



Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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*Serving Officers
Serving Community
Serving Families
Serving Inmates*

Senior Chaplain Tom Burton Remembered

On March 1st of 2014 Senior Chaplain Tom Burton went home to be with the Lord after a 3½-year battle with multiple myeloma. Chaplain Burton dedicated himself to the Chaplaincy for 22 years. He was commissioned in 1992 by Sheriff Dan Stevens to organize, recruit, train, and implement a Chaplaincy Department for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. He served as a part-time volunteer senior chaplain from 1992 until 2000 at which time he took a leap of faith and dedicated himself full-time to the Chaplaincy. With Lt. Eddie Moore's guidance and encouragement, he developed the program from the ground up. Today the Chaplaincy consists of the Senior Chaplain in addition to 11 volunteer chaplains. Chaplain Burton's vision was to share the love of Jesus Christ to everyone he met with the desire that each one would come to know Him personally and have their lives transformed by His love.



Mark Fidler Appointed as Senior Chaplain

In April of 2014 Mark Fidler was appointed as Senior Chaplain of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy to fill the void left by Chaplain Tom Burton, who directed the Chaplaincy from 1992 until his death on March 1, 2014. Chaplain Fidler first felt called to become involved in jail ministry in 2005 in southern Indiana and he now serves as a Mission Service Corp. Missionary through the North American Mission Board. He came to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department in 2010 and worked first as a volunteer, then a part-time chaplain, and became a full-time chaplain in 2011. He worked with Chaplain Burton for three years and aligns himself closely with Chaplain Burton's vision. He developed tremendously as a chaplain under Chaplain Burton's tutelage. He plans to continue providing for the emotional and spiritual needs of the Sheriff's Office law enforcement officers, staff, and inmates in addition to the Hamilton County community.



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

How you can help:

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2014 at a Glance

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy oversaw programming in the Hamilton County Jail serving 5,954 inmates. There were 3,135 residents who attended chaplaincy programs at Community Corrections. There are 119 community volunteers for the Chaplaincy who conducted these programs, which include Bible studies, Christian Intervention, and AA classes. Both the Jail and Community Corrections have the Alpha Course. This is a mentoring program to help the inmates find employment, housing, and a church upon their release.

Our Jail Chaplains answered 2,400 inmate requests for spiritual services in the Jail.

The Junior Law Enforcement Academy held in June directed 115 children from law enforcement families and their friends. The Academy is a one-day Bible school program which applies the Word of God to the law enforcement experience. Junior cadets better understand specific aspects of law enforcement as they have hands-on lessons and activities that teach them about Jesus Christ. Fifty volunteers assisted with the program.

The Chaplaincy hosted the Sheriff's Chaplaincy Conference in October with 81 chaplains from 5 states and 19 departments attending the conference.

2015 Calendar

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

Open registration for the Junior Law Enforcement Academy – May 1

National Day of Prayer – May 7 – Chaplaincy hosts Prayer Gathering at noon on the Noblesville Town Square

Final registration for the Junior Law Enforcement Academy – June 1

Junior Law Enforcement Academy – June 26

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.