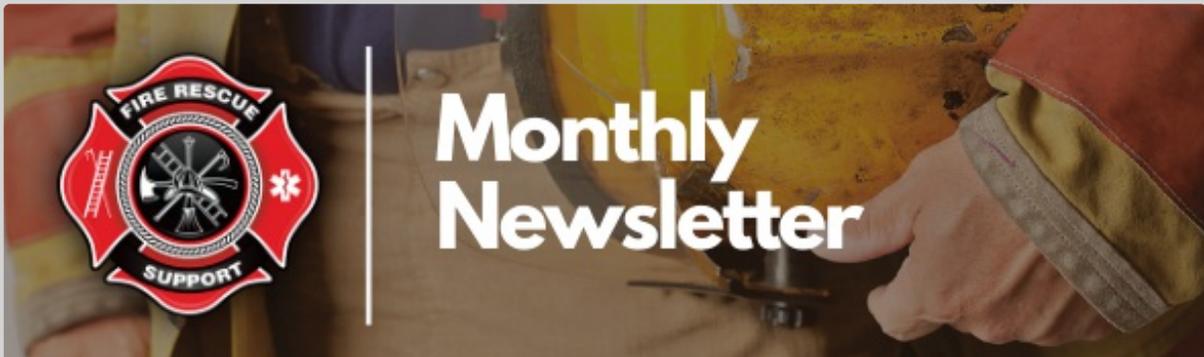


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The Next 10



A chaplain for every department, every firefighter, every day

Fire Rescue Support was founded on September 11, 2011. The first years of our work was focused on providing chaplain services in Marion County, Florida. As we look to the future, it is our desire to be a catalyst for the fire chaplaincy throughout Florida and beyond.

We are incredibly grateful and excited to share that Chaplain Josh Deese is stepping into a full-time role, allowing him to continue strengthening and expanding our work in Marion County. His faithfulness and heart for service have already made a powerful impact, and we are excited to see how God will use this next step.

This exciting transition also opens the door for Chaplain Joe LaCognata to focus fully on the expansion of the fire chaplaincy throughout the state of Florida. Together, this new season positions us to reach more first responders with the message of hope found in Psalm 31:2...

"Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me."

Upcoming Events

Car Shows for Charity®

Curlew Hills

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CAR SHOW

FENDERS FOR 1ST RESPONDERS

WHEN SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21ST 2026

REGISTRATION | 800 AM - 1000 AM
SHOW TIME | 1000 AM - 400 PM

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TARPON AVE FROM PINELLAS AVE TO RING STREET
PRE-REGISTRATION \$20
DAY OF SHOW \$25
REGISTER AT CSACCOM

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ALL FIRST RESPONDERS MATTER

A SERVICE EVENT SPONSORED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF TARPON SPRINGS

Rotary Club of Tarpon Springs

ESSENTIALS OF FIRE CHAPLAINCY

MARCH 24TH AND 25TH, 2026

8:30-5:00

CLEARWATER FIRE & RESCUE

Clearwater Fire & Rescue
Training Center
1716 North Belcher Rd.
Clearwater, FL 33765



- Essentials of Fire Chaplaincy is a two-day course designed to serve as a "Survey of Fire Chaplaincy". It is appropriate for new Chaplains, experienced Chaplains, and those who just want to learn what Fire Chaplaincy is all about. The course includes classes in ministry to Firefighters, Ministry to People in Crisis, Managing Stress, Fire Department Funerals, Fire Chaplain Operations, and many others.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Chaplaincy Foundations
- Ministry to Firefighters, Ministry to people in Crisis
- FD Funerals
- Fire Department Chaplain Operations
- Helping Firefighters manage stress & more!

REGISTRATION

\$250
Includes all materials
Request your registration form at:
s.milton48@yahoo.com

LEAD INSTRUCTOR
& HOST CHAPLAIN:
CHAPLAIN MILTON SMITH
727-798-5718



HOTEL

Roadway Inn
21252 US Highway 19N
Clearwater, FL 33765
727-451-8900
Code: Fire Chaplains

Click the graphic for conference information and registration

FLORIDA FIREFIGHTER SAFETY & HEALTH COLLABORATIVE

WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL CHAPLAINCY MEETING

 Tuesday, March 31ST, 2026

 10:30AM to 1:00PM

 Bayside Community Church
9505 Moccasin Wallow Road
Parrish, FL 34219

INCLUDED

Lunch: Provided at noon

WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL CHAPLAINCY COORDINATORS

Chaplain Milton Smith
Chaplain Murphy Hanley



FLORIDA FIREFIGHTERS
SAFETY AND HEALTH
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Florida Fire Chaplains Conference



April 27-29, 2026
Ocala, FL

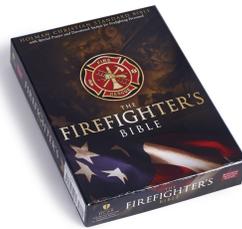
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Website Resources

Have you ever been to the Resources page on our website? Click on the image to the right to find help with stress management, spiritual growth, marriage, and parenting.



Click image for more information

Faith in the Fire

Chaplain Joe LaCognata shares about some of the unique challenges faced while trying to live out faith in the fire service.



Each month, in an effort to continue to promote the conversation about critical incident stress management, we'll discuss a topic relative to crisis intervention. This will be helpful as a refresher to those who have already been trained, as well as something to create interest among those who have not.

SAFER

The foundational model for CISM interventions is SAFER. Here's a quick review of the components of this model.

S - stabilize (establish rapport and connection; mitigate stressors, discuss confidentiality; meet basic needs)

A - acknowledge the story (listen to what people are going through; determine what to do, if anything)

F - facilitate understanding (of their reaction - normalization; of the event itself - cognitive reframing)

E - encourage effective coping (start with what they know; teach as needed; discuss the work and time needed to recover)

R - recovery or referral (determine if person is able to adaptively function or if additional resources are necessary)



Upcoming CISM Training

May 19-21, 2026

Naples, FL

June 23-25, 2026

Wesley Chapel, FL

Contact us to host training at your agency

[Click here for more information and to register](#)



Stress Management Information

Click the logo for information on how to better manage your stress.



In Remembrance

The following firefighters died in the line of duty in the month of December

1/22 - Firefighter/EMT/Dispatcher Brittany Hathaway - Cliff, NM

1 firefighter has died in the line of duty in 2026



Our Vision

Imagine an organization committed to one task – supporting fire rescue personnel. From their work in the field to their lives at home, picture an organization working to equip these first responders to be more successful on the job and in life. Envision an organization that extends the support of those serving in fire rescue by offering care and comfort to the people they serve. Finally, picture an organization that would impact emergency services workers all across the country. That organization is Fire Rescue Support – supporting fire rescue personnel before, during and after the call.



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