

## The Role of a Fire Chaplain

A Fire Chaplain is someone who helps firefighters and their families in times of need or crisis and someone who supports and encourages spiritual health and wellness in the fire service. Some duties may include:

- Memorial Services
- Care for injured or sick personnel and families
- Involvement with CISM teams/training
- Serve as liaison to local clergy
- Invocations/prayers at ceremonies or events
- Teaching fire service personnel in areas of spiritual and emotional wellness
- Be a confidential listening ear to personnel and families
- Be a resource to help personnel to connect to EAPs, counselling, or other wellness initiatives

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### The Firefighters Prayer

When I am called to duty God,  
Where-ever flames may rage,  
Give me strength to save some life,  
Whatever be its age.  
Help me embrace a little child,  
Before it is too late,  
Or save an older person from  
The horror of that fate.  
Enable me to be alert and to hear the  
weakest shout,  
And quickly and efficiently,  
To put the fire out.  
I want to fill my calling and  
To give the best in me,  
To guard my every neighbour and  
Protect his property.  
And if according to my fate,  
I must answer death's call,  
Bless with your protecting hand,  
My family one and all.



**British Columbia Association of  
FIRE CHAPLAINS**



*Membership in the BC  
Association of Fire Chaplains*



## The Role of BC Association of Fire Chaplains

The BCAFC exists to support chaplaincy in Fire Services in British Columbia. We accomplish this by providing training events to equip Fire Chaplains and opportunities to network together for mutual support and encouragement. We offer membership at a very reasonable cost and are able to offer membership to the Federation of Fire Chaplains (International) at a reduced rate to access further training and conferences in the USA.



## Benefits to Members

- Provides standing and certification in a professional organization
- Provides training materials designed to help chaplains implement effective programs
- Educational opportunities are offered around BC and access to FFC conferences and training at reduced rates
- A directory of membership made available to members for networking and resource sharing
- Outlines and resources provided for various memorials and services

## Benefits to Department

- Provides information and resources for establishing a chaplaincy program
- Provides training for chaplains
- Keeps chaplains aware of current programs and resources available

## Membership

Membership is open to all those who are involved with Fire Service Chaplaincy. Some members are in a paid role as chaplain while most are volunteers. Some are firefighters who have religious leadership training. Others are religious leaders who have an interest in the Fire Service.

## Membership Qualifications

To qualify for membership an individual must:

- Be appointed as chaplain by their local fire department or fire service organization
- Be endorsed by their church, temple, mosque, denomination, or faith based body
- Fill out an application and pay associated fee

