

National Police and Fire Chaplain Academy



Applicant Checklist

- Complete:
- Academy Registration Form (Best is to print and fill out in pen).
(Scan or take a picture with your phone of the completed form)
 - Experience
 - Complete the online National Incident Management System (NIMS) 100, 200 and 700. This is **required**, and there is no cost.
Go online: <https://training.fema.gov/nims/>
Print your certificates and email them to Bob Grimes. regusa@msn.com
- Enclose Check Use PayPal Agency PO Number _____

NPFCA Registration Form

Last Name	First Name	MI	DOB
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Home Address	State	ZIP
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Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address
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Emergency Contact Name	Relationship	Phone
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Single Married Spouse Name: _____

Dietary or special needs: _____

Are you currently serving with a Police or Fire Agency? Yes No

Agency _____ Department Head _____

Agency Address	Phone
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Are you a Firefighter? Yes No Years of service _____

Are you a Police officer? Yes No Years of service _____

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Are you serving as Chaplain? Yes No Years of service _____

Other Professional Experience: (Add additional sheet if necessary).

Registration Fee: \$375
Meal Ticket (optional): \$150 (5 continental Breakfasts/ 4 Lunches/ and 4 Dinners).
Cabin reservation (optional): \$125 (Five nights @ \$25 per night)

Total Registration for you: _____

Check One: Agency Paying _____ Self Pay _____

All checks, Purchase Orders, or Money Orders made out to NPFCA
You may also pay online with PayPal. Go to: www.WS-CF.org and click on the **Donate** tab.

Signature

Date

Mail to:

NPFCA

P.O. Box-1724

Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Email as attachment if you prefer:

Robert Grimes, NPFCA, Director

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Welcome

The National Police and Fire Chaplain Academy a standard for excellence in training and a leader in curriculum and professionalism. Our staff has all been involved in serving, creating, implementing, and leading chaplain programs. Our Instructors are polished and experienced in the areas of their expertise. We are pleased that you have chosen to join us, and we hope your experience with us is rich and rewarding.

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Our History

Mike Neil was appointed to the senior Chaplain position when he proposed a joint Chaplain program with the Washington State Patrol and the Department of Fish and Wildlife in 2010. In 2013 he founded the 501c3 **Washington State Chaplain Foundation (WSCF)** to support the program. In 2014 he recruited Tom Jonez to serve as the Assistant Senior Chaplain and Vice President of the WSCF. In 2015 Mike and Tom began working on forming the National Police and Fire Chaplain Academy under the WSCF as a *Doing Business as Name* filed with the Secretary of State.

In 2016 they appointed Chaplain Stuart Vogelmann to serve as their Director of the Academy. 2023 will be the tenth academy graduating class since 2016. In 2021 both Tom and Mike left the Washington State Patrol because of their objections to the Governor's Covid19 vaccine mandate along with six other chaplains. The Department of Fish and Wildlife did not have such a requirement for volunteers. Stuart Vogelmann retired from his position as their Academy Director in 2022, and Robert Grimes was appointed to replace him.

Where will the Academy be held?

All Saints Camp Retreat Center
205 Camp Rd NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

What are the Dates for the upcoming Academy?

September 10th to the 15th, 2023. Class will begin on Sunday the 10th after dinner and conclude at noon on Friday. Graduation ceremony will be on Thursday night of that week.

What sort of accommodations are available?

The rooms at the camp are men's and women's bunk cabins, six to a room, with a bathroom and a shower. There is a separate men's and women's bathhouse as well. Bring towels, a sleeping bag and a pillow. The cost is \$25.00 per night to stay in a bunk cabin. There are hotels in Gig Harbor if you prefer other accommodations.

Best Western Wesley Inn & Suites \$\$\$

The INN at Gig Harbor \$\$

Westwynd Motel, Suites & Apartments \$

There are many other options in Tacoma which is a fifteen minute commute from the Narrows bridge.

What other things should I bring to the training?

You may want your laptop to take notes. There is WIFI at the facility.

What is the attire?

Wear comfortable clothing. September in the Pacific Northwest is usually warm; however, we always expect rain. A raincoat is recommended, Wear comfortable shoes and long pants. There will be outdoor instruction, so plan on bringing a warm jacket. If you have a department

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uniform plan on wearing it for the graduation, otherwise you should wear business casual attire.

Does the National Academy accept all faiths?

The training content will be presented throughout from a biblical Christian worldview perspective. While most of our graduates have subscribed to the Christian faith, the Academy accepts students from all faith traditions. If you do not practice a Christian faith tradition, you are certainly welcome to attend the Academy.

Why is the online NIMS course required for admission?

Incident Management is critical to Public Safety agencies and to Chaplain safety and efficiency. As a Chaplain, you will run into the Incident command system when working disasters, and we believe it is an important part of the Chaplain training curriculum.

Questions?

Contact: Bob Grimes
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Contact: Mike Neil
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253-381-2112

If you are a graduate of the NPFCA there is no cost for registration depending on class size. If you need financial assistance, there may be help through the WSCF.