

Lincoln County Fire and Rescue Association

Standard Operating Guideline (SOG)

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Title: Request for an Association Chaplain/CISD

Purpose: To support emergency responders and victims of incidents in the following manner:

- Provide emotional support
- Provide Critical Incident Stress Defusing (CISD)
- Help contact pastors, family members, etc. (of victims choice)
- Referral to other agencies for assistance (Red Cross, etc.)

Activation: Can be by either of the follow:

- Direct contact through Incident Commander (IC)
- Page from Communications (It is the responsibility of Association Chaplains to keep a current pager contact list available)
- Self-response based on the situational radio traffic.
- For assistance in activating the Chaplain Services see the Chaplain Manual provided to the department

Typical Scenarios:

- Family support to an incident injury or fatality.
- Departmental support to a responder injury or fatality.
- Based on the IC's expectation of the incident.
 - Friends and family are highly emotional or unstable.
 - Care is needed while the victim is treated or transported.
 - A chaplain or clergy is requested when no religious preference is known.

The Chaplain shall report to and operate under the IC once arriving on the scene. If departing from the scene to assist with needs, it is encouraged that the Chaplain leave forwarding contact information with the IC in the best interest of all victims and department members.