

Yamhill Fire Protection District

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Chaplain Services/Sector

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DEFINITION:

Chaplain Services shall be that person or people who are assigned to handle comfort and support services to our personnel and customers. This Sector shall be assigned to the District Chaplain or in his/her absence, his/her designee.

PURPOSE:

The Chaplain Sector is an incident function to provide support, and comfort, including CISD to personnel and to coordinate support services for our customers including coordinating with ancillary services such as Red Cross, Salvation Army, CISM teams, etc. and assisting as directed by the IC.

SCOPE:

This procedure shall apply to any incident where a Chaplain response is made.

RESPONSE:

The initiation of a response of the Chaplain may be initiated in two ways:

1. **Self-Dispatch:** The Fire District Chaplain may self-dispatch to any incident where he/she deems there to be a potential to provide services to either response personnel or the customers we serve. (Examples are when there is damage to a home that will displace the residents, any death or serious injury on scene, etc.) When the Chaplain is self-dispatched, he/she shall immediately report to the IC with his/her accountability tags.
2. **Requested via the IC:** The IC may request a Chaplain response any time the needs of the incident indicate support services are needed for either our personnel or our external customers. This request may be made via YCOM or via radio or by phone.

The Yamhill Fire Protection District Chaplain has been assigned the radio designation of "400."

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RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. The Chaplain shall report to the IC to get an update of the situation. The Chaplain will provide his/her accountability tags to the Accountability Officer and shall be accounted for at all times. **The Chaplain shall not enter any area for which he/she is not trained and equipped with the proper level of personal protective equipment.**
2. The Chaplain will initiate whatever services he/she deems necessary to support the incident action plan.
3. The Chaplain will provide updates to the IC to keep the IC informed of actions being taken by the Chaplain.
4. If Mutual Aid is requested for the Chaplain Sector, the Yamhill Fire Protection District Chaplain shall maintain a coordination role and shall serve as the Sector Supervisor. All incoming Chaplains shall report to the Sector Supervisor and the supervisor shall assure that each Chaplain on scene has an accountability tag and that their tag is provided to the Accountability Officer. The Yamhill Fire Protection District Chaplain may delegate this responsibility in the event his services are needed to provide comfort care to Yamhill Fire Protection District personnel.
5. The Chaplain program is to provide comfort and support to our personnel. An area shall be established for debriefing of personnel as needed. Chaplains are **NOT** to provide rehab (food, water, etc.) to on scene personnel unless personnel are in the designated area for rehab. **DO NOT** take food or water to providers who are operating in the hazard area.