

THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WELCOMES
CHAPLAIN DAVID A. TAFAOA

TO THE SCLEAP STAFF

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The member agencies of
The South Carolina
Law Enforcement
Assistance Program
(SLED, SCDPPPS, SCDNR,
SCDPS and The OAG)
are pleased to welcome
DAVID A. TAFAOA
to serve as a
Public Safety Chaplain
on the staff of SCLEAP.



Chaplain David A. Tafaoa

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Many Public Safety Personnel across our state already know Dave Tafaoa. Dave has had a 35+ year career in public safety starting in 1980 when he was a student at Bob Jones University spanning to May 2018 when he retired from SLED at the rank of Major. His duties have included:

South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

Major, Counter-Terrorism Operations, September 2011- May 2018

Major, Homeland Security, September 2010 – September 2011

Captain, Counter-Terrorism Operations, October 2006 – September 2010

Senior Agent, Bomb Squad, November 2002 – October 2006

Senior Agent, Arson Investigative Section, October 1993 – 2002

Greenville City Police

Detective Division, 1989 – October 1993

Uniform Patrol, 1983 – 1989

Police Reserves, 1982 – 1983

Greenville County EMS Reserves, 1982 -1989

Bob Jones University Department of Public Safety, 1980 -1982



Dave Tafaoa was born in San Francisco and raised in the State of Hawaii. He is a graduate of Hanalani Christian High School in Wahiawa, Hawaii. He came to South Carolina in order to attend Bob Jones University. He graduated from BJU in 1983.



Dave's professional trainings and certifications are too numerous to mention in this limited space. As he neared the end of his Law Enforcement Career, he enrolled in the first Cohort of the Public Safety Chaplaincy Certification Program offered by Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary & Lenoir Rhyne University. After completing the 18-month training program, Tafaoa received his certification in Public Safety Chaplaincy from Lenoir-Rhyne University.