



International Police & Fire Chaplains Association

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Requirements to be a Chaplain

- You must be one of the three, a Christian Layman, Minister or Ordained Minister for at least 3 years.
- You must have a deep desire to *serve* as a Chaplain, and called by God.
- You must be in good standing with a local church.

You will need to provide:

- A local police clearance background check (from your Police Dept, on PD letterhead).
- A state criminal background check (these can be obtained from state police).
- A letter from your local Church stating that you are in good standing.
- Two letters of reference from someone who has known you as a Christian for at least three years, explaining why you would be a good Chaplain.
- A complete Resume on your experience. (Past work history, church history)
- This application with all pertinent data filled in.
- A photocopy of your driver's license.
- A photocopy of your Social Security Card {this information will be held in strict confidence prove you are a US citizen}.
- A photocopy of your Ordination/License Certificate (**if applicable**).
- Two passport photos for ID.

Note Also:

- Membership is \$100.00. Plus \$50.00 annual dues. (\$150.00 made payable to IPFCA)
- You will need to complete Chaplain Training School.

By Becoming a Member of the I.P.F.C.A. you are agreeing to complete training for certification as a First Responder Chaplain.

I _____, _____ Agree to the above terms, set forth by the IPFCA.
Print Name Sign

Being a Chaplain for the **International Police & Fire Chaplains Association** is a Great Calling with its rewards and comes with sacrifice, prayer and a commitment to its' Members with a focus on God's Word. Romans Chapter 13.

All Applications must be completed in full, with all attached requirements, and payments before mailing!



Affiliations: _____
Name Address Membership

Education:

High School: _____
High School Name Address

City of High School State Zip code

College _____
College Name Address

City Name State Zip Code

Vocational Schools: _____
Course Names: _____

If you have more education experience, please use separate sheets of paper or attach a resume.

As an I.P.F.C.A. Chaplain you must be willing to complete all training at a level II phase. . Enter your initials _____.

Please list any special Training or Verifications you might have, Licenses or specific area of counseling: or special skills you have that may benefit you and the IPFCA

Have you ever been treated for mental health? _____ Yes. _____ No. If yes explain on back

Are you taking any medications for depression or psychological disorder? _____ Yes. _____ No. If yes, please explain on separate letter, and list medications.



Please check any of the Divisions you would like to work in as a Chaplain.

I.P.F.C.A. Divisions

Check all that apply:

Critical Incident stress Debriefing Unit_____. Morality Unit:_____..
(Death Notification)

Domestic Violence Unit:_____. Drug Abuse Unit: _____.

Circuit Court Criminal Division: _____. Jail/or Prison Division:_____.

C.I.S.M. Intervention Strike Team:_____. Counseling Resource Unit:_____.

Fire Department: _____ . Police Department;_____.

Motorcycle Division: _____ . Road Patrol division;_____.

Homeland Security:_____ . Foreign Missions Chaplains:_____.

Instructor/Education & Training: _____. Fund raising_____.

Bible Distribution Department: _____. Event & sales Fundraising Team:_____.

Recruiting & Investigations:_____ . Youth & Kids Program Dept:_____.
(Membership)

K-9 Division Operations Unit:_____ . Food & Shelter Division:_____.
(Search & rescue)

Police & Fire Promotional Team:_____. Public Relations:_____.

Hospital/Hospice:_____ . Military/Chaplain:_____.

What type Of Chaplain are you applying for:

Please Check all that apply:

- First Responder Chaplain.** **Chaplain.** **First Responder/Industrial.**
(Police, Fire, Homeland Security.)
- Military Chaplain.** **Hospital Chaplain, / Nursing home.**
(US Armed Services/Civilian Corps.)

I.P.F.C.A. office use only:

Background Check; _____ . Date:_____.

Application Complete: _____ . Date: _____.

Membership accepted: ____yes. No: _____.

Reason: _____.

ID number assigned: _____ . Date Badge issued_____. Badge #_____.



Nearest relative/Emergency Contact person: _____.

