



**Fort Bend County
First Responder Chaplain Association**

Chaplain Requirements & Application



Fort Bend County First Responder Chaplain Association Minimum Requirements

- Formal ordination or licensing by a recognized church or denomination of churches, and be a member in good standing and endorsed for the Chaplaincy by a recognized religious denomination. We encourage ordination, licensing or commissioning of women, as some situations a woman may be more effective than a man and her service should be obtained.
- Three years of formal graduate or post-graduate theological training in a recognized school or seminary OR at least 10 (ten) years of active ministerial experience, preferably in a pastoral role, under the supervision of a properly constituted church.
- Credentials and/or Certification from a nationally recognized chaplains association (i.e. International Conference of Police Chaplains; American Police Chaplains Association; Federation of Fire Chaplains, or associations of equal or higher standards of credentialing.) *[OR the willingness to obtain such credentialing in a timely manner]*
- Endorsement for chaplaincy from a properly constituted church or religious body attesting to the moral and ethical character of the applicant and their willingness to oversee that person's life and conduct.
- Adherence to the rules of confidentiality as set forth by the State of Texas.
- Be tactful and considerate in his/her approach to all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, creed or religion.
- Upon becoming a FBCFRCA chaplain, fulfill the basic service requirements of being on-call to provide emergency crisis response for a minimum of one 24 hour period per month, (if an LEO Chaplain - doing a minimum of one ride-along per month at an assigned agency); attending scheduled in-service training and completing and timely submitting a monthly field activity report.
- Must possess a valid Texas Driver's License and proof of automobile insurance.
- Must have a current health insurance policy in effect.

A FBCFRCA Chaplains must possess all of the above and be willing to be screened by the FBCFRCA board of directors before appointment. Screening consists of an application endorsement, background check, resume and interview. A quorum of the Board shall screen all applicants. Finger printing by either the assigned agency or the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office will be included.

List positions and length of time in pastoral or parish/congregational ministry:

Ecclesiastical Endorsement: Please provide us with a copy of an ecclesiastical endorsement or equal congregational endorsement or recommendation. **The endorsement or recommendation should include specific reference to the pastoral skills and commitment of the applicant for law enforcement/first responder chaplain duties and expectations.**

Are you a member of the International Conference of Police Chaplains or Federation of

Fire Chaplains? YES or NO

Date joined:

What is your current level? Basic Senior Master

If NOT a member of the ICPC or FFC, are you a member of a similar Chaplains

Association?

If a member, please list organization and current status?

Have you received training and/or certification in Critical Incident Stress Management?

If yes, please list certifications held.

On what notice are you available for call outs? (i.e. 24 hours, certain hours in a.m. or certain hours in p.m.)

List any additional work or volunteer experience that you feel is relevant to your application to become a Fort Bend County First Responder Chaplain.

Please list three references:

1. Name: _____

Relation to applicant: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

2. Name: _____

Relation to applicant: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

3. Name: _____

Relation to applicant: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature of Applicant

Date: