



First Responders 1st

Serving those who serve and protect our communities

OUR MISSION

To provide a ministry of emotional and spiritual support to First Responders strengthening their personal well-being for work and life.

PERSONAL STORY

- First Responders 1st was started in January of 2018 by Lonnie Clouse. Lonnie previously served for 17 years as a chaplain to the NASCAR community with Motor Racing Outreach.
- He had been serving with the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department as a volunteer chaplain for the past 2 years, and he loved being involved in the lives of these officers. After much prayer and counsel from trusted advisors, the Lord confirmed to Lonnie that he needed to start his own ministry (non-profit) for First Responders.
- Lonnie currently serves as a chaplain with several local police and fire departments in the greater Charlotte area. He is also a chaplain with the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team. He is ready to deploy within 24 hrs of a mass casualty event anywhere in the United States. (ie-school and church shootings, Vegas shooting etc)
- Lonnie has a Masters degree in Religion and is also certified in Critical Incident Stress Management and Mental Health First Aid.

WHY THE NEED?

- The suicide rate is 10x higher for FR's than for the general population.
- There were 320 reported FR suicides in 2017.
- There have been more officers killed in the line of duty over the past 4 years than the total number of US military personnel killed in battle.
- The salary is staggeringly low for our FR's and there is a nationwide shortage of those serving on the frontlines.

OUR SERVICES

- Participate in regular ride alongs to foster healthy relationships.
- Public prayer at ceremonies or special events.
- Provide support in crisis situations.
- Visit a sick or injured personnel in the hospital or at his/her residence.
- Assist in providing death notifications
- Provide grief counseling or other confidential counseling services and referring to clinical specialists when needed.
- Performing weddings, funerals and memorial services.

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