Name

Address _____ . Phone No. _____.

Other Number: _____.

Applicant's Signature

Section 5: Membership/Chaplain suspension & Badge Removal:

International Police & Fire Chaplain Association holds the right at anytime and for any reason to revoke or pull a membership, license and badge ID from any chaplain. This action can only be done by the Director or an Executive Board Member of the I.P.F.C.A. If the action of a chaplain is found to be or is reported in wrongdoing, criminal activity, breaking code of ethics, or in going against biblical set standards. Executive board members will investigate all claims and accusations of wrong doing by a chaplain.

By signing this application you are agreeing to all of the above section 5, and to give the International Police & Fire Chaplains Association a full background check & release of information which will be kept in full privacy. You are also stating that all information given is true and correct. False statements or omissions on this application are grounds for immediate discharge from the I.P.F.C.A. and you will forfeit all fees. You are agreeing to our set by-laws and rules set forth by the Executive Board of the I.P.F.C.A.

The I.P.F.C.A and you will help determine the type of Chaplaincy you want to become. There is several Chaplain Categories listed on page 4 including: **First Responder Chaplain (Police, Fire, Homeland Security). Chaplain (Community Jail, Prison) Chaplain (First Responder/Industrial/Military). Chaplain (Hospital/ Nursing Home).** Each Chaplain Category carries specific qualifications that must be met.

Example Qualifications:

First Responder Chaplains: (must meet page 1 Requirements of Chaplain, no felony record, no mental health problems, complete and pass all levels of training set forth by the IPFCA and local, State and Federal regulations.)

Community Service Chaplain: (must meet page 1 Requirements of Chaplain, Pass background check. Complete Level 1 and 2 training)

Industrial Chaplain: (must meet page 1 Requirements of Chaplain, Pass background check. Complete Level 1 and 2 training)





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Ask yourself these Questions before continuing:

Why do you want to be a Chaplain?

You must first have *the call by God to this office*. A deep desire to be a Chaplain.

1. Be ordained or be able to become ordained minister as set forth by the Bible in 1 Timothy 3:1 and Titus 1: 6-9. (Or take full Ministry Training set forth by the I.P.F.C.A. to help you become ordained)
2. Not for your own selfish reasons:

Don'ts: Do Not exalt yourself, do not do the work of a Chaplain for personal gain, guard against pride. A Chaplain is a servant calling not a power position.

Do's: Be a servant as Christ was; example: Jesus came to earth from Heaven having great power and glory to be born in a stable, rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, not a horse, endured the cross, Jesus came as a Servant. You must have compassion and a heart of a servant

Things you will experience as a Chaplain:

Rejection = not everybody will receive you.

Failure = ultimate, good, and bad.

Sadness = comes from rejection, broken hearts, and lives.

Stress = by being a Chaplain, and all of its challenges.

Joy = comes from God while serving others and seeing changed lives.



You are an instrument, vessel, and servant, and last an Ambassador of Jesus Christ.

<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Vessel</u>	<u>Servant</u>	<u>Ambassador</u>
Is to be used	Get filled up	Doing for others	For Christ
A message, Gospel, A good word, give encouragement	By God, The Holy Spirit	Running errands, provide resources	The Gospel of Jesus Christ
To edify, Bring comfort, Pastoral counsel.	Be a good listener; listen to other people problems, by letting them empty out, into you!	Making yourself available in time of need, no matter how big or small	To Departments you represent and the communities you serve.
To always sound pleasant, nobody likes bad music or noise	Be a vessel of honor	You must be humble and return good for evil.	Don't give Christ or any Department a black eye by your actions

A Chaplain can bring good news in any circumstance despite how you feel at the time, you must be a good example, always smile, **Officers automatically expect a positive or kind reaction from you!**

Remember in Proverbs the 17th chapter verse 22: A merry heart doeth good like a medicine; but a broken spirit drieth the bones. Remember it's from your mouth and attitude that makes and sets the tone for your situation during counseling.

The Bible says do not be weary in well doing good works, for you are laying up treasures in heaven

