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Beside the Badge

SUPPORTING THOSE WHO SERVE



Standing Beside Families Searching for Answers

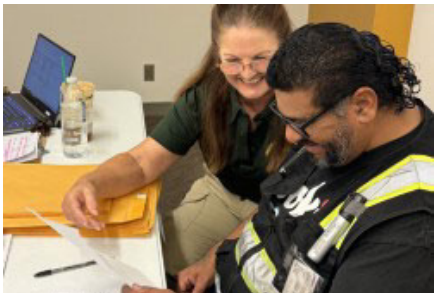
On October 3, the Fresno County Sheriff's Office hosted Find CA Missing at the Fresno State Library, bringing families of missing loved ones together with investigators, forensic specialists, and other resources to help advance their cases.

Chaplaincy Unit members were there to offer support to families navigating uncertainty and heartache. Families could connect with investigators, share additional information and records, and participate in voluntary DNA collection to assist identification efforts.

The Chaplaincy Unit is proud to stand alongside families during some of life's most difficult moments. Service extends beyond investigations to include caring for the people affected by them.



Families connect with support and resources



A day focused on answers and compassion

HOW YOUR CHAPLAINS CAN HELP

You don't have to wait for a crisis. Chaplains support employees and their families through difficult moments and everyday challenges.

- Prayer requests
- Hospital visits
- Critical incident support
- Ride alongs and briefings
- Invocations and ceremonies
- Death notifications and grief support
- Family support
- Memorial services and community events

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A Community That Shows Up Makes a Difference.

Get to Know Your Chaplains



"Service Before Recognition."

Chaplain Rosemary Alanis has been married for 40 years and has three adult children, Hannah Schneider, Sarah Alanis, and Ezekiel Alanis. She has served with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office Chaplaincy Unit for 10 years.

She began her service responding to callouts, later taking time away to support her mother while her father lived with dementia and eventually passed away. When she returned, she transitioned to ride alongs and briefings, and also became involved with the SOSL Team.

Chaplain Alanis has a deep heart for those she serves. Her goal is to see chaplains represented in every area of the Sheriff's Office, bringing support and compassionate service throughout the agency.

She wants every member to know they are loved, remembered in prayer, and thought of each day.

Resource Highlight



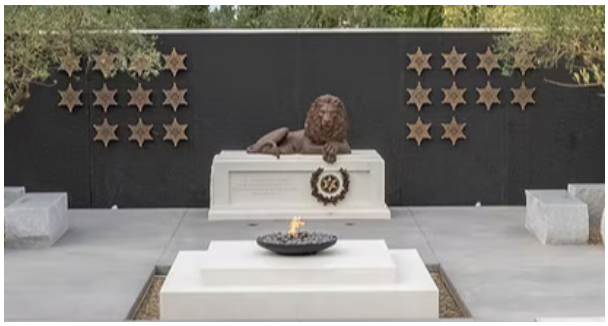
FREE EMPLOYEE RESOURCES

The Chaplaincy Unit maintains a bookcase of free resources for Sheriff's Office employees. You will find books, pamphlets, informational materials, and snacks, all available at no cost.

FEATURED BOOK

Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement by Dr. Kevin M. Gilmartin explores how police work can affect relationships, outlook, and life outside the job.

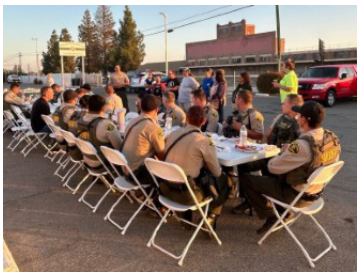
Find it: FSO Headquarters basement, outside the Chaplains' Office, next to the exit to the B 1 Parking Garage. Stop by and take what you need.



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Feed the Troops





Members of the Selma Lions Club organized a "Feed the Troops" breakfast at the Sheriff's Office Area 3 Substation, with help from Chaplain Alanis. Community members prepared a meal for deputies working on patrol, and Lt. Garcia even joined in to help with food preparation. Their time and effort offered a meaningful message of appreciation to those serving our communities. Thank you to the Selma Lions Club, Chaplain Alanis, and everyone who helped make the morning possible.

ASK A CHAPLAIN

Sometimes, talking with someone can make a difficult day a little easier.

Chaplains are available to support Sheriff's Office employees and their families through the challenges of work and life. You do not need to be facing a crisis or have all the answers to reach out.

You can contact a chaplain for:

Personal or family concerns
Support through relationship challenges, family stress, or difficult life changes.

Work related stress
A chance to talk through the demands of the job and the things that stay with you afterward.

A listening ear or spiritual support
Someone who will listen and offer support in a way that respects your beliefs and preferences.

You don't have to wait for a crisis. Reaching out is enough.

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Support is available to employees and their families, regardless of faith or belief.

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