



# COWLITZ CHAPLAINCY

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## Chaplains Activity

The first four months of 2015 have been one of the busiest on record for calls to assist our agencies who are dealing with people in crisis. Through April we have responded to 76 call outs. If this pace continues we will surpass the 203 times we were called out in 2014. Unfortunately we are also entering into our busiest time of the year as school ends soon and our weather gets warmer and people are actively out enjoying this wonderful part of God's creation.

Throughout the months of April and May the Chaplains are assisting the Sheriff's Department with the "Every 15 Minute" program. This is an important anti-drinking and driving program in our county's high schools. Each year 15-20 seniors from each school volunteer to help lead the rest of students in this important reminder to refuse to drink and drive, or get into a car with anyone who has been drinking.

As Chaplains we have had many opportunities to participate in worship services or other public events. Each one of these have been a wonderful opportunity to talk about the mission of the Chaplaincy. If you are a part of a service organization in the county or another organization or church and you would like one of the Chaplains to come and share about our work, please give us a call and we will be happy to come talk about our service to the county.

The week of May 10-16 was Law Enforcement Memorial Week, with May 15 being Peace Officers' Memorial Day. The Chaplains have been attending each of the city council meetings and the county commissioner's meeting to support our six different law enforcement agencies in our county and receive the declarations on behalf of the our law enforcement agencies. On May 14 we participated in a candlelight vigil to remember the 126 officers who died in the line of duty in the United

States in 2014. Please remember to pray for all our first responders as they put their life on the line for us each day.

## Chaplains Training

Chaplains Tom and Doug and volunteer Chaplains Joel and Francisco attended the Police Citizen's Academy. This is a 10 week course that takes place every March and April in our county. The course covers every aspect of the job of law enforcement from the hiring process to daily responsibilities. Participants in the academy get to ride along with an officer, go to the shooting range, and take part in scenarios which demonstrate the difficult and split second decisions that officers need to make on a daily basis. If you have a chance to enroll next year in February it is a very interesting, informative, and fun adventure into the everyday life of a law enforcement officer.

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Les Nelson Memorial Breakfast and Auction

On April 11 we celebrated the work of the Chaplaincy at our annual breakfast and auction. The attendance was very good even though it was during spring break, and we were able to profit about \$28,000.00. We want to thank all our event sponsors, who are listed on our website [www.cowlitzchaplaincy.org](http://www.cowlitzchaplaincy.org). We also want to thank everyone who donated items for our live and silent auctions, as well as raffle items. And a big thank you to everyone who attended and gave of your time, heart, and money to support the Chaplaincy.

At this year's event we recognized Mrs. Wanda Nelson for her 90th birthday, but also her 32 years of supporting the Chaplaincy. Mrs. Nelson's husband, former Sheriff Les Nelson, was instrumental in starting the Chaplaincy back in 1983. To acknowledge

Mrs. Nelson the Chaplains presented her with her own Chaplain Shield, Chaplain Patch, and flowers. Each



Chaplain has a call sign with the 911 Dispatch center. The Chaplains are the “Henry” units in the county and Mrs. Nelson’s is now an honorary Chaplain with the call sign 1-H-32 for the 32 years of her support of our mission.

## Burgerville

August 22 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Join us at Burgerville on August 22 and a percentage of the profits will go to support Cowlitz Chaplaincy.



600 West Main St.  
Kelso, WA 98626

## Summer Fundraisers

### SWEET SPOT

JULY 24, 11:00 A.M. TO 10 P.M.

Come to Sweet Spot Frozen Yogurt on July 24 and a percentage of the profits will go to support Cowlitz Chaplaincy!



Tri-angle Center  
1015 Ocean Beach Hwy #115  
Longview, WA 9832



2015 GOLF CLASSIC  
THREE RIVERS GOLF COURSE  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2015  
8:30 A.M. SHOT GUN START  
MEN—WOMEN—MIXED  
\$90 PER GOLFER  
\$350.00 TEAM

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