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***Partnering
for
Religious Support
in the
National Capital Region***



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Mission Statement

Pursue excellence in Religious Support to the Command by developing a cohesive ministry team composed of trained, motivated, professional volunteers who provide credible ministry, spiritual leadership, and pastoral care in all environments, who remain tactically and technically able to execute CONOPs in the NCR as part of an all-hazards task force, who remain prepared to return to active combat operations on short notice, and who retain a commitment to continually hone their skills to these ends.



Primary Functions

- Assist the Commander in ensuring the free exercise of religion
- **Coordinate Religious Support for HLD and DSCA operations**
- **Represent the Command to the Interagency and faith-based groups in the NCR**
- Provide ceremonial support to the Command
- Provide spiritual, moral and ethical leadership to the Command
- Provide DP 91 supervision and oversight of Garrison religious support to JBM-HH, Fort Meade, Fort Belvoir, Fort Hamilton, and Fort A. P. Hill



Primary Tasks

- **Provide and coordinate RS throughout the NCR during CONOPs, NSSEs, and other critical events**
- **Plan, organize, and conduct training for Joint military, Interagency and Public Safety Chaplains, and Faith-based organizations**
- **Serve as liaison to NCR Interagency religious affairs council, the Public Safety Chaplains, and religious faith groups. In the NCR**
- Perform and provide funeral services, interments, and ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery
- Coordinate and execute RS for State Funeral training missions and CONOPs



Organizing Principles

- Relevant
 - Nested in the Commander's intent
 - Supports the unit's Lines of Effort (LOEs)
- Collaborative
 - Engagement across the broadest base of Directorates/Agencies
 - Creates synergy to achieve a desired effect
- Spiritually Distinct
 - Retains a profound capability for the care of souls
 - Recognizes the value of humans over hardware



Partnering for Ministry

- 2007 – Partnership with MWCOG Public Safety Chaplains Subcommittee
- Establishes baseline of preparation for all-hazards response
- Executes concept plan for bi-annual training conferences
 - 2011 Joint & Interagency Training Conference theme: “Not Quickly Broken: Post-Traumatic Stress Mitigation and Alleviation”
- Participate in crisis response training exercises
 - CAPITAL SHIELD 12 collaborative Table-Top Exercise with MWCOG Public Safety Chaplains Subcommittee



The Way Ahead

- Add depth to the JFHQ-NCR Commander's RS cell
- Develop a systems-based perspective for planning ministry in response to crises
- Deepen the bench to include volunteer and service organizations (NVOAD, Red Cross, etc.)
- Export DoD “boiler-plate” training programs as requested (Suicide Prevention, etc.)



Questions