

IDAHO STATE POLICE PROCEDURE

06.04 CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

I. GENERAL

- A. The Idaho State Police (ISP) values its relationships with the communities it serves. A partnership between local religious leaders and law enforcement is a desirable association when dealing with traumatic events. The ISP Chaplain Program seeks to meet the emotional and spiritual needs of victims and their families in crisis through a consistent program using volunteer Chaplains. While Chaplains may be activated to deal with employee trauma, the employee's or employee's family's preferences must govern the assistance they receive.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Chaplain" means an ecclesiastically certified person in good standing with a recognized religious body. The Chaplain is not an ISP employee and does not represent the ISP, but rather partners as a volunteer under ISP procedure [02.08 Volunteer Program](#), with the ISP in providing service to the public. Chaplains are considered members of the public in application of ISP procedures.
- B. "Chaplain corps" means a group of Chaplains assisting the ISP in a District.

III. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- A. Each ISP district maintains a roster available to each Captain, Laboratory Manager and Regional Communications Center, of Chaplains willing to assist in death notifications, hospital visits, trauma counseling or other appropriate activity.
- B. Volunteer Chaplains undergo a limited background investigation as described in ISP procedure [03.09 Pre-Employment Background Investigations](#) prior to acceptance for the program.
- C. Captains may appoint a Lead Chaplain to assist in program management.
- D. Each district develops appropriate call out procedures for Chaplains.
- E. Chaplains receive a minimum of 16 hours of law enforcement-related training to include, but not limited to:
 - 1. ISP organization and history;
 - 2. ride along experience under the provisions of ISP procedure [02.09 Ride Along Program](#); and
 - 3. any district-specific information a Captain believes will assist the Chaplain.

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- F. Chaplains receive equipment appropriate to their involvement in ISP activities:
 - 1. an identification vest or jacket; and
 - 2. agency-issued volunteer identification card/clip on.
- G. District Captains may provide a cell phone and/or pager to Chaplains.
- H. Chaplains may drive unmarked ISP vehicles under the provisions of ISP procedure [02.12 Use of State Vehicles](#).