

The Role of a Fire Chaplain

A Fire Chaplain is someone who stands with firefighters and their families in times of need or crisis.

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/or families
- Involvement with CISM teams/training
- Serve as liaison to local clergy
- Invocations/prayers at ceremonies or events
- Teaching personnel in areas of spiritual, emotional and mental 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,
wherever flames may rage,
give me strength to save a 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
to hear the weakest shout,
and quickly and efficiently
to put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling Lord,
and to give the best in me,
to guard my every neighbor and
protect their property.

And if according to my fate,
my days should come to end,
please bless with your protecting hand,
my family and friends.

Amen.



**British Columbia Association of
FIRE CHAPLAINS**



*In prayer it is better to have a
heart without words than words
without a heart- John Bunyan*



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 reasonable cost and include membership in the Federation of Fire Chaplains International to access further training, resources and conferences.



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

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

Membership

Membership is open to all those who are involved with Fire Service Chaplaincy. Most members are volunteers while some are in a paid role as chaplain. Some are active or retired firefighters who have religious experience or training while others are religious leaders who have an interest in the Fire Service.

To qualify for membership in the BCAFC an individual must:

- **Provide a Letter of Appointment** as Chaplain by their local fire department or fire service organization
- **Provide a Letter of Endorsement** by their faith-based body (church, temple, mosque, denomination)
- **Complete the Essentials of Fire Chaplaincy Course**
- **Agree to the BCAFC 'Code of Conduct'**

