

# **FFC Fire Chaplain Training Institute**

## ***Essentials of Fire Chaplaincy***

Basic Training for Fire Service Chaplains  
knowledge and skills for an effective fire department chaplain

Sponsored by  
**Louisiana Fire Chaplain Network  
and Louisiana Office of the State Fire Marshal**

**Louisiana Office of the State Fire Marshal**  
8181 Independence Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

**Date: April 30 – May 1, 2020**

**Instructor: Command Chaplain Michael P. Perser**

Tuition: \$150.00

Paper Manual: \$75.00

USB Manual: 45.00

(Essentials of Fire Chaplaincy Training Manual is available on Paper manual or on  
USB drive)

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**Essentials of Fire Chaplaincy training** is the basic training for fire chaplains. Over 30 plus years, the Federation of Fire Chaplains has developed a 16 hour intensive basic fire chaplain training that is recognized as the *standard of fire chaplain training* world-wide. The Essentials training is a face-to-face environment that provides unparalleled knowledge and skills needed to become an effective fire service chaplain. You need to know what to do, how to do it, and how to do it well. The best return on your training investment is the *Essentials of Fire Chaplaincy* training. This basic training is the foundational study upon which all other fire chaplaincy courses are built.

### **WILL HELP YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR ROLE:**

-You will learn how to become an asset to your firefighters and your community. You will learn how to understand your role as a helping minister, not just a religious minister. You will learn how to *be* a “ministry of presence” in very difficult situations. You will learn how to deliver an effective and caring chaplaincy without sometimes saying a single word. You will learn how to *be there, listen and love*.

### **WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:**

- An **introduction** - history of fire chaplaincy; foundation and development of the Federation of Fire Chaplains.
- The **Personhood of the Chaplain** is **WHO** you are and who you ARE NOT as a fire chaplain.
- The **Ministry to Firefighters** is **WHAT** you do as a fire chaplain for your firefighters.
- The **Beginning a Fire Chaplaincy** is **HOW** to develop a fire chaplaincy program in your fire department.
- The **Chaplain Operations** is **HOW** and **WHAT** to do on the emergency scene, fire house, and other places..
- The **Chaplain Ministry to Crisis Victims** - **HOW** to do and **HOW NOT** to do with crisis victims.
- The **CISM Overview** - an overview of the CISM process as relates to fire chaplaincy (only introduction).
- The **Injury and Death Notification** - **HOW TO DO** and **HOW NOT TO DO** during this important task.
- The **Introduction to Firefighter Funerals** – **HOW TO DO A FIREFIGHTER FUNERAL**; funeral customs, types of funerals, and how you can make a difference with families in the death of a firefighter.
- **HIPAA, Confidentiality, PSOB, and EAP** and other important information for being an effective chaplain.

### **WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM THIS TRAINING:**

This training is designed to train newly appointed fire chaplains (learn the right skills before you adopt the wrong ones). The veteran chaplains who seek a refresher to update their information and skills (refreshers are tuition free). One who might feel a calling to become a fire chaplain; one who wants to minister to their brother/sister firefighters.

### **WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID ABOUT THIS TRAINING:**

-More clearly understood the nature and personality of firefighters; gave me the tools to be *needed* in our department; warned me about mistakes which made me a better fire chaplain; the Essentials class gave me directions on how to use the tools of a fire chaplain; I learned not only what not to say, but what to say and how to say it; was encouraged by the sharing of other chaplains; relevant, interesting and informative; Outstanding course!; well worth my time and money.

### **WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP?**

This 16 hour class is the foundational component of chaplaincy training. After completing this class, you are encouraged to work toward your **Advanced Chaplaincy** (130+ hours) of training and experience. The first step is to become a member of the FFC (Initial FFC dues are \$125.00 which sets up your training records and tracks your training) and complete the FFC Institute Application. (FFC dues are \$100.00 a year thereafter). Go to [www.firechaplains.org](http://www.firechaplains.org) and click on Membership and Institute and complete this process. For additional Information, contact Jim Duncan at [firechaplain@firechaplains.org](mailto:firechaplain@firechaplains.org)

For additional information or to enroll for the Essentials class, contact:

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# APPLICATION ESSENTIALS OF FIRE CHAPLAINCY

LSFM Baton Rouge, LA **April 30 – May 1, 2020**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Department \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Chief \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone\_(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ Cell\_(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

\*Email Address \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Chaplain \_\_\_\_ Part-time Chaplain \_\_\_\_ Full-time Chaplain \_\_\_\_ Years in Ministry \_\_\_\_\_

Essentials of Fire Chaplaincy Tuition with USB Manual **\$195.00**  Will pay at course (\$25.00 extra at course).

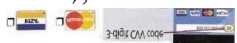
Essentials of Fire Chaplaincy Tuition only: **\$150.00.**  Will pay at course (\$25.00 extra at course)

I would like an application for membership in the Louisiana Fire Chaplain Network (Free for remainder of this year) for Louisiana residents for those who take Essentials class with us.

Send application and payment to:

**Louisiana Fire Chaplain Network**  
**2154 Waymon Street**  
**Shreveport, LA 71118**

OR To Pay **online check** or **credit card** to click on the **SECURED** link below:

[www.aplos.com/aws/give/LouisianaFireChaplainNetwork/payonline](http://www.aplos.com/aws/give/LouisianaFireChaplainNetwork/payonline) fill in your name, your email, Amount, One-time payment, Purpose (Essentials Tuition), click **Donate Now**, add your online check or credit card information (make sure to add the CVV code). 

You will receive an email confirmation of payment immediately for your records.

**PLEASE SEND COPY OF THIS APPLICATION EVEN IF YOU ARE PAYING ONLINE**

Include the total amount you paid online or credit card below so we can cross reference your payment to this application.

Total Amount paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_  check# \_\_\_\_\_  Paid online

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Notice:** If your department needs a Form W-9 for payment, please check here  we will send you a form via email.