



# Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

FALL 2015

*Serving Officers  
Serving Community  
Serving Families  
Serving Inmates*

## The Chaplaincy Thanks its Volunteers

The Chaplaincy is grateful for all its volunteers! This ministry would not be possible without you. The Chaplaincy is blessed to have 12 chaplains who volunteer their time to serve in the Jail and Community Corrections, as well as offering support to our road officers, over in Juvenile Services, and to the public. Our Jail chaplains bring Bibles and spiritual support to inmates. Our Road Chaplains sometimes ride along with and offer support to our Deputies on the road. Many times they will be called to make death notifications to members of our community if a family member is involved in a fatal accident. The Chaplaincy also has over 150 volunteers from the community who come in and provide Bible Studies, Worship, Alcoholic Anonymous, the Alpha Program, and other classes in the Jail and Community Corrections. These volunteers are trained annually by Senior Chaplain Mark Fidler and they spend many hours preparing their lessons and praying for the inmates. In addition to their classes, many volunteers agree to help inmates with post-release needs and on-going encouragement. We have other volunteers who each Christmas season participate in the Angel Program. These volunteers contact the families of participating inmates and get a list of needed and wanted items for each child of the inmate. They purchase the items, gift-wrap them, and then present them to the children as gifts from their incarcerated parent. The inmates often share with us after Christmas about how excited their child was to get a gift from them and how much it meant to them personally that volunteers would do this for them. However you participate, we thank you all. We pray many blessings for you throughout the new year.

## Project Blue Light – Always Ongoing

Project Blue Light is a national recognition of those Police Officers who have died in the line of duty. It began in 1988 when Dolly Craig wrote a letter to Concerns of Police Survivors stating that she would be honoring her late son-in-law, Philadelphia Police Officer Danny Gleason, during the holiday season by placing a blue light in her window. The color blue is symbolic of "PEACE." By displaying your blue light(s) you send a message that you support America's Peacekeepers. Your light also shows support for your local police officers. Shine it for the holiday season or all year long.



*The Chaplaincy is a  
501(c)3 charity  
supported by several  
local churches and  
individuals.*

*How you can help:*

*Pray  
Volunteer  
Donate*

*If you would like to donate, please make your check out to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy and send to the address below. All donations are tax deductible.*

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## The Chaplaincy Thanks its Donors

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy would like to take this opportunity to thank our donors. Many churches and individuals give monthly to the ongoing support of the Chaplaincy. We are a 501(c)3 charity and depend on private support. We participate in fundraisers with local restaurants and an annual motorcycle ride in the fall in honor of former Senior Chaplain Tom Burton. Chaplain Fidler also started a Men's Conference this year at the Christ Community Church of Hamilton County. The Conference, called "No Holds Barred," was a two-day event held the first weekend of November. The guest speakers delivered messages, such as "Forgiveness," and "The Heart of the Man of God." They also had worship and spent time in the Word of God. Pictured is Chaplaincy volunteer Karl Hinkle leading one worship session. An offering was collected at the Conference and donated to the Chaplaincy.



The Chaplaincy also thanks The Hirst Family Charitable Fund, a fund of The Legacy Fund, for their ongoing support.

We are so thankful for all of you who help financially and who value the work of the Chaplaincy. We look forward to continuing our partnership in the service of God.

## 2016 Calendar

Mandatory Jail Volunteer Training – January 11, June 6, August 15, and October 24 at the Christ Community Church of Hamilton County, 772 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Noblesville, IN 46060 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm – Volunteers are required to be trained once annually.

Open registration for the Junior Law Enforcement Academy – May 1

National Day of Prayer – May 5 – Chaplaincy hosts Prayer Gathering at noon on the Noblesville Town Square

Final registration for the Junior Law Enforcement Academy – June 1

Junior Law Enforcement Academy – June 24

Sheriff's Chaplaincy Conference – October 10-11

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy is to serve public safety personnel, those who work or reside in public safety facilities, as well as all residents of Hamilton County. Our mission is to serve as a supportive group of qualified ministers and counselors, assisting in matters of personal, marriage, job, spiritual as needed, and to be available to assist during times of emergency.