

## CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

### POLICY:

It is the policy of the Omaha Police Department (OPD) to provide a volunteer Chaplaincy Program to minister to the needs of citizens and police officers. OPD Chaplains, representing different faiths, volunteer at least two 24-hour periods per month to this program.

### PROCEDURE:

#### I. Requesting Chaplain Assistance

- A. Officers may request an OPD Chaplain by calling the OPD Front Desk. Front Desk personnel will contact the OPD Chaplain by cellular telephone (see [Appendix A](#) for the phone number).
- B. When the OPD Chaplain calls, Front Desk personnel will give the Chaplain the following information:
  - 1. Location of the call.
  - 2. Type of call.
  - 3. Name of the requesting officer.
  - 4. The officer's car number.
- C. If the OPD Chaplain does not answer the call within five minutes, Front Desk personnel will consult the current OPD Chaplain Duty Schedule and call the on-duty OPD Chaplain at home or work. If there is no answer at the chaplain's home or work number, Front Desk personnel will ask 911 Dispatch to attempt to call the chaplain on the police radio.

**NOTE:** If all attempts are unsuccessful, Front Desk personnel will call the Senior Chaplain at home or work, and the Senior Chaplain will accept responsibility for the assignment.

- D. The officer shall meet the Chaplain at the call location and will not leave unless the Chaplain feels comfortable to handle the call safely without the officer present.

### REFERENCES:

#### I. Previous OPD Orders

- A. Previous OPD General Orders include the following: #45-92, #19-09 and #105-17.

#### II. Accreditation Standards

- A. CALEA Accreditation standard 16.4.1, 16.4.3, 55.2.6 and 81.2.11 are relevant to this policy.

#### III. Relevant PPM Update

- A. PPM Update #09-2017