

TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF FIRE CHAPLAINS CHAPLAIN CERTIFICATION LEVEL COURSE SUGGESTIONS

Basic Chaplain Certification Requirements (level 100):

Completed TFFC application

- Organizational appointment
- Ecclesiastical endorsement
- Certificate of Ordination (or letter of Pastoral Supervision)
- Currently serving as a Fire, Rescue, or EMS Chaplain
- Annual dues of \$75 paid (must be paid annually in order to keep or build certification)

Completion of Federation of Fire Chaplains Basic Chaplains Academy

Completion of International Critical Incident Stress Foundation Individual CISM Course

Completed Basic Emergency Service Academy or Approved Plan of Cross Training (70 hrs.)

Complete 16 hours of approved Chaplain training annually to keep certification

Intermediate Chaplain Certification Requirements (level 200):

Satisfaction of above requirements

Completion of courses in the following subject areas:

- Special Services in the Fire Service
- Grief, Death and Bereavement in the Fire Service
- Contemporary Problems Related to Fire Service Personnel
- Ecumenical Foundations
- Philosophy of the Fire Service Chaplain
- History of the Fire Service Chaplain
- Cultural Diversity – Understanding the Community
- Utilization of Community Resources
- Working with Local Mental Health Providers

Senior Chaplain Certification Requirements (level 300):

Satisfaction of above requirements

5 Years in Active Fire, Rescue, or EMS Chaplain Service

Completion of courses in the following subject areas:

- Organizing a Stress Management Team
- Marriage and Family Systems in the Fire Service
- Fire Service Influence in the Family
- Crisis Intervention Strategies in Fire Service Families
- Managing Chaplain's External Demands and Pressures
- Ethics and Spiritual Responsibility
- Gender Diversity in the Fire Service
- Rewards and Motivations from the Chaplain – Banquets, Picnics, and Special Events
- Managing the Chaplain and his/her Family
- Call Verses Conflicts of the Call
- Disaster and the Chaplain's Roles
- Human Resource Management

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Master Chaplain Certification Requirements (level 400):

Satisfaction of above requirements

10 Years in Active Fire, Rescue, or EMS Chaplain Service

Completion of courses in the following subject areas:

Project Management – Tools for Effective Time, Volunteer, and Resource Management

Media Relations and the Chaplain

Working with Difficult People

The Chaplain in Training Areas for New Recruits

When the Chaplain is in Too Deep

Special Topic Courses as Approved by the Chaplain Institute Board of Directors

NOTES:

Only the Chaplain Institute of the Federation of Fire Chaplains gives Master Chaplain Certification.

Applications for Master Chaplain require membership in the Chaplain Institute with an additional application and one-time fee of \$25.

The Institute must receive documentation of all courses with certificates showing number of hours in specialty subjects or official transcripts.

Applications must be made to the Chaplain Institute by 01 August of each year to be given at the Annual FFC Conference in October.

All Chaplains are highly recommended to join the Chaplain Institute (one-time fee of \$25). The Chaplain Institute will provide certificates for Master Level Chaplains.

If you have questions about Chaplain Certification Levels, please feel free to e-mail TNFireChaplains@comcast.net.

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