



COUNTY JUDGE ED EMMETT
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November 12, 2009
Dear Community of Faith Leader,

Our community needs your help before, during and after disaster strikes.

Please take a moment to consider the following compelling questions.

- When a disaster strikes our community, are you prepared to respond with a Crisis Chaplaincy Team that is trained, credentialed and ready to meet the unique spiritual needs of the victims?
- Do your local police, fire and medical first responders know that your congregation has a crisis chaplaincy team that is capable of offering compassion and spiritual care after they leave the scene?
- If you have members in your congregation who are trained and credentialed in crisis intervention, do they have adequate plans in place to deploy at a moment's notice - whether the incident is large or small?

A single chaplain can offer great comfort to those in need. However, a Crisis Chaplaincy Team of seven or more can do that on a much greater scale.

The Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management understands the valuable support and compassion that the faith community offers through chaplaincy. For that reason, we partner with faith based organizations in planning, preparing for and recovering from emergencies on every scale.

Crisis Chaplaincy Care, Inc., under the direction of founder Dr. Michael K. Haynes and executive director Don Hawkins, has held numerous trainings at our facilities in Houston TranStar. These courses have been incredibly successful and well attended. I hope that you will consider taking part in this much needed effort to provide the best possible spiritual care to our residents by taking advantage of the training offered to your Crisis Chaplaincy Teams.

You will be receiving information about future training opportunities from Crisis Chaplaincy Care, Inc. We hope you will consider being a part of this great program.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sloan".

Mark Sloan
Emergency Management Coordinator