



# SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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To: All South Carolina Fire Service Administrators  
All South Carolina EMS Administrators  
All South Carolina Law Enforcement Administrators

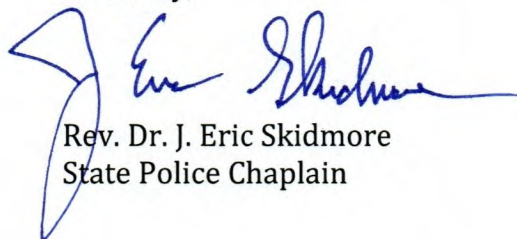
Re: Training Opportunity for Public Safety Chaplains

Dear Friends,

I write in order to make you aware of an upcoming training aimed at those who have an interest in Chaplaincy work with Public Safety Agencies. Lenoir Rhyne University and The Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in partnership with The South Carolina Law Enforcement Assistance Program recently designed and field-tested an 18 month training program for Public Safety Chaplains. The first cohort of 9 chaplains completed their training in July 2017. Please see the attached comments of these graduates.

Our first cohort was made up of chaplains currently working in the field full-time, persons who are serving as volunteer chaplains and those who are considering chaplaincy service in their next career. If you have a chaplain on your agency staff (fulltime, part-time, volunteer) or if you have current agency personnel or clergy persons in your community you would like to "bring on" as a chaplain, this program may be very helpful in their preparation for service. Please review the attached documents. Our next cohort begins on the campus of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary January 12, 2018. Please contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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