

Dear Fellow Chaplains; Greetings from Colorado Springs C.O.  
From Paul Kardel

Colorado Springs is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest City in Colorado

Area 185 Square miles

Population 368,000

A Fire Headquarters, and 20 Stations

It is a paid Dept. with 500 Fire personal. All must be Medical Certified. Last year they responded to 29,000 Medical & Public asset alarms. The Ambulance Transportation is provided by the American Medical Response Company.

The Chaplaincy Squad of the Colorado Springs F.D. is to serve under the direction of the Chief, and its officers to the needs of its personal and its citizens. At this time we have five Chaplains on our Squad. Each Chaplain is equipped with a Pager, Radio, and Turn-out gear. The Primary Chaplain has a Fire Dept. Vehicle, he is on duty for 7 days. The type of alarm will vary. Most alarms are for ordinary deaths, suicides, accidents, death notification, and major fires.

#### 'ALARM PROCEDURE'

The Chaplain receives the page from the fire dispatcher, he is given "Map location" address, and a brief detail of the type of call. The Chaplain upon arrival reports to the officer and receives additional information about the call. The Officer then places his personal on returned to Call Duty Status. The Colorado Springs Police Officers are present at all times, with the Chaplain. The Chaplain identifies himself to the family or to those present. He will attempt to console the grieved. He brings a copy list of the Funeral Homes with-in the City.

At a Suicide Alarm he also brings a pamphlet from the "Heart-beat" organization, which is a group that serves Suicide family victims. The Chaplain explains the procedure to come, and of what items, and information the Coroner will request. The Chaplain will assist to the families needs until the body is removed. In addition to responding to alarms, the Chaplains are also present at Fire Dept. Funerals, Graduations, and Weddings Etc.

He receives his Education by attending:

- 1 Critical Incident Stress Classes
- 2 Suicide Family Asst. Classes
- 3 Mental Health Classes
- 4 City Emergency Disaster Drill
- 5 Col. Springs Airport Disaster Drill
- 6 Biological Warfare Class & drill
- 7 Smart Bomb drill
- 8 Injured Military from Iraq Drill with Fort Carson

Thank-you for your time and interest in our program.

Together in service,  
F.D. Chaplain # 681 Paul Kardel Col. Springs