



POLICE CHAPLAINS

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I. Purpose

The purpose of this Written Directive is to identify the duties and responsibilities of the Police Chaplain.

II. Policy

It is the policy of the University of Maryland, Baltimore Police Force (UMBPF) that all members of the organization understand the role and responsibility of the Police Chaplain as identified through this Written Directive.

III. Role and Responsibility

A. Background

Chaplains shall provide spiritual counseling and referral assistance to UMBPF members and their families when requested.

B. Notification

1. When faced with making a serious injury or death notification, the Chaplain will be contacted.
2. Police officers may need counseling after being involved in a traumatic situation and may need the assistance of the Chaplain.
3. Counseling and/or referrals may be made by the Chaplain.

C. Authority

The Chief of Police shall have the authority to determine the need for contacting the Police Chaplain.

D. Other Duties

Other duties may be assigned to the Police Chaplain as authorized by the Chief of Police.

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IV. Appointment

The position of Police Chaplain is a voluntary position and shall be filled at the discretion of the Chief of Police. An agency member or other persons must provide documented proof of ministerial credentials if seeking to be appointed as the Police Chaplain.

Written Directive System Impact

Upon approval and publication, this edition of WD 2.8 supersedes all previous editions.

Antonio Williams, MS
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