

Chaplains receive special training to serve Department employees and their families.

Training includes an overview of the Department, ongoing involvement in peer support training, participation in critical incident stress management, and other specialized education.

Chaplains are assigned to custody facilities, bureaus, and patrol stations throughout the Department. They volunteer their time to assist employees with work-life issue as well as crises. Some of the top reasons employees seek support from PSB chaplains are grief, inti-mate relationships issues, and work stress.

The Chaplains are issued Department items which identify them as Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Chaplains, and protective vests.

Chaplains operate under the umbrella of the Psychological Services Bureau and are on call 24-hours a day.

When you need a Chaplain...



**Chaplains are available
24-Hours a day by calling
Psychological Services Bureau
(PSB)**

(213) 738-3500

All personal counseling sessions between chaplains and employees are privileged communications, and as such, are confidential, except in matters concerning child or elder abuse and danger to self or others.

**Psychological Services Bureau (PSB)
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WHAT CAN I EXPECT FROM THE CHAPLAINS?

A CHAPLAIN'S RESPONSIBILITIES ARE DEFINED IN THE MANUAL OF POLICY AND PROCEDURES, SECTION 2-07/130.00 AS FOLLOWS:

Who are the Chaplains?

The Chaplains are a group of men and women, ordained in their faith, who volunteer their time to provide for the spiritual and personal needs of Sheriff's Department personnel and their families.

The Chaplains of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department are trained religious leaders who meet the strict requirements of the Department. They serve on an interdenominational basis and do not recruit to their faith or replace an individual's own clergy. They serve as an additional resource for all Department employees.

The Chaplain's Program, assigned to Psychological Services Bureau, should not be confused with jail chaplains, who are compensated for their time to work with jail inmates, or with clergy who are volunteers assigned to Sheriff's Stations to work within the community..



- Respond to the needs of personnel during times of crisis or emotional distress.
- Provide spiritual support and guidance to personnel upon request.
- Assist Department officials in making notifications to families of seriously injured/deceased deputies.
- Be available to all personnel and their families following serious injury or death of a fellow Department member.
- Provide Invocation Benediction at Departmental memorial ceremonies and special events.
- Participate in ride-alongs in order to become acquainted with the stressors experienced by Department personnel in the performance of their duties.
- Assist the Department, when requested, in providing comfort and support to members of the community during times of emotional trauma, (e.g., the aftermath of violent crimes, death notification, etc.) as a means of alleviating pressure on Department personnel.
- Maintain an influence/presence that fosters the highest ethical conduct among employees.
- Maintain contact with the local clergy and assist with the Station Volunteer Clergy Program as requested by the station/unit commander.
- Foster public confidence and support at civic events and other periods of heightened public interest.
- Serve as a resource for crisis intervention and other forms of counseling to the citizens of the community when requested to do so by the Department.



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for additional
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and support**