



# Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2015

*Serving Officers  
Serving Community  
Serving Families  
Serving Inmates*

## Tenth Annual Sheriff's Chaplaincy Conference to be Held in October

The 2015 Sheriff's Chaplaincy Conference will be held on October 12-13. This Conference was created to provide training programs and certification for anyone interested in or involved in law enforcement ministry. The classes include training on ministering to law enforcement officers, law enforcement personnel, the community, inmates, and the families and friends of all these. It will be held at the Community Corrections building on the Sheriff's Department campus at 18104 Cumberland Road in Noblesville, IN. For more information, please call the Chaplaincy at (317) 776-1824.

## Please Lift Up Law Enforcement Officers and Their Families in Prayer

It is becoming all too common in the news recently to hear of law enforcement officers being shot and killed at random. Please join us in praying for our local law enforcement officers as well as those across the country. Please pray for supernatural protection for them each minute of each day. Please also pray for their families to be safe as they support their loved ones. It is disheartening to see such a negative climate directed at officers who spend their whole careers defending, protecting, and serving others. Let's be sure to encourage our officers every opportunity we get.



## Tom Burton Ride Coming in September

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tom Burton Ride will be held on September 19<sup>th</sup> this year. This is a benefit motorcycle ride set up in 2014 to honor Chaplain Burton's vision of a self-sufficient Chaplaincy Division as well as providing guidance for the set-up of other law enforcement

chaplaincies in counties throughout Indiana. All profits will benefit the Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy. The cost is \$10 per rider and food and fun is included. Kick stands up at 10:00 am. The starting point is at Christ Community Church of Hamilton County, 772 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Noblesville. For more information, please call (317) 776-1824.

*The Chaplaincy is a 501(c)3 charity supported by several local churches and individuals.*

*How you can help:*

*Pray  
Volunteer  
Donate*

*If you would like to donate, please make your check out to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy and send to the address below. All donations are tax deductible.*

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## Hamilton County Chaplains Honored

Chaplain Gerry Griffith (photo right) and Chaplain Alphonso Bailey of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy were both honored this summer for their excellence in serving the community. Chaplain Griffith received the 2015 Hero of the Year award for service provided as Honorary Chaplain to the Trooper Bartram Memorial Foundation. This foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization that assists people in need and also funds the annual Bartram Christmas for Kids event. They give State Troopers and other law enforcement and first responders the opportunity to give their time to shop with families in need during the holidays. This event strengthens the supportive relationship that is possible between Troopers and the communities they serve, which was a passion of Trooper Pat Bartram who died in the line of duty.



On July 14<sup>th</sup> Chaplain Bailey received the 2015 Indiana Black Expo Governor's Award for community service and civic leadership. His foundation Down But Not Out focuses on spreading the word of inspiration and hope to people serving in prisons



and youth correctional facilities, mostly in Indiana. He connects well with these men because of his background. He was a professional boxer and spent some time in federal prison in his youth. He says that God has shown him there is much more to freedom than your surroundings. His message is one of hope for prisoners to seek to turn their lives around. He also reaches out to schools, youth centers, churches, and more with the goal of guiding youth on paths of hope so that they never see the inside of a correctional facility. Pictured left are Alphonso and Marsha Bailey at the awards ceremony.

## 2015 Calendar

Mandatory Jail Volunteer Training – January 5, March 23, June 8, August 3 at the Christ Community Church of Hamilton County, 772 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Noblesville, IN 46060 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm – Volunteers are required to be trained once annually.

Tom Burton Ride – September 19 – Motorcycle ride starts at 10:00 am.

Sheriff's Chaplaincy Conference – October 12-13

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy is to serve public safety personnel, those who work or reside in public safety facilities, as well as all residents of Hamilton County. Our mission is to serve as a supportive group of qualified ministers and counselors, assisting in matters of personal, marriage, job, spiritual as needed, and to be available to assist during times of emergency.