

Welcome to [Living Shield Ministries](#). I hope and pray that you will be blessed as you learn more about this very important and needed ministry.

Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters are in a profession that is extremely demanding and stressful. The tasks they have been given are very difficult—at best, and very dangerous—at worst. Their responsibilities are enormous and, at times, very overwhelming. Their profession is not only vital to their community, but to themselves and their own families, as well.

The life of a police officer or firefighter can, at any moment, end in tragedy because of the dangers they face daily. Yet, because of their love for their fellowman and their desire to help those in need, they are willing to face the dangers. They are willing to go into those dark places where most people fear to go. Concerning such love, Jesus said, **“Greater love has no man than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends”** (John 15:13).

As a former firefighter/ fire captain for 20 years, and presently the lead chaplain for the Riverside Police Dept., Riverside Fire Dept., and Riverside County District Attorney’s Office, I know how rewarding their jobs can be, and also how destructive their jobs can be. I am familiar with the level of stress they face, their struggles with infidelity and their thoughts of and attempts at suicide. When their stress levels exceeds their resources for coping with life, they are in danger, as well as their professional and immediate families. [Living Shield Ministries](#) is here to help them maintain a good, healthy balance in their jobs, as well as, in their personal lives. This web page is an outreach, not only to firefighters and police officers, but also to their families and the communities in which they serve. Its intent is to minister to the men and women in law enforcement and the fire service by providing emotional and spiritual care to them, their families, and their communities in times of crisis.

Also, do you have a desire to become involved in chaplaincy work? If so, we’ll train you. Are you interested in learning how to provide crisis intervention and grief counseling to those who are suffering and in crisis? If so, we’ll train you. Please take the time to read our articles and learn more about [Living Shield Ministries](#) and how you can become involved. I promise you—you won’t be disappointed.

“As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.” ~ Psalms 18:30

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chaplain Steve". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Blessings,".

Chaplain Steve