

EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

**ARTICLE 3: EMERGENCY PROCEDURES
AND OPERATIONS**
SECTION 13: FIRE CHAPLAIN

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3.13.1 **PURPOSE:** The primary purpose of the El Dorado County Fire Chaplaincy is to provide the Fire District with the services of a Chaplain on an as needed basis.

3.13.2 **POLICY:** The Fire Chaplain shall be available as a resource to all Fire District personnel. The following are some examples that are available:

- Y Counsel fire personnel.
- Y Counsel other Fire District members.
- Y Counsel family members of Firefighters and other District personnel.
- Y Make death notification.
- Y Provide assistance to victims of crisis situations.
- Y Instruct Fire District personnel in areas such as stress management, ethics, family life and victim response.
- Y Serve as part of the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team.
- Y Provide for spiritual needs of Fire District members and their families.
- Y Offer prayers at special occasions such as recruit graduations and award ceremonies.
- Y Provide a listening ear.
- Y Coordinate and provide family services in the event of a serious injury or death of a Firefighter or District member.
- Y Serve as a ready resource for the Fire Chief.

3.13.3 PROCEDURE

3.13.3.1 Any District member may contact the Fire Chaplain. All contacts made will be strictly confidential between the member and the Fire Chaplain.

Any Incident Commander may request the Fire Chaplain to respond to an incident scene. The Fire Chaplain will use his discretion on how and when to respond to individual requests.

The Fire Chaplain may not always be available, in that instance, a Law Enforcement Chaplain may be requested through the ECC

Requests for service shall be made by contacting methods 1 or 2:

1. Pager #530.291-9483
2. Incident Commander requests the ECC to page the Fire Chaplain.

3.13.3.3

Requests for response to an incident:

1. Incident Commander to request for Fire Chaplain.
2. State nature of request i.e.: fire service personnel or members of the public
3. Advise a contact name and phone number.
4. Give the location you wish the Fire Chaplain to respond to, along with directions and Thomas Brothers page number, if possible.