



Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy

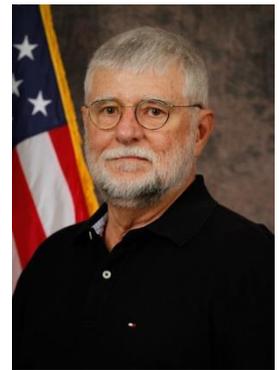
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Serving Community
Serving Families
Serving Inmates*

Meet the HCSC Jail and Juvenile Chaplains

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy has two chaplains who dedicate their ministries as our jail chaplains. They are available to any officer who may need to speak with them. But they spend most of their time visiting the inmates. The inmates put in requests to the Chaplaincy for such things as Bibles, daily devotionals, and spiritual visits.



Chaplain Bowles says that she enjoys seeing women through from the time they get here until the time they leave and watching them receive the Gospel and then watching the Holy Spirit at work. She watches as the Holy Spirit transforms them. Most of the time the changes are tiny, but you can see the hope growing in them. You can actually see visually Romans 12:2 "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." (NKJV) When the inmates are released into prison, work release, house arrest, or home, she will remain in contact with them if they desire through letters and visits. She says, "It is awesome to fellowship with these women and to hear them express their faith and how they are growing in it. It is such a blessing for me to see their growth and to know that God's got it."

Debra Bowles

Randy Seniff

Chaplain Seniff also counts it as a blessing to serve as chaplain. He never expected to be called to chaplaincy work, but he now sees how God has been preparing him for this since childhood. He says it's humbling to help lead men to Christ and help them have better lives.

Chaplain Alphonso Bailey visits the Juvenile Center on Friday afternoons. He gathers the kids together for prayer, and then gives them his testimony of someone who got into trouble, but with God's help turned his life around to become a professional boxer and now helps others see how Jesus can transform your life. He plays Christian rap music videos which the children enjoy and also unites them in fellowship. Chaplain Bailey uses games to help the children with their thought lives. He teaches them to guard your thoughts because your thoughts lead to words, which lead to actions, which lead to habits, which lead to your character, and your character becomes your destiny. Sometimes they do it as a group and sometimes they go one-on-one. Chaplain Bailey says it's really cool when he encounters someone in public that he used to minister to in Juvenile and they will call his name and repeat the steps back to him. They have not forgotten!



Alphonso Bailey

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

How you can help:

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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 Sheriff's Chaplaincy Conference

The Sheriff's Chaplaincy Conference (SCC) was started in 2006 and its mission is to instruct chaplains in both jail and law enforcement ministries. It is a two-day teaching conference held annually in October. The purpose of the Conference is to train and certify chaplains in proper chaplaincy procedure. Some of the topics include Death Notification, Ministry to Correctional Officers, Ministry to Inmates, Domestic Violence, Jail Safety and Security, Chaplain's Role at a Crime Scene, PTSD, Cyber Crime, Gang Activity in the Jail, Suicide Intervention – Postvention – Prevention, and much more. The Conference not only instructs chaplains in areas that they deal with on a regular basis, but is also a way for chaplains across the country to gather for fellowship and networking. For the most part the Conference hosts chaplains from a five-state area: Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, and Michigan, but it is open to chaplains across the United States. Chaplains from as far away as Los Angeles, CA have attended the training.



Chaplains take fourteen classes during a two-year period and then are eligible to take the certification test. The SCC certifies chaplains in Basic, Senior, and Master levels of chaplaincy work. Not only does the Conference instruct chaplains in areas they will use in their ministries, but the SCC holds a goal of having some type of chaplaincy program in all 92 counties in the state of Indiana. Currently about 16 Indiana counties have a chaplaincy. The SCC Board of Directors works hard to put together programming that will train and lead the chaplains of the future to serve the communities of Jail and Law Enforcement and to serve them with integrity.

Many of the HCSC chaplains hold certification in the SCC program or are working toward their certifications.

2017 Calendar

Mandatory Jail Volunteer Training – January 9, June 5, August 14, and October 30 at the Christ Community Church of Hamilton County, 772 N. 10th 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 4 – Chaplaincy hosts Prayer Gathering at noon on the Noblesville Town Square

Final registration for the Junior Law Enforcement Academy – June 1 or whenever the camp is full. Last year the camp was full by mid-May, so please apply early.

Junior Law Enforcement Academy – June 16

Sheriff's Chaplaincy Conference – October 9-10

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.