

# Sheriff's Chaplaincy Conference Certification Levels

## Masters Chaplain:

- Credited MDIV or equivalent of 10 years experience
- Ecclesiastical Endorsement
- Law Enforcement or Senior Chaplain Endorsement
- Thesis Paper 25 pages (subject to be approved)
- 25 CEU's
- \$40 Application Fee

## Senior Chaplain:

- BS degree or equivalent of 5 years experience
- Ecclesiastical Endorsement
- Law Enforcement or Senior Chaplain Endorsement
- 15 CEU's
- Thesis Paper 10 pages (subject to be approved)
- \$40 Application Fee

## Basic Chaplain:

- Completion of a predetermined amount of education units covering an approved course.
- Ecclesiastical Endorsement
- Pass Test with 80%
- Three Years Experience
- \$40 Application Fee

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## CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

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## Basic Course Descriptions

### **Stress Management:**

Practical instructions in recognizing and dealing with stress in yourself and the officers you serve.

### **Death Notification:**

A "How To" course on one of the toughest aspects of Chaplaincy. This course will cover making a notification and using appropriate conduct in the jail and law enforcement family and the community.

### **Burn Out (Officers & Chaplain):**

What is burn out? What are the signs? How can one come back? How can one prevent it? How do you help someone undergoing burn out?

### **Legal Liability & Confidentiality:**

To identify, define and address the legal responsibilities of serving as chaplain and confidant.

### **Ethics:**

Defining ethical situations chaplains & Officers face on a daily basis.

### **Crisis Response-Critical Incidents:**

Course includes knowledge of what a critical incident is all about and how one can respond as a chaplain.

### **Substance Abuse:**

A basic course that covers a recurring problem within the police world, the community and with inmates. What resources are available.

### **Sensitivity - Diversity:**

Identify, define and address the need for understanding of other backgrounds, beliefs, and perspectives.

### **Officers Injury and Death:**

To identify, define and address issues of officer injury and death, the unique implications associated with the Law Enforcement community, and strategies for chaplain to provide assistance during such instances.

### **Jail Chaplaincy:**

How to start a jail ministry; fundamental and organizational principles.

### **Ride-A-Long Guidelines:**

To identify, define and address the unique responsibilities and demands of being in a police cruiser with an officer, guidelines for being an asset.

### **Ministry to Inmates:**

Helping the inmate(s) deal with the frustrations of incarceration, providing spiritual guidance for inmates and their families.

### **Counseling Techniques:**

Basic guidelines for counseling in various settings.

### **Policy and Procedures in the Jail (Jail Safety and Security):**

Becoming familiar with the rules and regulations in the jail setting and the reasons for them. The importance of safety and security.

### **Chaplain at a Crime Scene:**

Guidelines for a chaplain at a crime scene.

## Senior Level Course Descriptions

### **201: Law Enforcement Family: - (L)**

To identify, define and address the unique responsibilities and duties of the chaplain to the families of the law enforcement community.

### **202: Gang Activity in jail: - (J)**

Teach how to identify, define and diffuse.

### **203: Chaplain's Self Defense: - (L & J)**

Review of security policies and procedures. What to do and what not to do in conflict settings and basic strategies.

### **204: Ministry to corrections officers: - (J & L)**

How to build relationship, trust, sensitivity.

### **205: Sheriff's Perspective of Jail Chaplaincy: - (J & L)**

Overview of expectations, limitations and communication between departments.

### **206: Chaplain's Role in Hostage Situations: - (L & J)**

Procedures at scene, protocol, dynamics and diffusion.

### **207: CISM Basic: - (L & J)**

Diffusing and debriefing using the Mitchell Model.

### **208: Officer Suicide: - (L & J)**

Addressing the high statistical issue law enforcement suicide prevention and response.

### **209: Post Shooting Trauma: - (L & J)**

To identify, define and address the issue of officer injury or death, the implications and effect on the law enforcement / jail community.

### **210: Disaster Preparedness: - (L & J)**

Procedures of reporting, instruction, field request and death / injury notification.

### **211: Rape: - (L & J)**

Procedures in counsel, sensitivity, family notification.

### **212: Officers Substance Abuse: - (L & J)**

Trust in relationship building, resources and sensitivity.

### **213: SIDS: - (L)**

## Master Level Course Descriptions

### **M-OS Officer Suicide: - (L & J)**

Addressing the high incidence of officer suicide and implementing effective prevention and response.

### **M-MN Meeting the Need: - (L & J)**

Building and maintaining a Jail Chaplain's program and ministry.

### **M-CISM Advanced CISM: - (L & J)**

Diffusing and debriefing conflict using the Mitchell Model.

## Other Courses/ECU's for Chaplains

**O-CR: - Police & Community Relations**

**O O-CA: - Child Abuse**

**O-DV: - Domestic Violence**

**O-PTS: - Post Trauma Syndrome**

**O-PC: - Chaplains at Public Ceremonies**

**O-CC: - Cyber Crime**

**O-CR: - Creative Retirement for Law Enforcement Officers**

**O-L&O: - Police Work & the Occult**

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**(J) = Jail**  
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