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Ocala Fire Rescue and Marion County Fire Rescue Welcome Their Newest Members



OFR Chief Ortiz introduces
FFs Kopolovits & Shiffrin



MCFR's newest (L to R)
Josh Riemer, Christopher Fogel, Ryan Garvey,
Charles Carey and Luke Hildebrandt

CISM Training



One of my great passions is teaching. I love the opportunity to share relevant information that will make a difference in people's lives.

I have the privilege of being an Approved Instructor with the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation and teach their two core courses. "Assisting Individuals in Crisis" focuses on helping an individual in a crisis situation by using questioning techniques to create a strong, empathic connection. In "Group Crisis Intervention", the focus is on helping a group move through a crisis situation using a variety of intervention techniques.

Over the next couple of months I'll be in the following locations teaching these two courses over three days.

- Daytona Beach, FL (Volusia County) – May 10-12
- Southport, FL (Bay County) – May 17-19
- Long Key, FL (Monroe County) – June 7-9
- Brooksville, FL (Pasco County) – June 28-30

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

If none of these locations or dates are convenient and you have a group of at least 10 that is interested in these courses, contact me and I may be able to set up training in your area.



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Ocala Fire Rescue and Marion County Fire Rescue in Action



Outdoor fire at Greenway Park



Structure fire in Belleview



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Fatal plane crash at Ocala Airport



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God's Pressure Washer

Recently, my wife and I took on the task of cleaning our house. It's not that we haven't cleaned our house before. In fact, we've been cleaning houses as long as we've had houses. Nowadays, cleaning the house is the family project on Saturday mornings. But this task was something altogether different. Instead of the usual vacuum cleaner, mop, paper towel and all-purpose spray, our cleaning implement of choice was a Troy-Bilt 2,550psi 2.3gpm pressure washer.

Living in Florida has introduced us to a type of house cleaning that we had never experienced in Illinois – cleaning the outside. I don't remember washing the outside of any of our houses in Illinois. I don't remember watching other people wash the outsides of their houses in Illinois either.

And yet, our house was dirty. There wasn't one thing that happened for it to get this way; it was just the way the world impacts the house day-to-day. Dirt and grime have a way of piling up on the exterior of the house. Routine maintenance is necessary to keep the house clean.

In the same way, we must routinely allow God to clean our lives. The world impacts our lives everyday causing us to retain some of the dirt and grime around us. God cleanses us when we confess and agree with Him about the sin in our lives.

However, when routine maintenance is neglected, additional steps are necessary to clean the house. Instead of simply spraying our house with water, it takes a pressure washer, a scrub brush and a cleaning solution to get the job done.

Sometimes, we start becoming hardened to the work of God in our lives. We become less willing to come to Him in confession; less willing to draw close in relationship. As this barrier of dirt and grime grows, more effort is needed to become clean. The good news is that even when the stains of sin become deep in our lives, God is willing and able to completely cleanse us. He has already done all that is necessary to make this happen.

It can be a challenge to keep a house clean in the midst of a dirty world. But if we are faithful, we can erase the impact of day-to-day living and enjoy the rewards of a clean dwelling.



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