

The Chaplaincy Program

The primary purpose of the Chaplain program is to complement the department's total service program by providing spiritual based guidance services as may be required for the good of the Anderson Police Department and the community. It is designed to assist department personnel and their family members in handling a variety of crisis situations. The Chaplaincy consist of trained counsellors who will work alongside officers and offer support in traumatic incidents. Chaplains will also work closely when needed with the victim advocate program to offer assistance to victim's of crime and help guide them toward proper programs for future assistance.

A. QUALIFICATIONS

1. The Police Chaplains will meet the following minimum qualifications:
2. Be an ordained or licensed minister in good standing and endorsed for the Chaplaincy by a recognized endorsing agency or denomination.
3. Show compassion, understanding, and love for his fellow man and relate easily to people. He/she must be able to maintain personal control in extremely stressful situations. He/she must maintain high spiritual and moral standards and have a good reputation in the community.
4. Manifest a broad base of experience and professional maturity, emotional stability, and personal flexibility. He/she's experience should include a wide range of counseling and crisis intervention.
5. Be tactful and considerate in his approach to all people regardless of race, creed, or religion. He/she should demonstrate the ability to be a positive force in the maintenance of morale throughout the Department.
6. Indicate a willingness to be involved in training to enhance his efficiency in meeting and dealing with people in crisis. He/she should be familiar with community medical, psychiatric, and other resources in the local area.
7. Be willing and available to respond to any and all situations where his presence as Chaplain is indicated.
8. Possess a valid and current South Carolina driver's license.
9. Have never been convicted of a felony, or any offenses involving moral turpitude, minor traffic violations excluded.

