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We had 37 calls in the 4th quarter. The new Chaplains commissioned in 2011 have been “broken in,” so to speak and are doing an outstanding job. Our current Academy class of ten Candidates is flowing smoothly and all of them did very well on their mid-term exams. It will be nice to have 10 more fresh recruits out in the field.

Last month, Deputy Senior Chaplain, BreeAnn Crespan and I met with several officials from Search And Rescue per their request to define and establish specific protocol for our Chaplains when called upon by their agency. We normally have only several calls per year to help with missing persons but it is good to establish specifically how best we may serve SAR in those situations. Our Chaplaincy is greatly appreciated by them as they expressed to BreeAnn and me. We discussed forming a team similar to our School Crisis Team and perhaps even using the same personnel from that team. This of course would be called our, “SARS Team.”

As always, our Chaplains were called to many unique situations in the fourth quarter. One of those calls involved Search And Rescue as Chaplain Kathy Secor was called to Armstrong Woods. This was regarding a man who had been missing for four days in the woods. He was finally found having hung himself. Chaplain Secor spent time comforting the family. Kathy reported, “It is very strange to have emotions in response to trauma

that has nothing to do with me, yet the emotions are the same only less intense than for the young wife and family.” Upon returning, Kathy called her back-up for support and to debrief the situation and emotions involved.

Another unusual call was for Chaplain Fawn Kraut who was called by The Rohnert Park Police Dept. to the apartment of deceased 65 year old woman. Fawn wrote in her report; “When I got there, the removal service had not yet arrived and 10 or 12 neighbors had gathered outside this woman’s apartment. I was told that the woman always sat out on her front steps in the morning and greeted all her neighbors, so when she was not out there this morning, they got worried and called 911.” Fawn was able to assist the officers when a conflict arose between a friend of the deceased woman and some of the neighbors by keeping them occupied in conversation.

Chaplain Teresa Franklin received a call from SCSO regarding an auto fatality at The Geysers. A long term employee was discovered in a ravine and deceased after a single car accident occurred. The driver was not yet recovered with the vehicle. Teresa’s role was to provide support and grief counseling to several CalPine employees at their administration offices. Chaplain Nola Colbert assisted Teresa by driving up to the Geysers that evening staying until around 10:00 P.M. This was a most unusual call as there were so many hours of attendance by our Chaplains. It was truly, “above and beyond” out normal duties.

Heidi Fortkamp was called by SRPD regarding a seriously ill man who died at home and his family was quite upset. There was some mix-up with the Fire and Medical teams that might have been problematic to the family. Heidi writes, “The wife and I were able to gather important papers together and discuss different options concerning funerals, etc. I think my main job was to bring soothing to a situation that could have been extremely stressful for all involved.

There are so many unique and interesting calls I could report on but I think this report gives a good overview to the nature the callouts during our fourth quarter.

1. 10/05/11 1014 SCSO Guerneville	death	[Close]
2. 10/07/11 0819 Redcom Brookwood	death	[Colbert]
3. 10/07/11 1145 Redcom Cranbrook	death	[Colbert]
4. 10/07/11 1159 SO Armstrong Woods	missing m.	[Secor]
5. 10/10/11 1240 SO Armstrong Woods	“ “	[Nickel]
6. 10/21/11 0940 SO Geysers	death, employee	[Franklin]
7. 10/21/11 1629 SO Geysers	CISM debrief	[Colbert]
8. 10/22/11 1211 RPPD Enterprise	death	[Kraut]
9. 10/23/11 1204 Fire D. Mr. Vista	death	[Jacobs]
10. 11/04/11 0600 SRPD Carina Dr.	death	[Nickel]
11. 11/04/11 0800 SO Petaluma Hill Rd.	death	[Nickel]
12. 11/06/11 1038 Sunnyside	death	[Hyder]
13. 11/06/11 1718 H.P.D.	death/cancelled	[Neumann]
14. 11/12/11 1502 SRPD Redbud Ct.	suicide	[Secor]
15. 11/15/11 1216 SRPD Edgewater Dr.	death	[Bailey]
16. 11/17/11 0206 SRPD Valley W.	death	[Leeb]
17. 11/17/11 0943 Fire Dept. Gardens Apt.	death	[Fortcamp]
18. 11/ 19/11 1120 RPPD Filament St.	death	[Ortiz]
19. 11/21/11 0211 SRPD Station	death	[Ethridge]
20. 11/22/11 0920 SO Bodega Hwy	death	[Crespan]
21. 11/24/11 1231 Redcom Wikiup Dr.	death	[Franklin]
22. 11/25/11 1333 SRPD King St.	death	[Schwanke]
23. 11/26/11 1226 SRPD Sonoma Ave.	death	[Spiker]
24. 11/26/11 1245 SRPD Sonoma Ave	cancelled	[Spiker]
25. 11/27/11 2008 SO Sonoma	death	[Jacobs]
26. 11/28/11 0945 SO Rohnert Park	death	[Crespan]
27. 11/28/11 0745 SRHS Crisis Team	Canceled	[Crespan]
28. 11/29/11 1207 Coroner Estes	auto death	[McCracken]
29. 12/06/11 2045 SRPD Sonoma Ave	death	[Bruno]
30. 12/07/11 0700 SO	death	[Bruno]
31. 12/07/11 1239 Redcom Aston Ave.	death	[Franklin]
32. 12/13/11 1619 HPD Mason St.	death	[Gayles]
33. 12/15/11 0808 S.R. Fire Apple Tree	death	[Bailey]
34. 12/20/11 1657 Redcom Matanzas	death	[Edwards]
35. 12/22/11 0711 SRPD Silver Spur	death	[Ferretto]
36. 12/23/11 2326 SO Old Redwood Hwy	death	[Cabezud]
37. 12/26/11 0000 Fire Hwy 116	death	[Jobs]

Respectfully Submitted,
Warren

