

## Oregon Chaplains Academy

The Oregon Chaplains Academy (OCA) is pleased to announce that a **First Responder Chaplain training academy** launched in Oregon earlier this year. OCA utilizes DPSST facilities in Salem and is primarily for Oregon-based Chaplains who serve First responders and their communities. OCA focuses on equipping Chaplains with psychological and spiritual tools to assist in the wake of trauma as well as helping to build resiliency for First Responders and communities before disaster strikes.

Currently OCA offers an annual 5 day basic training that meets all the requirements of the ICPC (International Conference of Police Chaplains) and the FFC (Federation of Fire Chaplains) certifications. This course is designed for those new or just exploring First Responder Chaplaincy. The first training held in June 2018 graduated 26 Oregon based chaplains. OCA is also providing an advanced training course in October that is targeted at those chaplains with over 5 years of experience with First Responders. This session will provide more tools and resources for supporting First Responders in the local community.

OCA is sponsored by Public Safety Chaplaincy and has the endorsements of the State Fire Marshal, Oregon Fire Chiefs Association, Oregon Association Chiefs of Police, Department of Public Safety Standards and Training and the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association. For more information about OCA or to learn more about the **Advanced training Oct 24-26**, please find more details at the OCA website:

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