

BCM

POLICE

CHAPLAINS



## BCM POLICE CHAPLAINS: THERE WITH CARE. 24/7.

BCM police chaplains don't fight crime. They fight its after-effects. They comfort, counsel, and pray. They are a sounding board, and a shoulder to lean on. They serve those who protect and serve. Police chaplains are available 24/7 to support NOPD officers and the Greater New Orleans community.

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## IT TAKES MORE THAN A CALLING. IT TAKES TRAINING.

Police chaplains provide spiritual care and emotional support to anyone in need, no matter where they are in their spiritual journey. Present during station roll calls, attending ride-alongs, and administering comfort and care at crime scenes, police chaplains accompany officers whenever there is an urgent call.

Police chaplains are specially trained. They must be board certified, receive an advanced degree in ministry or theology, complete 2,000 hours of supervised field training, and accrue 50 hours of continuing education each year.

### **POLICE CHAPLAINS:**

- Offer a safety net of grace when life falls apart
- Provide calming reassurance during times of devastation and loss
- Give spiritual care and consultation
- Respect people of all faiths or no faith
- Safeguard confidentiality



# BCM POLICE CHAPLAINS IN ACTION

When a loved one graduates from high school, it is usually an event filled with pride and joy. Unfortunately, joy turned to sorrow for the family of an 80-year-old woman who died after suffering a gunshot wound while attending her grandson's high school graduation on a local college campus.

A feud between two families led to the shootings of three people in the parking lot. Three BCM police chaplains rushed to the crime scene which covered a two-block radius. After victims were taken to local hospitals, BCM's police chaplains notified their healthcare chaplain colleagues who immediately headed to the hospital ERs to offer support.

In total, six BCM chaplains communicated, collaborated, and provided spiritual care on the scene and at local hospitals. And a diffusing session was led by a BCM police chaplain with close ties to the high school counselors and student community.



## WHEN SHOULD AN OFFICER CALL A POLICE CHAPLAIN?



- If an officer needs support coping with the after-effects of a traumatic event
- If someone is experiencing depression or having suicidal thoughts
- If someone is in need of counseling

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## TWO CHAPLAINCY PROGRAMS, ONE GOAL: SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Baptist Community Ministries (BCM) provides chaplaincy services to the NOPD. In addition, BCM provides healthcare chaplains to serve local healthcare facilities. Learn more about both chaplaincy programs at [www.bcm.org](http://www.bcm.org).

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