



Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2017

August is Fundraising Month for the Chaplaincy

Senior Chaplain Mark Fidler decided to make a push for fundraising in the month of August with a goal to reach of \$5,000. Many don't know that the Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy is a 501(3)c charity and has to raise all its own funds to even exist. We have the blessing of several churches, businesses, and individuals who believe in what we do and donate regularly to keep our mission going. But the Chaplaincy is feeling the increasing needs of our Hamilton County community and we would like to do more if we can. When word got out about the fundraising campaign, someone who wants to remain anonymous volunteered to match every dollar we can raise in August up to an amount of \$5,000.

*Serving Officers
Serving Community
Serving Families
Serving Inmates*

The Chaplaincy is a unique ministry. Some think all chaplains do is hand out Bibles to inmates and while that is one of our functions, there is much more. We supply Chaplaincy services to much of Hamilton County and surrounding communities. When called to a death notification, our volunteer chaplains not only minister to those at the scene, but also gather information so notifications can be made to other family members of the death of their loved one. One chaplain recently responded to a death notification call out and ended up all over the county and even into Madison County in order to properly notify all family members of a death. We also have chaplains who are trained in grief and trauma and they can offer ongoing support for accident and crime victims for weeks and months after a tragedy. One of our female chaplains knew Lt. Aaron Allen, the Southport officer who was shot and killed when responding to a traffic accident. She was asked to come there and minister to the wives of the other officers and chiefs of the Southport Police Department. She also had the privilege of ministering to their children with stuffed giraffes and resources for helping the children and families to cope.



Some of our law enforcement chaplains ride along with the Sheriff's Department's road officers and see firsthand what they go through during their shifts. Our jail chaplains minister to inmates and many times can relieve their stress which in turn can de-escalate tense situations in the Jail.

When it comes to community disaster relief, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplains are trained and ready to help where assigned. We have chaplains who are NOVA-trained (National Organization of Victim Assistance), I-CART-trained (Indiana Crisis Assistance Response Team), and ICS-trained (Incident Command System) through the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. In short, when there is a crisis at home or nationwide, our chaplains are trained and ready to serve where needed.

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

If you would like to see the Chaplaincy grow with the demands of our community, please pray for us. If you can, please help us with this fundraising campaign. Checks may be mailed to the address listed on the back side of this newsletter.

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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Junior Law Enforcement Academy Has Its Biggest Year

Due to the popularity of the Chaplain Tom Burton's Hamilton County Junior Law Enforcement Academy in recent years, the Chaplaincy increased the number of Cadets from 125 children to 150 in 2017. Open enrollment started May 1st and by the end of the next day the Academy was completely filled. This camp is offered free to the children of Hamilton County and this year's theme was "Superheroes" with emphases on courage, hope, physical fitness, self-control, wisdom, and the prevention against the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. This camp is focused so that it applies the Word of God to the law enforcement experience. Cadets will better understand specific aspects of law enforcement as they have hands-on lessons and activities that teach them about Jesus Christ. Pictured above is Chaplain Debra Bowles teaching children how to make Christian jewelry using different colored beads. Each color represents an aspect of the Gospel.



The Chaplaincy thanks its sponsors: Chick-fil-A of Westfield, Ginger's Café, Hamilton County Council of Alcohol & Other Drugs, Jim Dandy Restaurant, Krenolies Donuts, Meijer, Noblesville Fraternal Order of Police, Sam's Club, Sheehan Property Management, Sons of the American Legion, and the Stony Creek Swim Center. Thank you for helping us have another great Academy! You are the ones who make it possible for us to offer this camp free of charge.

2017 Calendar

Mandatory Jail Volunteer Training – January 9, June 5, August 14, and October 30 at the New Beginnings Baptist Church (formerly Christ Community Church), 772 N. 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm – Volunteers are required to be trained once annually.



Chaplaincy Fundraising Evening at Jim Dandy Restaurant in Noblesville – August 24th from 4:00 pm to store closing

Sheriff's Chaplaincy Conference – October 9-10

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.