



FIRE RESCUE SUPPORT

January 2018

BEFORE... DURING... AFTER...

HONOR COLUMN

The following
firefighters died in
the line of duty
during the month
of December

12/5

Stephen Frye
Montgomery, MA

12/7

Charles E. Patterson
Bowie, TX

12/13

Dene Barber
Brazoria, TX

12/14

Cory Iverson
Sacramento, CA

12/15

Jeffery Atkinson
Tallahassee, FL

12/18

David Jahnes
Nyack, NY

12/19

Jeffrey A. Vollmer
Mayer, MN

12/20

Jeffery A. Blackmer
Muncie, IN

12/21

Craig A. Maull
Haddonfield, NJ

93 firefighters died
in the line of duty
in 2017

A Word to Live By

Another new year! Really? Didn't we just celebrate the New Year about 12 months ago? How is it that time again already? As I get older, I realize more and more just how quickly time flies by. So, at the beginning of another year, I've taken some time to think about how I'm spending my time. And, to keep me focused in the days to come, I've chosen a Word of the Year.

This is the third year I've selected a Word of the Year. My word in 2016 was "blessable." My focus was (and continues to be) living in such a way that God would be able to bless me should He choose to do so. In 2017, my word was

"intentional." I was struck with the realization that truly my days are numbered, and I wanted (and continue to want) to live each day well.

For 2018, I've chosen "faithful" as my Word of the Year. I want to be faithful in using what God has given me to honor Him and fulfill His purposes. I want to be faithful in my finances, faithful with my mind, faithful with my body, faithful in my work, faithful in relationships, and well, faithful with my faith.

I truly believe God has given me all these aspects of life to use well for Him. In effect, I believe I am a manager of all that He has entrusted to me. This thought is

captured well in 1 Corinthians 4:2 which says, "Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful." My time, my resources, my abilities – well, actually, none of these are mine; they are all His. He has given them to me to manage well during my days on earth.

So, to help me be faithful, I've developed goals in each of the areas I mentioned above. Goals that I've shared with others who can help me stay accountable. Goals that will push me to do more than just make it through the next 12 months. Goals that will help me live as a faithful manager of all I've been given.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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What would you choose as your Word of the Year? Perhaps you would pick something to guide your crew to experience more than ever before. Maybe you would choose a word to challenge your entire agency to move a level you've not operated at before.

But I think the best focus for your word is your own life. I encourage you to take some time to reflect on where you are and where you are heading. I challenge you to consider what you've been given and realize what is expected of you.

For me, this year I choose to focus on being faithful:

faithful in using what God has given me to honor Him and fulfill His purposes. What will be your word to live by?

By the way, feel free to share your word with me by emailing joe@firerescuesupport.com.

Fight Night @ The Springs - February 22

For those of you in the Ocala area, on Thursday, February 22, Church @ The Springs is hosting a fun date night for couples of any age or stage. It'll be an evening filled with humor, fresh insight, and practical, new tools for turning conflict into deeper intimacy. Speakers Les and Leslie are authentic master communicators. You'll laugh while you learn new ways to instantly improve your relationship. And did we mention you will have a blast while gaining practical tips to strengthen communication? Bring friends and make it a double date!

[Click here](#) to see a video about the event and to register. \$15 early bird tickets available through January 11.



CISM Monthly Training

Podcast

Each month we'll discuss a topic related to crisis intervention. We hope this will serve as a refresher for those who have been trained, as well as something to create interest for those who have not.

Chaplain Joe had the chance to spend some time on the phone and record a podcast. Here's the setup...

Chaplains are the steady calm in our line of work. Today we sit down with Chaplain Joe the Founder and President of Fire Rescue Support, Inc, and discuss the role of the Chaplain in Emergency Services. Joe currently serves as Chaplain with Marion County Fire Rescue, Ocala Fire Rescue and the Florida State Fire College all located in north central Florida.

[Click here](#) to listen.



CISM Training

Assisting Individuals in Crisis AND
Group Crisis Intervention

Panama City
January 16-18

Coral Springs
March 6-8

Ocala
March 13-15

Winter Garden
March 27-29

Tavares
May 8-10

Clearwater
July 10-12

For more information and to register visit
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Want to host CISM training at your agency?
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Every day the men and women who serve as fire rescue personnel put their lives on the line for their communities. The work they do is full of unique challenges like dealing with extreme physical conditions and coping first hand with human tragedy. Often these challenges take a toll on their well-being and put incredible strain on their relationships. In addition, the people that fire rescue personnel serve are many times experiencing the worst day of their lives. As they struggle through their personal tragedies, they are faced with the task of rebuilding their lives and going forward.

Imagine an organization committed to one task – supporting fire rescue personnel. From their work in the field to their lives at home, picture an organization working to equip these first responders to be more successful on the job and in life. Envision an organization that extends the support of those serving in fire rescue by offering care and comfort to the people they serve. Finally, picture an organization that would impact emergency services workers all across the country. That organization is Fire Rescue Support – supporting fire rescue personnel before, during and after the call.

