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## Before the Call

### Upcoming CISM Courses

I am excited to let you know that I'll be offering two International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) courses in April.

Individual/Peer Crisis Intervention will be held on Wednesday, April 2 & Thursday, April 3 from 9am-5pm. Group Crisis Intervention will be held on Wednesday, April 9 & Thursday, April 10 from 9am-5pm. Both courses will be held at Church @ The Springs in Ocala. Cost is \$25/person/course.

Please let me know if you are available or if you have any questions. It would be great to have some friendly faces in the crowd.

### Class on the Fire Chaplaincy

I'll be teaching a class on the fire chaplaincy at the Florida State Fire College on Thursday, April 24, from 9:00am-4:00pm. This course is open to current chaplains, as well as those considering involvement as a chaplain in the future. This would also be the perfect opportunity for a department exploring the chaplaincy to find out what it is all about.

Here's the link to the registration brochure:  
[http://www.myfloridacfo.com/division/sfm/BFS\\_T/Documents/Vol\\_Week.pdf](http://www.myfloridacfo.com/division/sfm/BFS_T/Documents/Vol_Week.pdf).

## After the Call

### Remembering Amber Mann

Early morning on Monday, February 11, Marion County Fire Rescue suffered the loss of the wife of one of our lieutenants. Amber Mann, wife of Troy Mann, was killed in a motor vehicle accident near Salt Springs. I had the opportunity to be on scene where I met with Troy and his son. We eventually went back to his home where family and friends gathered.

As you might imagine, this was a very difficult call for the crews that responded. The only thing more tragic would be the loss of one of our firefighters themselves. For this reason, I was part of a critical incident stress debriefing the Wednesday following the crash. During this time, firefighters had a chance to share their experiences during and since the call in a safe, non-threatening environment.

One day later, on Thursday, February 13, crews would meet together again at Amber's funeral.

Pray for Troy and his son as they navigate through this loss.

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18

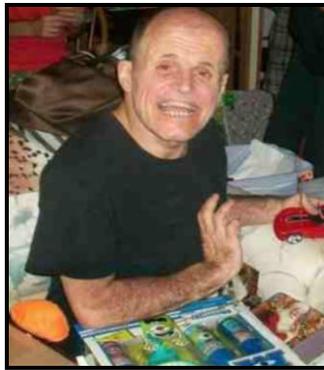


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## **During the Call**

### **The Search for Johnny Radabaugh**



John R. Radabaugh Jr., is 48 years old, but has the mental capacity of a 3-year-old. Johnny was last seen just after 4 p.m., Tuesday, February 25, 2014. That evening, authorities began searching for him in the Forest Lake area of Ocklawaha. The official search lasted until Sunday, March 2 and at its peak included units from the Marion County Sheriff's Office, Marion County Fire Rescue, Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission, Florida Department of Corrections, Lake County Sheriff's Department and over 100 volunteers. Although the formal search has ended, volunteers continue to be out looking for Johnny each day.

Fire Rescue Support was there to provide support and encouragement to search teams. In partnership with Pastor Paul McCarthy and Moss Bluff Baptist Church, we provided a comfortable place for crews to take a break and have a meal. We also had the opportunity to speak and pray with Johnny's parents.

Pray for Johnny and his family. His parents truly believe that no matter where he is, Johnny is in the strong, safe hands of our loving God.





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## **The Gift of Life**

On a regular basis, you are involved in matters of life and death.

Sometimes, everything comes together (smooth dispatch, quick response time, skillful work on scene, short transport to hospital) and you are privileged to enjoy the incredible satisfaction of saving a life. On these days you shine knowing you were made for this. Without a doubt, you are making a difference.

However, at times you are faced with the reality of death. You bring your skill and training, the same as every other day, but are unable to change the outcome. On these days, nothing you do will change the hard truth that people die.

I'm reminded of the scripture that formed the basis for The Byrds' 1965 hit song, "Turn, Turn, Turn." Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 begins, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die."

The Bible is full of reminders about the reality of death. Psalm 39:4 sums things up rather well: "Show me, LORD, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is."

Fleeting. Short-lived. Temporary. Brief. Passing. So how do we approach life when it seems like death is always staring us in the face?

In a way, you have an advantage. Since you are constantly reminded of the reality of death, you are in a better position to be reminded of the gift of life. Every fatal car crash and each life tragically lost in a house fire have the potential of causing you to have a proper perspective on life. Brief and full of struggle, but also filled with wonder and joy, life is a gift that you've been given.

If you are wise, you will take stock of the fleeting nature of your life and choose to live this day differently. Psalm 90:12 says, "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Death can challenge you to fully live the life you've been given.

As you think about the way you'll live today, consider this final thought.

It's been said, the tragedy of life is not that it ends so soon, but that we wait so long to begin it.



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