



## **How Do I Become a PSC First Responder Chaplain?**

### **Benefits of Membership**

1. Connection to faith-based Chaplains from many different regions. Facilitation of relationship and referral information including areas outside of where you serve.
2. Planned events create opportunity for continued relational growth. Included are quarterly luncheons, regional gatherings, Chaplain trainings, and Annual Advanced Academies.
3. There is no membership fee. Each Chaplain will be entitled to \$500 per year reimbursement for trainings or Chaplain wellness resources (including counseling sessions, books, or other which may be covered when pre-approved.)
4. Consultation and prayer are readily available with the Executive Director and/or the Director of Chaplain Wellness.
5. Encouragement, mentorship, and resources help develop Chaplain confidence, competence, finances, and most importantly one's walk with the Lord.
6. Community assistance funds provide resources for on-call community need.
7. A PSC Chaplain shirt is provided.
8. Chaplain donations may be made to the 501c3 for a low 5% Admin fee.
9. Liability insurance coverage is provided for PSC Chaplain activities.
10. You are not alone in your service as a First Responder Chaplain.

### **Steps for Full PSC Chaplain Membership**

1. Intro meeting with Executive Director.
2. Complete the PSC application and sign the Statement of Faith.
3. Attach a resume/CV that includes a work history.
4. Submit an ecclesiastical endorsement.
5. Interview with the PSC interviewing team.
6. Upon approval, acceptance is conditional upon a background check.
7. Complete PSC paperwork and submit picture for website as Chaplain in Training.
8. Successfully complete the Oregon Chaplains Basics Academy (or an approved equivalent training experience.)
9. Complete two CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) courses including Assisting Individuals in Crisis and Group Crisis intervention.
10. Participate in PSC Chaplain Connects, agency, and regional team meetings.
11. Document 60 hours of mentored First Responder Chaplain experience (including shadowing an existing chaplain) as confirmed by signed documentation.
12. PSC Executive Team check-in with mentor and agency endorsement.
13. Advancement to full PSC Chaplain.