

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Boyle, Assistant County Executive Officer

DATE: November 6, 2007

SUBJECT: Commendations – Approve three Commendations for the Placer County Chaplaincy honoring Elizabeth Selstad, Hawkeye Sharpe and Jerry Angove for their contribution and service to the community, Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Officials during times of crisis.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve three Commendations for the Placer County Chaplaincy honoring Elizabeth Selstad, Hawkeye Sharpe and Jerry Angove for their contribution and service to the community, Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Officials during times of crisis.

BACKGROUND

The Placer County Law Enforcement Chaplaincy was incorporated in 1986 and was formed as a field service to Law Enforcement and Fire Official agencies and crisis victims, providing at no cost, a dynamic team of specially trained men and women qualified to offer strength, compassion and counsel when tragedy strikes. The Chaplaincy responds to many types of calls involving local Law Enforcement, Fire Officials, and community outreach needs. In 2006, the Chaplaincy responded to over 470 call outs ranging from death notifications and automobile accidents to two plane crashes and a train derailment; all of which involved many emergency personnel and community members.

The Placer County Law Enforcement Chaplaincy organization currently has four paid positions, including one administrative staff member, two full-time Chaplains and one part-time Chaplain and over 40 active volunteers that respond to emergency calls 24/7 as needed. The Commendations being awarded will go to two deserving Chaplains, Hawkeye Sharpe and Jerry Angove, that have gone over and above the call of duty to serve the community in the past year and one in memory of a Chaplain, Elizabeth Selstad and being presented to her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ross, who served faithfully for over three years before passing away in October 2007.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

**In the Matter of a Commendation honoring
Elizabeth Selstad as a Placer County Law
Enforcement Chaplain for her service to the
community and Law Enforcement Officers
during times of crisis.**

Whereas, Elizabeth Selstad first became a Chaplain with the Placer County Law Enforcement Chaplaincy in 2004; and

Whereas, the Placer County Law Enforcement Chaplaincy was incorporated in 1986 and was formed as a field service to assist the first responding agencies and crisis victims, providing at no cost, a dynamic team of specially trained men and women qualified to offer strength, compassion and counsel when tragedy strikes; and

Whereas, Elizabeth served faithfully and wholeheartedly for as long as she could respond to emergency call outs before passing on to God's Kingdom; and

Whereas, Elizabeth had an infectious smile and attitude that fully demonstrated her love for her Lord and inspired others to be faithful and encouraged at all times regardless of life's difficulties and trials; and

Whereas, Elizabeth was often thanked by community members and professionals she served during her work as a Chaplain. One such acknowledgment came in a card reading; "Kindness speaks a language that is understood by the grateful heart. Chaplain Elizabeth, thank you for your support and kindness. At a difficult time, your presence was comforting". Elizabeth comforted anyone who needed it with joy and empathy in her heart; and

Whereas, victims knew, as also did her friends, family and fellow Chaplains, that they could lean on Elizabeth for her strength and she would not buckle under the weight.

Now Therefore Let It Be Known That, the Placer County Board of Supervisors supports this Commendation honoring Chaplain Elizabeth Selstad to be presented to her parents Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Ann Ross on December 2, 2007 at the annual Christmas celebration dinner hosted by the Placer County Law Enforcement Chaplaincy. This Commendation honors Chaplain Elizabeth Selstad in memory of her service to the community and Placer County Law Enforcement Officers during times of crisis.

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2007 Chairman

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Supervisor, District 1

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Supervisor, District 3

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Supervisor, District 2

Kirk Uhler
Supervisor, District 4

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**In the Matter of a Commendation honoring
Chaplain Hawkeye Sharpe as a Placer County
Community Chaplain for his service to the community
and Law Enforcement Officers during times of crisis.**

Whereas, Hawkeye Sharpe first joined the Chaplaincy in 2004; and

Whereas, the Placer County Law Enforcement Chaplaincy was incorporated in 1986 and was formed as a field service to assist the first responding agencies and crisis victims, providing at no cost, a dynamic team of specially trained men and women qualified to offer strength, compassion and counsel when tragedy strikes; and

Whereas, the mission of the Placer County Law Enforcement Chaplaincy is "To provide spiritual, emotional and mental support to the Law Enforcement community, enhancing their well being and their ability to serve and protect"; and

Whereas, as a Chaplain, Hawkeye Sharpe has given his compassion, time, energy and commitment to serve the immediate needs and work side by side with first responders, victims, families, numerous community service organizations, friends, co-workers, neighbors and bystanders all impacted when crisis occurs; and

Whereas, Hawkeye Sharpe has demonstrated a commitment to excellence through his service as a Community Chaplain; and

Whereas, Hawkeye Sharpe is especially recognized with this Commendation for his actions on many calls during the past year serving community members in Placer County whereby he has responded to many difficult emergency calls for service to the people of Placer County; and has handled himself with a professional demeanor and showing a compassionate caring manner bringing honor upon the agencies he served. Hawkeye Sharpe has been a strong support for people in the community during the worst times of their lives, and in doing so provided a positive impact on the lives of whom he served.

Now Therefore Let It Be Known That, the Placer County Board of Supervisors supports this Commendation honoring Chaplain Hawkeye Sharpe to be presented on December 2, 2007 at the annual Christmas celebration dinner hosted by the Placer County Law Enforcement Chaplaincy. The Board congratulates Chaplain Hawkeye Sharpe for achieving this honor and thanks him for his service to the community and Law Enforcement Officers in Placer County during times of crisis.

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**In the Matter of a Commendation honoring
Chaplain Jerry Angove as a Placer County Law
Enforcement Chaplain for his service to the
community and Law Enforcement Officers
during times of crisis.**

Whereas, Jerry Angove first joined the Chaplaincy in 1991; and

Whereas, the Placer County Law Enforcement Chaplaincy was incorporated in 1986 and was formed as a field service to assist the first responding agencies and crisis victims, providing at no cost, a dynamic team of specially trained men and women qualified to offer strength, compassion and counsel when tragedy strikes; and

Whereas, the mission of the Placer County Law Enforcement Chaplaincy is "To provide spiritual, emotional and mental support to the Law Enforcement community, enhancing their well being and their ability to serve and protect"; and

Whereas, as a Chaplain, Jerry Angove has given his compassion, time, energy and commitment to serve the immediate needs and work side by side with first responders, victims, families, numerous community service organizations, friends, co-workers, neighbors and bystanders all impacted when crisis occurs; and

Whereas, Jerry Angove has demonstrated a commitment to excellence through his service as a Law Enforcement Chaplain; and

Whereas, Jerry Angove is especially recognized with this Commendation for his actions on many calls serving law enforcement in Placer County whereby he has responded to countless call outs over the years, and has gone to some of the most difficult emergency call outs the Chaplaincy has had to face; doing so with a professional demeanor and showing a compassionate caring manner bringing honor upon the agencies he served. Jerry Angove has had many years of faithful service, and in doing so provided a positive impact on the lives of whom he served.

Now Therefore Let It Be Known That, the Placer County Board of Supervisors supports this Commendation honoring Chaplain Jerry Angove to be presented on December 2, 2007 at the annual Christmas celebration dinner hosted by the Placer County Law Enforcement Chaplaincy. The Board congratulates Chaplain Jerry Angove for achieving this honor and thanks him for his service to the community and Law Enforcement Officers in Placer County during times of crisis.

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