

# Meet Our Chief



Paul Noel was sworn in as Knoxville's 27th Chief of Police on June 13, 2022.

# Thank you for the support

# Knoxville Police Department *Chaplain Corps*



Prior to assuming command of the Knoxville Police Department, Noel was a Deputy Superintendent at the New Orleans Police Department, where he served in numerous leadership roles for over 25 years.

Serving those  
who serve us  
since 1994

While at NOPD, Noel developed a reputation as a successful and ethical leader committed to a community-focused approach to problem-solving that builds trust and legitimacy, reduces crime, demands accountability, and maintains a highly motivated workforce.

The KPD Chaplain Corps is accredited by the International Conference of Police Chaplains and a 501(c) (3) organization.

“Ministry of Presence”

The ICPC mission is to develop professional law enforcement chaplains and provide law enforcement agencies with effective chaplaincy programs.



# History of the Chaplains at KPD

The program was started in September of 1994 .The first Chaplain graduation class was with 22 volunteer participants.

It was created out of concern for the morale of the department and a way to assist officers with the demands and stress of the job.

The Chaplains participate in public ceremonies involving the department such as memorial services, graduations, and other ceremonies.

Since the creation of the program Chaplains provide coverage 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.



# Purpose

The purpose of the KPD Chaplain Corps is twofold:

The primary purpose is to be a support and encouragement to the KPD officers, civilians, and their families. Chaplains build relationships with officers so that they are familiar to the officers when they need someone to talk to or are experiencing a difficult situation such as a death in the family, an illness, or other stressful situation.

The secondary purpose is to support and assist the community in crisis. The Chaplain can be called by an officer to any situation in which an officer determines a chaplain can bring calm, comfort, and assistance. Chaplains are called to death scenes, make death notifications, car accidents, or any type of scene where Chaplains can assist victims/families allowing the officers to continue their police work.



# Interested In Becoming A Chaplain?

If this is something you would be interested in learning more about please reach out at [chaplain@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:chaplain@knoxvilletn.gov).

# Requirements to be a KPD Chaplain

- A minimum of five years of ministry or counseling experience
- Complete a 60-hour Chaplain Training Academy provided by KPD
- Attend monthly training meetings
- Serve one 24-hour on-call Duty Day per month
- Complete one four hour minimum ride along with an officer per month