

Chaplains

316.1 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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The duties and responsibilities of the Police Chaplain shall include:

- (a) Counseling agency personnel and their families in such areas as stress management, personal crisis, family life, and in providing assistance following line-of-duty deaths or serious injuries.
- (b) Providing assistance to Department members in making death or serious injury notifications, attending to suicides or other incidents where the Department can use clerical assistance to provide comfort to injured parties and their families.
- (c) Ministering to any person, at the discretion of the investigating officer, in a crisis situation that involves the Department. In these cases, the Police Chaplain shall seek to contact the clergy or minister representing the faith of the person, so the person can be administered to on a continuing basis.
- (d) Responding when requested to the site of a critical incident or disaster (e.g., natural disasters, civil disturbances, commercial aircraft accidents, etc.).
- (e) Assisting the Department in the continuation of appropriate victim/witness programs and activities, to include analyzing victim/witness assistance needs and available victim assistance and related community services.
- (f) Serving as a liaison to other members of the clergy in relevant matters.
- (g) Assisting with ceremonial functions (e.g., funeral and memorial services when they represent the department).
- (h) Serving as an expert in religious matters.

As a member of the Department, the duties of the Police Chaplain shall be carried out in accordance with applicable Departmental policies, procedures, orders, and rules and regulations.

During field operations, the Police Chaplain shall comply with orders and instructions of the officer-in-charge of the operation.

The Police Chaplain does not have police duties or responsibilities and shall take no police action when performing in their official capacity.

316.2 NOTIFICATION

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The Police Chaplain shall be available to assist the Department or any individual member of the Department on a 24-hour on-call basis.

Activation shall be consistent with the duties and responsibilities described in this policy.

For Department business matters, permission to call upon the services of the Police Chaplain shall be obtained from a Division Commander or in his absence the Duty Chief.

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Members of the Department should call upon the services of their personal religious representative for personal matters.

The Syracuse Police Department Chaplain can be notified via E911 Communications, as listed in the department's telephone roster.

- (a) Telephone.
- (b) Pager.
- (c) Church.
- (d) Home.