

# ELGIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CHAPLAIN PROGRAM



The Elgin Police Department utilizes volunteer chaplains to provide counseling and emotional support to department members, their families and to members of the community for varying circumstances. We are seeking individuals from all religious backgrounds to serve as a volunteer chaplain.

Volunteer chaplains provide an important role in supporting the emotional wellbeing of police officers and professional support staff by assisting in notifying families when a police officer has been seriously injured or killed in the line of duty. They also visit department members who are sick or injured, provide emotional support during critical incidents, attend funerals for retired members, speak at special occasions, and serve as a consistent source of support for staff.

In the field, volunteer chaplains may assist police officers on emotionally intense calls for service, offering compassionate support to residents in distress. Their presence helps ensure that community members receive the care they need during times of crisis.

Below is a link to a video where Senior Chaplain Al Keating shares a personal experience which prompted him to make the decision to serve as a chaplain. He also speaks about what it means to serve as a chaplain and the prerequisites one must have to serve.

**[Watch the informational video](#)**

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer chaplain or would like more information on this role, contact Senior Chaplain Al Keating at [al.keating@elginil.gov](mailto:al.keating@elginil.gov) or via telephone at 847-289-2753.