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“What can I do for you?”

Come this May we will be hosting our 19th Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Breakfast. With the transitions the Chaplaincy has seen within the last year we really wanted to take the time to remind everyone why we are here. At the heart and soul of this ministry is the question we are always trying to ask: “What can I do for you?” This comes out of the book of Matthew in verse 20:28 “Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve”.

We know that a Chaplains presence is not always joyfully welcomed, sometimes due to concerns of our true intentions or “mission”. We are not here to bible-thump or force any particular beliefs on anyone. We are not here to check up or spy on anyone. We, as every human being, are just that—human. We hurt, we fail, we need support. We want to be there when you need us. We want to be a support system, a relief, a help to those in need. We want to show our upmost respect, admiration, and appreciation for those who give so much protecting us. We are here for YOU. Not only those within the Spokane County Sheriff's office but all law enforcement officers and personnel - Spokane City, WSP, Radio, Dispatch, current and former employees, and their families—if you have a need, we want to do

all we can for you.

We know that this is not just said and accepted as fact. We want to show you that what we say is truly what we do. We want to earn your respect and trust by action. Day in and Day out being there, helping when and where we can. We help the community and are there when called but our first and foremost priority, our desire, is to support our local Law Enforcement Families. We have had deputies approach us that have no idea about the breakfast, no idea about the resources we can offer them and their families—we want to change that.

We are in a time of transition within the Chaplaincy and are very excited about the future. We are mixing it up and upping our game. If you haven't had the opportunity before to meet with one of our Chaplains I highly encourage you to do so. Those in law enforcement—Come to the Law Enforcement Appreciation Breakfast, bring your families, see what we are doing and let us get a chance to meet you, plus enjoy an amazing meal! If you have a need or a question please feel free to reach out to us at any time—day or night. We have a Chaplain on call 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

Currently we have 8 Chaplains. Besides the call-outs and on duty requests we receive, we do counseling, we do hospital visits, and home visits, we do ride-alongs, we help Law Enforcement personnel in need get a Hotel room for a much deserved night away, we host the Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Breakfast, we hand out bibles as requested, among many other things. All of these tasks and volunteers run completely by donation as we are our own 501c3 organization. We have a website at Spokanecountychaplaincy.com that gives people the ability to register for the CISM — Critical Incident Stress Management— classes that we host for personnel as well as the community. Our website also gives people the opportunity to make a one time or reoccurring donation which all goes to show support and care for our Law Enforcement Personnel. We also have a Facebook page 'Spokane County Chaplaincy'. If you haven't seen either of those yet - Check 'em out!

If you ever have a need, a question, comments - anything, get a hold of one of our chaplains. We are here for you and we honestly want to know “What can we do for you?” Thank you for your continued prayers and support. God Bless,
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Monthly Verse:

Matthew 20:28

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