

## WHAT A CHAPLAIN NEEDS FOR CERTIFICATION

For Basic Certification, a chaplain must have served a police department satisfactorily for a minimum of two years, have the approval of their faith authority, if applicable, have received Annual Training Seminar (ATS) training in the core area courses, and have received at least three approved courses in the police family and crisis areas.

The CPCA recognizes that courses addressing the needs of the Policing Family and Crisis Areas are dynamic. In order to continue to be current in these areas we strive to offer relevant and up to date courses addressing current issues. Courses taken at a regular ATS will be accredited to the area most appropriate. Courses taken outside of a regular ATS may be approved by the registrar for Basic Certification.

All ATS courses will be evaluated pre and post ATS in regards to the meeting of objectives of the course. CPCA executive reserves the right to determine that any course does not meet the standards required to meet Basic Certification.

The Registrar will maintain the records with regards to chaplain training. Each chaplain that attends an ATS will

receive a certificate from the Registrar. Courses completed by the chaplains are recorded by the Registrar. Training received from sources other than ATS will be given consideration if transcripts can be provided for assessment by the Registrar.

Each ATS will have at least three of the core courses available and will coordinate these courses so as to enable interested Chaplains to complete Basic Certification in two years. Each ATS will have at least two approved police family and crisis courses available.

CPCA training does not equate to ICPC accreditation. We recognize the unique Canadian context of our policing agencies and are committed to offering quality training that will enable our chaplains to be prepared to address the needs facing our chaplains and agencies we serve. We strive to offer courses that may be approved by ICPC for basic training.

## CORE COURSES

- ☞ **THE ROLE OF THE CHAPLAIN:** To identify, define and address the Dos and DON'Ts of being a chaplain to the law enforcement community.
- ☞ **LIABILITY & CONFIDENTIALITY:** To identify, define and address the legal and ethical responsibilities of serving as a chaplain and a confidant in a police service.
- ☞ **ETHICS:** To identify, define and address the ethical responsibilities and demands placed on individuals associated with the law enforcement community.
- ☞ **SENSITIVITY AND DIVERSITY:** to identify, define and address the need for understanding different cultures particularly as applied in the context of law enforcement.
- ☞ **SPIRITUAL DIVERSITY:** To identify, define and address the need for understanding of other's faith backgrounds, beliefs, and perspective, particularly as applied in the context of law enforcement.
- ☞ **CEREMONIES/EVENT/FUNERALS:** To identify and provide practical applications for ceremonies, events and funerals as chaplains may be engaged

## **POLICE COMMUNITY/FAMILY**

Three courses in the Police Community/Family Area are required for Basic Certification. To fulfill the requirements in this area the course must pertain to the unique implications associated with the law enforcement community and/or the member's families. The purpose of these courses is to increase chaplains' awareness of the law enforcement community, the issues that face the members, the issues that face the member's families, and identify strategies to assist chaplains in their ministry to the members of the law enforcement community and/or family. Examples of such courses are:

- ☞ OFFICER INJURY AND DEATH
- ☞ POLICE OFFICER BURNOUT
- ☞ STRESS MANAGEMENT
- ☞ CISD & PTSD
- ☞ OFFICER SUICIDE
- ☞ THE POLICE COMMUNITY
- ☞ THE POLICE MEMBER FAMILY
- ☞ OFFICER SUBSTANCE ABUSE
- ☞ R2MR (Road To Mental Recovery)

## **CRISIS**

Three courses in the Crisis Area are required for Basic certification. To fulfill the requirements of a course in this area the course must pertain to strategies and knowledge a chaplain requires to assist in crisis and pastoral interventions and responses as called upon by the police agency. Examples of such courses are:

- ☞ RESPONDING TO CRISIS
- ☞ SUICIDE INTERVENTION & DEALING WITH SUICIDE
- ☞ NOTIFICATION OF NEXT OF KIN
- ☞ CISM
- ☞ DISASTER RESPONSE
- ☞ SPECIFIC INCIDENT PRESENTATION

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