

Chaplain Requirements and Guidelines

Interested in volunteering as a Wildwood Police Department (WPD) Community Chaplain? A candidate for Police Community Chaplain must meet the minimum qualifications for appointment:

1. Be an Ordained or Licensed member of the Clergy who resides in Sumter County in good standing and is endorsed for Police Chaplaincy by a religious organization or denomination recognized by the State of Florida.
2. Complete a police background investigation packet.
3. Be a U.S. Citizen and possess a current valid Florida Driver's License.
4. Have NO felony convictions or any violation of Police Officer Standards Testing Licensing Rules (CJSTC licensure is not required).
5. Participate in the Chaplain training program.
6. Provide services as a Chaplain as needed.
7. Complete a minimum of (two) eight hour police ride-alongs annually.

Application Process: Includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Complete an initial Interview with the Chief of Police.
2. Complete and return the Wildwood Police Department Volunteer Application for Chaplain to Human Resources.
3. Submit a copy your Ordination and/or Licensure and a Letter of Endorsement for Police Chaplaincy from your religious organization with your Volunteer Application.
4. Endorse and sign the [International Conference of Police Chaplains](#) Code of Ethics.
5. Successfully complete a Chaplain basic training program through your affiliation.
6. Successfully complete (two) four-hour evaluation ride-a-longs with WPD Officers.
7. The Chief of Police reserves the right to terminate Chaplain's from the program without cause at any time.