



EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL CARE IN DISASTERS

***A 2-DAY SEMINAR FOR CHAPLAINS,
CLERGY, POLICE, FIREFIGHTERS,
EMS PERSONNEL AND
MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS***

MAY 23 & 24, 2016, IN HERMITAGE, PA

***Sponsored by the Hermitage Fire Department, Hermitage Police Department,
and St. Paul's United Church of Christ***

The purpose of this course from the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) is to enhance the skills of *experienced* chaplains, first responders, clergy, and mental health professionals to provide effective emotional and spiritual care people within disaster operations. **THIS WHOLE COURSE IS BEING REVISED, AND YOU'LL BE AMONG THE FIRST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD TO BE TRAINED IN THE NEW MATERIAL!** By the end of the seminar you'll be able to:

- Articulate the role of the emotional and spiritual caregiver from your own faith tradition, as well as the caregiver's role in a pluralistic disaster environment.
- Clearly define the role and function of the emotional and spiritual caregiver within the Incident Command System, National Incident Management System, and disaster relief operation.
- Identify the physical, psychological, emotional, behavioral, interpersonal and spiritual impact of disasters.
- Outline key research relating to resilience and building personal hardiness to facilitate post-disaster recovery and growth.
- Develop an emotional and spiritual care plan to provide appropriate and effective help for disaster survivors, first responders and relief workers.
- Assess your own suitability to provide emotional and spiritual care within a trauma and disaster context.
- Identify a self-care plan for maintaining your own emotional and spiritual health during deployment.

Completion of this seminar (all 14 hours) qualifies as a course in the ICISF Certificate of Specialized Training Program, as advanced training in the Federation of Fire Chaplains and International Conference of Police Chaplains, and may qualify toward credentialing in the Pennsylvania Disaster Spiritual Care Network. If you need CEUs, contact our host, Chaplain David Williamson, at (724) 342-2310 or DWilliamson@pafirechap.net

COST

The class costs \$160. This includes two days of instruction and discussion, workbook, a certificate of completion from the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, and donuts & coffee plus lunch and snacks on both days. If your registration form and check is *postmarked* by Friday, March 18th, the cost is \$135.

LOCATION

Classes will be held on the upper floor of Hermitage Fire Department’s station 3 on the corner of Mercer Avenue and Maple Drive (just a few miles north of Interstate 80 exit 4B). Parking is in the lot to the right of the station. Classes are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm both days. Registration is Monday at 8 am. Dress is casual.

Only one AAA-rated hotel in the area (West Middlesex) offers you a special discount: the ♦♦♦ Park Inn by Radisson (phone 724-528-2501). Be sure to mention you’re coming to “Fire Chaplain training” and book your room by May 6th to get the special rate.

YOUR INSTRUCTOR



Chaplain Edgar Hatcher is a Board Certified Trauma Responder with more than 1,000 hours of specialized training in crisis and trauma ministry, including holding all six ICISF Specialized Training Certificates, and has over 1,000 hours of field experience. He is a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and served as an Air Force chaplain for 27 years. He is a member of the National Organization for Victim Assistance, the Association of Traumatic Stress Specialists, the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress, and the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation. He is also a member of the Federation of Fire Chaplains and serves as an instructor for that organization as well.

Our host is Chaplain David Williamson. If you have any questions, phone Dave at (724) 342-2310 or email him at DWilliamson@PAFireChap.net

REGISTRATION – Please print legibly

This form, together with a nonrefundable registration fee of \$160 (take \$25 off if your registration form and check are *postmarked* no later than March 18th). Make your check payable to “Hermitage Fire Dept.” Due to lead time for ordering books and other materials, all registrations must be received no later than Friday, May 6th.

Your Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

_____ Daytime or cell phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Are you an ordained clergyperson? Yes No

Are you trained in CISM? Yes No

Are you a fire department chaplain? Yes No

Are you a law enforcement chaplain? Yes No

Fire or Police Dept. or Ambulance Service (if any): _____

Church/synagogue you attend (if any): _____

Denomination (if any): _____

*Please mail this completed form and your check for \$160 to
Hermitage Fire Department, 2511 Highland Road, Hermitage, PA 16148-2857*