



**Division 01 Administration and Organization**

**Chapter 11 – The Fire/EMS Department Chaplain Corp**

January 2009

**POLICY**

This General Order shall outline the role and duties of the Fire/EMS Department Chaplain Corp.

**DEFINITIONS**

N/A

**PROCEDURES**

**1. General Information**

The Chaplaincy program within the Prince George's County Fire/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department is a non-paid position that provides a full range of needs to Fire/EMS Department members and their families.

The Fire/EMS Department Chaplains are available on an "ON CALL" basis to provide a wide range of support and encouragement to anyone in the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department. Though their scope of activity is primarily for the members and family members of those who are associated with the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department, there may be times when the Chaplains will provide assistance to those outside of the Department.

The Chaplains will proceed to emergency incidents and they will be responsible to provide spiritual support and encouragement to firefighters on the scene of stressful and unusual incidents.

**2. Notifications**

The "ON CALL" Fire/EMS Department Chaplain will be automatically notified by group page to all of the following incidents:

- Death/serious injury/illness to a Department member
- Death/serious injury/illness to a Department member's family member
- Any incident with serious injuries or fatalities
- All second alarm fires or greater
- Fire/EMS Department vehicle accident with serious injuries or death
- Anytime the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team (CISDT) is called

The Chaplains office is located at the Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building. The telephone number is 301-772-9122. They may also be reached 24-hours a day by contacting the Operations Center at 301-772-9100.

**REFERENCES**

N/A

**FORMS/ATTACHMENTS**

N/A