

# The Briefing

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## All in a Day's Work

It was 22 years ago that the Department first requested I respond to a death scene. As a result I also officiated at the funeral of the Lakeville firefighter who had passed away. (My very first funeral as a young pastor).

Funerals are an ongoing aspect of a chaplain's duties. This quarter that included a service for a 13 year old.

Trinity Evangelical Free Church opened their arms to the family and to scores of grieving junior high students who attended the funeral service.

Sometimes a funeral service strikes even a little closer to home. In October, my two friends, retired LPD officers Bill Forbord and Mark Holden both requested that I officiate at the funeral services for their fathers.

## Take this Job and Shove it

People frequently ask how I can continue doing death notifications or funerals or listening to people's problems. The answer is my faith gives me strength and I'm energized by that front line role in chaplaincy. But there is another aspect of the chaplaincy program I abhor and that is fundraising!

I formed the non-profit organization LPCS to allow myself to devote more time to serve the community and the Department. I'm so very grateful for the generosity of donors who give me the privilege of fulfilling that

dream. (If you would like to give a year-end gift to LPCS see the note at the bottom of this letter).



The 'serve' aspect of protect and serve took on a new dimension when a number of Lakeville officers participated in a chaplaincy fundraiser at Pizza Ranch restaurant. Officer Jai Hanson and Brad Wubben (pictured) and several other officers greeted, visited with diners and even busied a few dishes in support of the Chaplaincy Program. All tips during the evening and a generous donation from Pizza Ranch owner Dan Peterson made the event successful.

## Other notes from Chaplain Bellows

- The continued work of LPCS is made possible by the financial gifts of others. LPCS is a 501c3 organization. Your tax deductible donations can be mailed to 9623 162nd Street West, Lakeville MN 55044.

