



Office Of The Sheriff - Henry County

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TOPIC: Sheriff's Office Chaplains Complete Training

In 1991, the Henry County Sheriff's Office Chaplain Unit was formed to meet the spiritual and personal needs of the Sheriff's Office employees.

Over the years Henry County grew and so did the staff required to support the duties of the Sheriff's Office. In 2016, Sheriff Keith McBrayer saw a need for two additional well qualified volunteer Chaplains. Reverend Michael Tinney and Reverend Charles Jackson answered the call and were added to the compliment of Chaplains.

Chaplain Tinney, Assistant Pastor at Henry Baptist Church and Chaplain Jackson, a retired Army Chaplain with 32 years of service joined the Sheriff's Office under the leadership of the Senior Chaplain, Reverend Norman Schneller a ministry leader and former certified police officer. Senior Chaplain Schneller has experience dealing with the unique needs and issues law enforcement officers face every day.

In March, Chaplains Tinney and Jackson successfully completed a 40 hour Critical Incident Training course for Chaplains provided through the Georgia Sheriffs' Association. Subjects included individual crisis intervention, and death notification. Senior Chaplain Schneller also completed advanced training in individual and group crisis intervention as well as other related topics.

Sheriff McBrayer stated, "All of our Chaplains that are available to employees are trained in counseling related to traumatic events, PTSD issues, as well as marriage counseling." McBrayer added, "Our Chaplains take a non-denominational approach to counseling to better make themselves available not only to Sheriff's Office personnel but also to their family members."

In addition to these Chaplains who serve employees, the Sheriff's Office provides Chaplain Services to meet the Spiritual needs of inmates housed at the Henry County Jail.



L to R: Senior Chaplain Norm Schneller, Chaplain Michael Tinney, Chaplain Charles Jackson, Sheriff Keith McBrayer