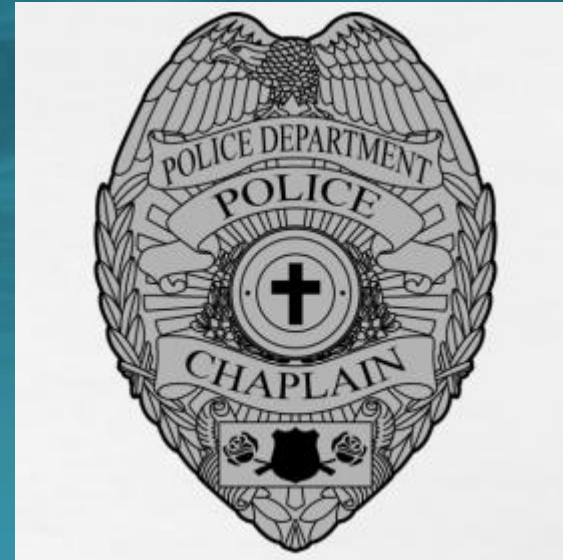


# Orange Police Department Chaplain Unit



# History of Chaplains

The support of Chaplains started with the military and can be traced back to the Old Testament with the Israelites bringing priests into battle with them.

On July 29, 1775, Congress authorized a Chaplain for each regiment in the Army and the Navy soon followed.

Police Chaplains started in the 19<sup>th</sup> century in England and later in America.



# Support provided by Chaplains

Chaplains provide emotional and spiritual support to officers and the community during difficult and traumatic situations.

Chaplains offer a confidential and non-judgmental presence to assist with stress, trauma, grief, to build relationships within the department and in the community.

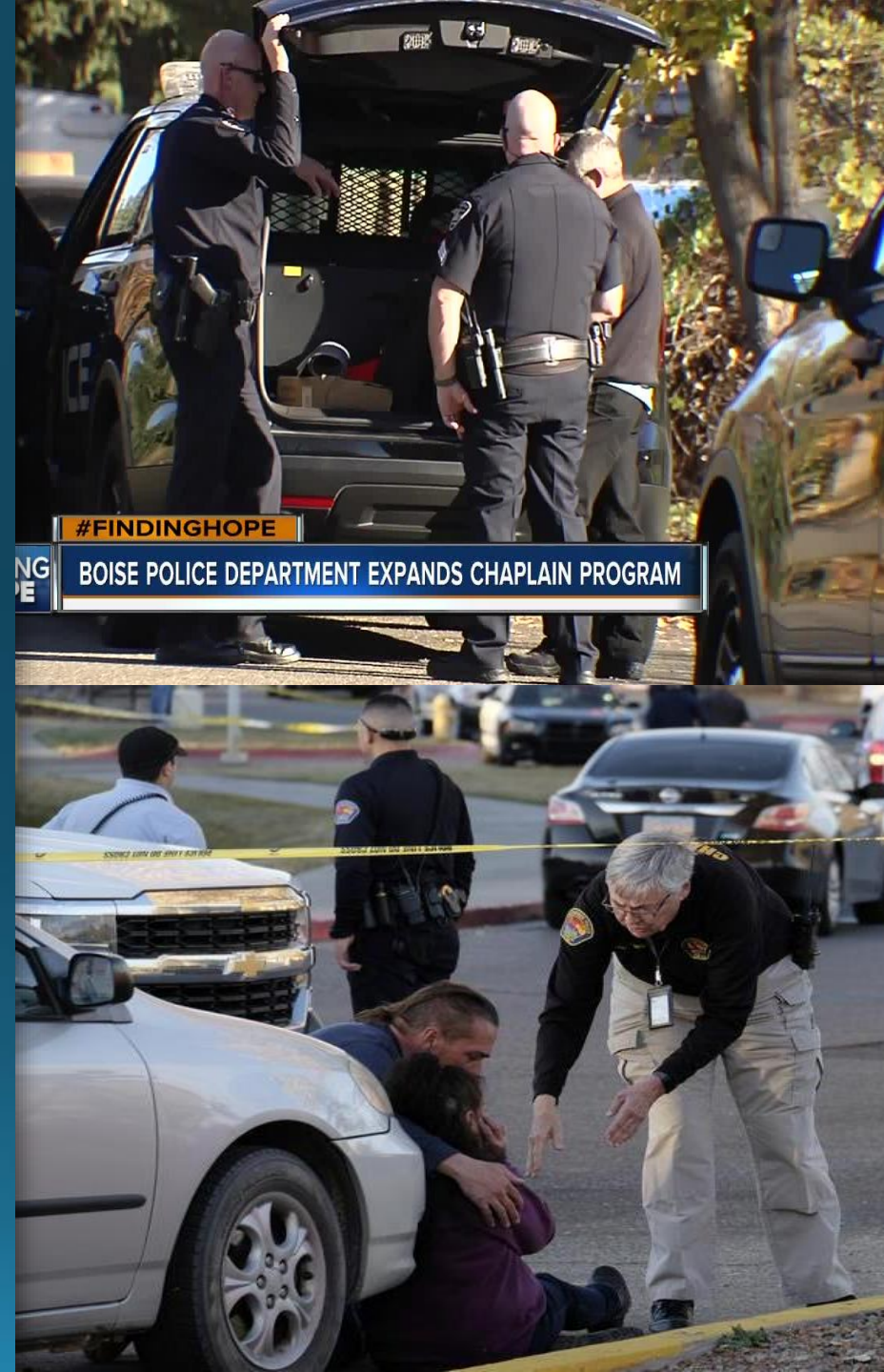
Chaplains will not influence people towards a religion.



# Types of Events

Natural deaths, suicides (and attempted), major disasters, and critical incidents, diffusion of a conflict, officer injury, fatal traffic collisions, homicides, and other traumatic incidents.

Conversely, Chaplains have celebrated weddings and baptisms for department staff, provided the invocation at city events, and attended department promotions.



# Incidents with Chaplains

202 W. Lincoln-Multiple homicides with an active shooter at a business complex, which resulted in an OIS.

- \*All Chaplains responded to area where the victim's families gathered to provide support.

- \*Chaplains provided support for officers at subsequent debriefings.

Officer Nick Varela's death from the crash of HB1.

- \*OPD Chaplain provided support to surviving pilot at UCI.

- \*OPD Chaplain was at the other hospital for any requests.

# Policy 339

The Chaplain policy ensures that the department has qualified persons supporting officers and the community.

In addition to having a strong character and background, OPD Chaplains must have a minimum of 5 years of successful counseling experience with a recognized church denomination.

Chaplains will be uniformed for special events and generally have a jacket or polo that identified them.

Chaplains maintain confidentiality with penitential communications on personal matters (Evidence Code 1030-1034).

# When to Call a Chaplain

A Chaplain can be requested and/or called at ANY TIME.

The Chaplain can be called directly from the field by any officer or department staff.

The Chaplain Sergeant or other supervisor does not need to approve the request. We recommend that you notify the field sergeant and a subsequent notice to the Chaplain Sergeant.

Calling a Chaplain and/or TIP

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