

The Tennessee Federation of Fire Chaplains

“Serving those who Serve”

The Tennessee Federation of Fire Chaplains supports the ministries of volunteer and paid fire department, ambulance service, and rescue squad chaplains, and assists emergency service agencies in developing their chaplaincy programs.

The TFFC cooperates with the Federation of Fire Chaplains on a national level, providing automatic membership and networking with the addition of a state-wide certification and accountability system for chaplains.

The Federation offers programs that provide its members with educational opportunities in training conferences and materials.

The network of mutual support offered by the TFFC helps disseminate and share information with other chaplains.

Assistance is given to fire/EMS/rescue organizations to start or improve their chaplaincy programs.

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- TFFC has members all across the State.
 - TFFC is non-denominational, non-sectarian, with no compromise on individual convictions.

Benefits to Members

- Written materials designed to help chaplains implement and sustain effective programs.
- Four newsletters each year to keep chaplains current in their field.
- Educational opportunities offered to chaplains in annual conferences and regional meetings.
- A Fire Chaplain Directory provided to all members to provide a network of mutual support and information sharing.
- Provides standing in a professional organization. Certificates for completed training are provided.
- A training library of written, audio, and audiovisual materials is available to members.
- Chaplain identification provided through ID cards, membership certificates, arm patches, and vehicle decals.
- Provides outlines and programs for annual Memorial Services.

Benefits to Department

- Provides information on establishing a chaplaincy program.
- Gives chaplain training through conferences, lesson materials, and articles.
- Gives support and encouragement to the chaplain.
- Keeps the chaplain abreast of the latest programs and developments in the field.

Membership

Membership is open to those involved with the fire/EMS/rescue chaplaincy whether full-time career or volunteer.

Membership Qualifications

- Appointed to the chaplaincy by a fire/EMS/rescue service agency
 - Endorsement by their religious body for the ministry as a chaplain
 - Currently serving as an emergency service chaplain
 - \$100.00 annual dues
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Chaplain Certification

The Tennessee Federation of Fire Chaplains certifies qualified chaplains for service with a “Standard of Care” recognized state-wide.

Qualifications for Certification

- Qualifications for membership above
- Ordination - or an approved plan of guidance providing clergy supervision for those chaplains without ordination
- Completion of 16 hour basic chaplain’s course provided by either the Tennessee or National Federation of Fire Chaplains
- Completion of Individual Critical Incident Stress Management course provided by International Critical Incident Stress Foundation
- Familiarization with the appropriate service through 70 hours of validated emergency service cross training
- Continuing Education of 16 hours/year

What Emergency Service Chaplains Do

Fire/EMS/Rescue chaplains may perform some or all of the following duties:

- Counsel emergency service workers *
 - Counsel family members of emergency service workers *
 - Visit sick and injured emergency service workers at home and in the hospital
 - Make death notifications
 - Provide assistance to victims of crisis
 - Teach emergency service workers in areas such as stress management, ethics, family life, and victim response.
 - Serve as part of a Critical Incident Management Team
 - Assist at the emergency scene
 - Serve as liaison with other clergy in the community
 - Provide for the spiritual needs of department members and their families
 - Offer prayers at special occasions such as recruit graduations and award ceremonies
 - Provide a listening ear
 - Coordinate and provide family services in the event of the serious injury or death of an emergency service worker
 - Serve as a ready resource for the chief or agency director
- * (only within the scope of their training)

For Further Information Contact:

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A Firefighter's Prayer

*When I am called to duty, Lord
Wherever flames may rage,
Give me strength to save some life
Whatever be its age.
Help me embrace a little child
Before it is too late,
Or save an older person from the
Horror of that fate.
Enable me to be alert
And hear the weakest shout,
And quickly and efficiently
To put the fire out.
I want to fill my calling
And to give the best in me.
To guard my every neighbor
And protect his property.
And if I am to lose my life
According to my call,
Please bless with your protecting hand
My family, one and all.*

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*He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted...
To give unto them beauty for ashes...
To proclaim the acceptable year of our Lord.*

Isaiah 61

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Dues
\$100.00

Membership Application

Individual Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

Cellular Number: (_____) _____ - _____

Pager Number: (_____) _____ - _____

E-mail Address: _____ @ _____

Date of Birth: _____

Spouse's Name (if applicable): _____

College: _____ Degree: _____

Seminary: _____ Degree: _____

Graduate: _____ Degree: _____

Date of Ordination: _____

Pastorate Information:

Name: _____

Denomination: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

Emergency Service Agency Information:

Name: _____

Chief: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

Date Appointed Chaplain: _____

Type of Department: Paid _____ Volunteer _____

Type of Chaplaincy: Full Time (Salaried) _____

Volunteer _____ Part Time (Paid) _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Please include with your application:

- ___ Letter of appointment by your agency
- ___ Letter of endorsement by ecclesiastical body
- ___ Dues of \$100.00 payable to
"Tennessee Federation of Fire Chaplains"
- ___ A copy of your ordination certificate
(if not ordained - please include a letter from
an ordained clergyperson who will serve as
your clergy supervisor. Please explain the
system of supervision in your letter.)
- ___ A copy of your resume (if available) or a
listing of specialized training attended.