

Santa Barbara City Fire Department - Standard Operating Procedures Organizational Operations	Code: O-V-3
Department Chaplain Program	
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I. PURPOSE

- A. To have a volunteer chaplain(s) from the community that could act in a non-denominational capacity to assist the Santa Barbara City Fire Department and members of the public (at the public’s request) in times of need.

II. OBJECTIVE

- A. To act as a contact person for firefighters in time of great personal stress or emotional trauma.
- B. To assist on major medical incidents where there would be a long duration of times at an incident scene where injured and dying victims remain in the field.
- C. To be accessible through the Battalion Chief for incidents where one member of a family has passed away and the only remaining member can not cope with the event and no other assistance is available. This would be an extreme situation and not normal practice.

III. TERM OF APPOINTMENT

- A. The volunteer Department Chaplain would assume his/her duties for a period of one year. It is the Fire Department’s decision to extend the duty for another year (by mutual agreement), or rotate the position to a new chaplain in the community.