve individuals or groups in a Jail ministry.



### To what kind of incidents do Chaplains respond?

Chaplains may respond to a very wide variety of situations, including serious accidents, suicides, homicides or suspicious deaths, sudden infant deaths, barricaded subjects, missing persons, unexpected natural deaths, death notifications, and many others. Typically a deputy arrives on scene, determines if a chaplain's presence is warranted or requested, and chaplain volunteers are deployed as needed.

### What do Chaplain volunteers actually do?

Chaplains can provide law enforcement families a trusted source of confidence and encouragement day in and day out. They get to know personnel and their families by visiting the Sheriff's Department, going on patrol ride-alongs, etc. Community chaplain volunteers can provide traumatized civilians a compassionate presence in the very worst time in their lives. They serve as liaisons between survivors and public safety personnel, and if needed can help contact and convene family, friends, or clergy. Chaplains provide survivors information on how to care for themselves in coming days and weeks, provide referrals to agencies offering long term support, and provide other practical assistance as necessary.

## How can you volunteer and be a part of the Chaplains Program?

For further information contact Sgt.

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- Complete a Sheriff's Volunteer application for employment and a thorough background check
- Undergo a personal interview with existing chaplains and a Sheriff's representative
- Must be a licensed, commissioned, or ordained clergy
- Able to provide a letter showing in good standing with your church/denomination
- Must never have been convicted of a criminal offense or offenses involving moral turpitude
- Must possess a valid driver's license issued by the state