

# The Briefing

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## Chaplain and Parent



Officer Adam Stier and his fiancée Claire were joined together in marriage on June 25th. I have now had the joyful privilege of officiating at 7 Lakeville Police officer's weddings.

The FBI says violent crime is down in the United States, but don't tell the nation's police officers that. In 2010, 162 officers were killed in the line of duty – 59 of them in shoot outs. In 5 of the past 10 years, the number of police officer deaths topped 160. Since the first recorded police death in 1794, there have been more than 14,000 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in this country. Add to these alarming statistics the number of assaults and injuries experienced each year and it is clear that law enforcement can be a dangerous career choice.

These statistics are troubling to me, not only because some of my closest friends are police officers but also because I'm a parent. My son Josiah will complete the skills portion of police officer training in July of this year and then he will seek to join the force of some city's finest.



He has known that he wanted to be an officer since early in his high school years. As a chaplain and a father, I couldn't be prouder.

## Other notes from Chaplain Bellows

- On August 17th from 5:00 - 8:00 pm Pizza Ranch Restaurant is hosting a fundraising event for LPCS. Officers have volunteered to bus tables. Please consider attending.
- The continued work of LPCS is made possible by the financial gifts of others. LPCS is a 501c3 organization. Your tax deductible contribution can be mailed to 9623 162nd Street West, Lakeville MN 55044.
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