



Serving Those Who Serve Us

MINISTRY IMPACT

I hope you all are able to enjoy the summer and spend time in the beauty God has created! I pray you are also able to take a Sabbath to rest in the Lord and trust in Him. These are things I have been reflecting on and trying to focus on this summer and season of ministry.

There always seems to be an emergency on the horizon, a need that I want to support, things on my todo list (and yes I have many), and my inbox that need to be focused on. However, we can easily get wrapped up in the tyranny of the urgent and neglect our own health, relationship with God, and can even make these things an idol in our life. I pray that this season for you, and for me, reflects our focus on God and what He has called us to and gifted us to do.

I have recently had conversations with responders, chaplains, and families about this topic and many times are left with the idea of not knowing where to start. I pray that God gives us all the ability to listen well to Him and put in place the boundaries that will glorify our relationship and calling. Support Chaplaincy - <u>Redemption Hills Church</u> is participating in a golf fundraiser that will support a variety of ministries, including RMPFC, that I would love to invite you to participate in. <u>Click here for more details on the Aug 16 Tournament</u>.

People, Processes, and Tools - These are areas that I have been focusing on for RMPFC. We hope to hold a strategic meeting soon to discuss our rapid growth and how we can scale the impact of Emergency Responder Chaplaincy in a healthy way. Thank you for your prayers.

Many of you may have read my updates on my friend Todd who was bitten by a rattlesnake. After a few days in ICU, intubated, receiving several anti-venom doses, and around the clock medical care / prayers, Todd was released from the hospital. I want to praise God for his recovery and ask for your continued prayers for his healing.

I have been working with a few departments in the development of their chaplain program, Monument Fire, Commerce City PD, and Aurora Fire. Please be in prayer for these agencies, and many others, who are in the process of recruitment and the implementation of their chaplaincy.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN POLICE & FIRE CHAPLAINS



On September 28, we will have our inaugural <u>Ride to Prevent Suicide</u>. If you would like to ride, volunteer, or donate, we would love to see you join us.

We have partnered with <u>Thrivent Financial</u> to support our responders with financial wellness. We will be working on facilitating workshops on many topics to help our responders not only plan for the future, but to live their best life now without the burden of debt and financial uncertainty.

The Colorado Bureau of Investigations asked us to share about Chaplaincy during their annual in-service trainings. I will be presenting at the next one on August 8 in Pueblo. Thank you for your prayers as we hope to engage and encourage many people.

Chaplain Team Shootout update - Over the past few months we tried to secure an insurance policy, required by the shooting range, so that we could host our Chaplain and Police/Fire shootout. Unfortunately we were not able to secure a policy so we will be canceling the event for 2024. Please pray for us as we continue to work through things now so that we can "Shoot" for the 2025 Chaplain Team Shootout.

Please be in prayer for these upcoming trainings/events:

Moral Injury Train the Trainer - Aug 10 Marriage Retreat (CRE) Free - Aug 16; Sept 20-22 Chaplain Safety and De-escalation Training - Sept 14 Ride to Prevent Suicide - Sept 28 CPR, First Aid, AED, and Stop the Bleed - Sept 28 RMPFC Basic Chaplain Training - Golden, CO, Oct 4-5 Level Up Conference - Nov 12-13 RMPFC Basic Chaplain Training - Mesa, AZ, Dec 10-11

If you want to get caught up on on that has been going on with RMPFC, <u>here is a</u> <u>link to our RMPFC News Updates.</u> There are a lot of great things happening!

If you would like to join our prayer and financial team, please click on the link below and select Give to Chaplain Travis Akins from the dropdown.

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