



# Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy

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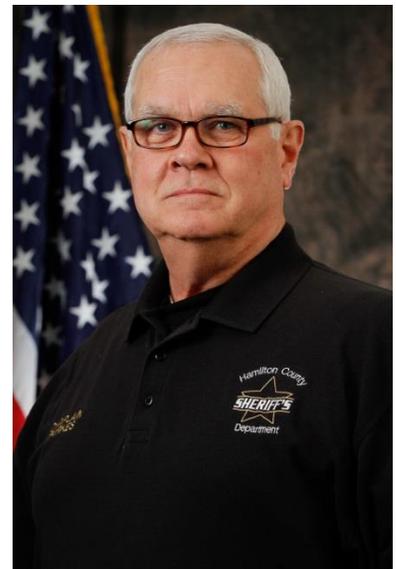
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*Serving Officers  
Serving Community  
Serving Families  
Serving Inmates*

## Remembering Chaplain Dave Parkes

Law Enforcement Chaplain Dave Parkes went to meet his Lord and Savior on Friday, October 5, 2018. The Chaplaincy misses his smile, expertise in helping others in need, and his wonderful story-telling skills. He had an incredible heart for law enforcement officers and served a role in helping start the Chaplaincy 24 years ago. Retired Lt. Eddie Moore shares his thoughts about Dave.

***In remembrance of Chaplain Dave Parkes:*** The citizens of Hamilton County and the employees of the Sheriff's Office owe a debt of gratitude to Dave Parkes. The history of the Chaplain's Office can be traced back to Dave, Chaplain Tom Burton, and the Sheriff at the time Dan Stevens. Tom and Dave worked together to propose the foundation of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplain Office and presented it to Sheriff Stevens with the intention of sharing duties of a non-denominational ministry serving all people. Tom would take responsibility of serving those incarcerated and the officers who were employed in the jail and Dave would take responsibility of serving the community and the officers in patrol.



Dave was a caring and passionate man. He loved his fellow man and had the most compassionate manner in dealing with each in times of personal tragedy. I met Dave over 30 years ago when Brenda and I were searching to find a home church. We went to Trinity Church (Trinity Wesleyan at the time) and he was the senior pastor. Having dutifully filled out the visitor's card he came by our apartment and introduced himself a couple of days later. Being a police officer (a young one) I noticed he was "packing" a Colt 45 under his sport coat. This intrigued me and I wanted to get to know him. Get to know him I did! He and Tom became very close brothers to me and each had a significant positive impact in my maturing spiritually.

I enjoyed being around Dave very much. He could make you smile with just the twinkle in his eye. One particular personality quirk I miss, and laugh about as I sit and write this, was his wont to be close to whomever he considered a friend. As such, he would lean his 6'6" frame down and into the personal space of the one he loved as he spoke. This could be intimidating to some people, but it was not ever intended as such. Being intimidated easily I am not, so a slight push into his "jugular notch" (works well both on pastors and drunks!) and a verbal command of "Back up, you big oaf!" and he would laugh and do so and continue with his point.

He was so very faithful to his wife whom he adored, his daughters and sons (he had no "in-laws" - they were his children), and grandchildren. He was also faithful to first responders and demonstrated this by coming out and riding with the two night

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shifts every Wednesday night and made himself available to respond to any detail where a caring, knowledgeable, and compassionate human touch was needed, which allowed deputies to continue with the duties required. I know he was proud of the Chaplaincy and in what his and Tom's vision had become and is becoming. I miss him and will look forward to our meeting again. By then, him being "a man after God's heart," he will have all of the answers to all of the questions we debated over the years whilst riding around in the middle of the night watching and praying vigilantly over Hamilton County.

Eddie Moore, M.Ed.  
Retired Lt., Hamilton County Sheriff's Office



## **2019 Calendar**

Mandatory Jail Volunteer Training – January 7, March 25, August 5, and October 21 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm – Training is held at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department. All Hamilton County Jail, Community Corrections, and Juvenile Center volunteers are required to be trained once annually.

Open registration for the Junior Law Enforcement Academy – May 1

National Day of Prayer – May 2 – 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

Junior Law Enforcement Academy – June 21

Sheriff's Chaplaincy Conference – October 14-15

## **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.