

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

"Leading The Way For A Safer Pinellas"



SENIOR CHAPLAIN

JOB CODE: 20030	PAY GRADE: 16	PAY RANGE: \$45,000 - \$72,000
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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Under the supervision of a Lieutenant, the main focus of this position is to provide administrative oversight of all aspects of religious programs for inmates as required by law. The position supervises other chaplains and staff and sees to the approval and training of lay and clergy volunteers from all faiths represented by the inmate population. The position develops and maintains communications with religious groups community-wide and approves donations of materials/equipment for use in religious programs. The position ministers to inmates. Work is reviewed through observation and results obtained.

SUPERVISES OTHERS: Yes

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Directs the day to day activities, operations of staff, religious volunteers and visiting clergy providing services to incarcerated persons;
- Screens, approves, trains, supervises, and coordinates activities of staff, lay, and clergy volunteers from faiths represented by the inmate population;
- Answers and follows-up on 62 Request forms;
- Approves volunteers and visiting clergy via background checks and credentials;
- Serves as the religious/spiritual resource to inmates and staff relating to religious requests or questions; provides religious counseling and guidance to inmates and their families as needed;
- Serves as liaison in the development of consistent inmate religious programs; evaluates and structures religious service delivery to the inmate population and complies with laws pertaining to such;
- Prepares budgets, memos, policy and procedures briefs for monthly meetings;
- Provides and performs death notifications to inmates, which includes crisis intervention skills, as well as, accommodation and compassion;
- Conducts visitation activities of inmates, to include jail, hospitals, funeral homes, families and meetings;
- Approves special religious diet requests and determines legitimate religious practices; includes assessing bodies of supporting literature outlining religious principles and practices

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- Approves all religious publications, religious symbols or congregate worship/religious services to ensure it meets criteria for safety and security;
- Follows-up on messages left on phone system and emails;
- Participates in Sheriff's Office recruitment and community relations activities as directed.

This list is not intended to be all-inclusive and you may not be responsible for every item listed. The employer reserves the right to assign additional functions and responsibilities as necessary.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Master's Degree in a related field
- Four (4) years' experience as a Chaplain or in a related field
- Ordained and licensed Clergy; AACC, ACCA
- Or equivalent combination of education and experience
- Must possess a valid Florida driver's license

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

- Knowledge of Pastoral counseling and the ability to apply this knowledge for one on one personal contact, required counseling skills, required knowledge of grief counseling, stress management, interpersonal skills, and group dynamics;
- Knowledge of CISM for intervention in regards to inmate suicide;
- Knowledge of computers to include basic and specialized software programs;
- Training skills to provide up to date chaplaincy training; training of religious volunteers, visiting clergy and new chaplains;
- Communication skills, both verbal and written to work with visitors, handle phone requests, radio calls, and email and department memos
- Ability to perform all functions of the job classification without posing a direct threat to the health or safety of other individuals in the workplace

PHYSICAL ABILITIES

The physical abilities listed below are estimates of time spent during a typical work day to perform essential functions and responsibilities. Members in this position may be required to:

- Sit up to 4 hours per day
- Stand up to 2 hour per day
- Walk up to 2 hours per day
- Frequently lift up to 10 lbs.

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- Occasionally lift up to 25 lbs.
- Occasionally bend, squat, climb, reach, kneel, or twist