



Maryland Fire Chief Association Chaplains

Zoom Meeting September 21, 2021

The meeting was opened at 1800 with an opening prayer offered by Tyrone Cooper. The following in attendance:

- Chappy Bower
- Robin Howard
- Dick Devore (Excused)
- Gary White
- Gary Hickman
- Tyrone Cooper
- Mike Hay Sr.

The following were topics of discussion:

(Tyrone Cooper)

- Trying to download NVFC website training.
- Uploaded training list for Chaplain levels.

(Chappy)

- Want to be able to present at the MFCA Executive Board meeting the Chaplain levels and prospective training for those different levels NIT November's MFCA Executive Board Meeting
- MSFA/MFCA joint grant approved for 2.36 million over four years.
- Scholarship funding: propose to fund one Scholarship in each of the 23 counties for the Federation of Fire Chaplains Essentials class.
- Would like to see Zoom instruction for the Federation of Fire Chaplains Essentials class where required material sent to the student and class held on Zoom. Federation of Fire Chaplains would still receive the cost of the class/material currently cost \$225.00.
- Next meeting (10/19/21) the Training Committee is to have the proposed Chaplain levels with the matched training.
- There are five free apps to download to Chaplain's phone as an in-field resource:
 - >Bible Gateway
 - >Disaster and Religion
 - >Google Translate
 - >PTSD Coach
 - >Meditation & Relaxation
- APP "SCR" for all Chaplains, the Spiritual Care Association, (SCA) resources for different religions. SCA cost for non-members is \$30.00.
- Requested Gary White to conduct a Firefighter Memorial for Richard "Dickie" Atwell, Jr. on October 9 at the Damascus Activity Center.

-Training has been scheduled for Carroll County Training Center on January 15th 2022.

AGENDA

0830 – 0900	Registration
0900 - 0915	Introduction to the Day & Each Other
0915 – 1015	<u>The Just Culture in Fire & EMS Services</u> <i>Mary Baker</i>
1015 – 1045	BREAK
1045 - 1145	<u>Managing the Psychosocial Spirituality Health of the Personnel they Command</u> <i>Chaplain Rich “Chappy” Bower, Chief of Chaplains, MFCA</i>
1145 - 1245	LUNCH
1245 – 1345	<u>The Capital Gazette Shooting</u> <i>(Chaplain’s Perspective) Chaplain Robin Howard, Deputy Chief Chaplains, MFCA,</i>
1345-1415	BREAK
1415 -1500	<u>1st Responder Health, the Physical</u> <i>Chaplain Gary White, MFCA Chaplain, Region #2</i>
1500	Adjournment

-Trying to get information/training for Chaplains to become both NVOAD and/or MDVOAD qualified.

-Mike Hay took an NVOAD class in South Carolina at an approximate cost of \$350.00.

-Mike Huber Chairman, MDVOAD (will send email to him) phone (410)375-5053.

-Trying to come up with Recruitment/Retention brochure for Chaplains, targeting area Clergy and retiring/non-riding anymore firefighters/EMS persons.

-(Gary Hickman)

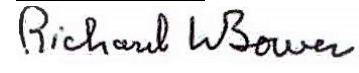
-Needs Chaplain brochures. Chappy to send what he has to him.

Meeting Adjourned at 1900 with closing prayer from Mike Hay.

Respectfully submitted:

Chaplain Robin Howard
Deputy Chief Chaplain, MFCA

APPROVED:



Chaplain Rich “Chappy” Bower
Chief Chaplain, MFCA