

National Police and Fire Chaplain Academy



ADVANCED ACADEMY

Combat Survival for Police and Fire Chaplains September 13th to the 17th, 2026

- Checklist:
- Academy Registration Form (Please print and fill out in pen).
(Scan or take a picture with your phone of the completed form)
 - Enclose Check Use PayPal Agency PO Number: _____
(If Applicable)

NPFCA Registration Form

Last Name First Name Middle DOB

Home Address State ZIP

Home Phone Cell Phone Email Address

Emergency Contact Name Relationship Phone

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

Are you a Firefighter? Yes No Years of service _____
Are you a Police officer? Yes No Years of service _____
Are you serving as Chaplain? Yes No Years of service _____



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Firearms proficiency: Advanced Moderate Beginner
 Registration Fee: \$275 NPFCA Alumni Reg Fee: \$75
 Meal Ticket (optional): \$150 (5 continental Breakfasts/ 4 Lunches/ and 4 Dinners).
 Cabin reservation (optional): _____ (\$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 with check:
NPFCA
P.O. Box 1724
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

In addition: Email as attachment:
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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.

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. 2025 will be the twelfth academy graduating class since 2016. Stuart Vogelmann retired from his position as their Academy Director in 2022, and Robert Grimes was appointed to replace him. The Academy was moved to Gig Harbor in 2023. In the fall of 2023, we held a basic academy and were planning again in 2024; however, with the creation of a basic academy in Spokane, the decision was made to do advanced training.



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Where will the Advanced Academy training be held?

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

What are the Dates for the upcoming Academy?

September 13th to the 17th, 2026. Class will begin on Sunday the 13th after dinner and conclude at 4pm on Thursday the 17th.

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?

Note-taking materials (if you would like to bring your laptop, there is WIFI at the facility).

Weather appropriate clothing and 1-2 outfits that can be torn up and stained during these authentic medical training sessions.

For Range Day, you may bring your personal 9mm pistol with 3 or more magazines; pistol will remain unloaded with its action locked open within its locked case. **DO NOT BRING ANY AMMO** to the academy, for compliance and safety reasons the academy will provide the ammo, do *not* bring your own. Bring Eye and Ear Protection for use during firearms training.

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 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.

Questions?

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