

Albuquerque Police Department Chaplain Unit

Mission & Guiding Principles

- Provide for the support of department employees and their families.
- Provide counsel and guidance to persons in crisis in the Albuquerque community.
- Provide a great work environment by working effectively with each other.
- Apply the highest standards of excellence to providing support to those requesting assistance.
- Maintain a presence that fosters the highest ethical conduct among employees.
- Foster public confidence and support by attending civic events and being available during periods of heightened public interest.
- Contribute positively to our Department and our community.
- Recognize that the spirit of service is essential to fulfilling our mission.

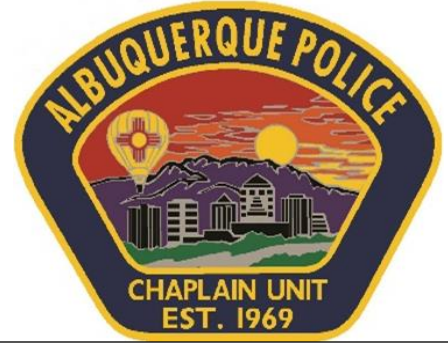
Chaplain's Corner – Chaplain Jeff Pearson

Jeff Pearson has been an APD chaplain since November of 2017. Jeff grew up in Southern California and graduated from U. C. San Diego with a bachelor's degree in history in 1995. He worked as a college pastor with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship for the next 14 years. Jeff graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree (MDiv) and was ordained as a Presbyterian pastor in 2010. He served for five years as the Pastor of Congregational Care and Visitation at La Jolla Presbyterian Church in San Diego.

Jeff and his family moved to Albuquerque in the summer of 2015 so he could serve at Sandia Presbyterian Church as the Associate Pastor for Christian Education. Jeff's desire in this position is to see adults flourish through learning, applying, and following the truth of Jesus Christ in the context of community.

Jeff met his wife Debbie while in college. They got married in 1997 and have been married for 25 years. Debbie is a nurse practitioner with Presbyterian Family Practice. Jeff and Debbie have two teenage daughters who are in high school.

Jeff was drawn to volunteer as an APD Chaplain out of a desire to serve our officers and city. Jeff says, "People sometimes ask me why I volunteer my time to be with people in the difficult and heartbreaking situations chaplains regularly encounter. My answer is that I feel called to come alongside people in what may be one of the worst days of their lives to remind them that God is with them in their suffering and other people care about them."



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2022 May Highlights

The chaplain Unit is proud to announce three new chaplains to the unit. The new chaplains include Sonya Cleveland, Zina Crum, and Katherine Gandara. They are currently receiving training and will be ready to begin aiding with calls soon! The chaplains are also very proud to announce the initiation of Chaplain Robert Bustamante upon his successful completion of training.

The Chaplain Unit is also part of the Albuquerque Involved Grant. They have requested a grant of \$2000 for the unit and are asking for your help. The grant will be used to help the chaplains with expenses of their uniforms. They need community members to visit the site and vote. We appreciate the support from the community! Visit <https://www.abqinvolved.org/> to vote. To see Head Chaplain Barbara's interview about the Chaplain Unit click here <https://www.instagram.com/tv/CdL75GoLOGW/?igshid=MDJmNzVkMjY=>