



# FIRE RESCUE SUPPORT

September 2018

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

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

8/2

Pasquale DiBenedetto  
Englishtown, NJ

8/9

Barry Everett  
Tucker, GA

8/9

Andrew Brake  
Sacramento, CA

8/10

Madison L. Clinton, Jr.  
Altus, OK

8/13

Jeff Holden  
Hillsborough, NC

8/13

Matthew Burchett  
Draper, UT

8/23

Michael Reese  
Willow Street, PA

65 firefighters have  
died in the line of duty  
this year

## Remembering Victim 0001

**F**ather Mychal Judge was a Franciscan friar and Catholic priest who served as Chaplain to the Fire Department of New York. Father Mychal has the distinction of being the first certified fatality of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Father Judge was born in Brooklyn, NY in 1933. Due to his father's illness, at a young age he worked shining shoes at Penn Station across the street from St. Francis of Assisi Church. He was so profoundly influenced by the friars of St. Francis that he pursued religious training and was ordained into the priesthood in 1961. After serving in various roles through the years, he was assigned to his home

church of St. Francis in 1986.

While Penn Station was across the street from St. Francis Church in one direction, the Fire Department of New York's Engine 1/Ladder 24 was



across the street in the other direction. This set Father Mychal on a journey that would lead him to being appointed as Department Chaplain in 1992.

Throughout the years of serving FDNY as their Chaplain, Father Judge demonstrated the essential qualities of ministry: care,

compassion, forgiveness. He was known to be there for those in crisis, as well as for the firefighters that he loved and served.

This is what brought him to the lobby of Tower 1 on September 11, 2001. He responded to this call like he had responded to many calls before. However, when Tower 2 collapsed, and debris was scattered into Tower 1, Father Judge was killed. Father Mychal Judge represented the absolute best of the fire chaplaincy. He was a selfless servant caring for the needs of those who serve every day.

Fire rescue personnel put their lives on the line for their communities.

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The work you 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 your well-being and put an incredible strain on your relationships. It's into this world that the fire chaplain is called.

It has been said that the chaplaincy is a ministry of presence. By their presence, fire chaplains bring some peace and comfort as stressful and difficult situations are encountered. I'm proud to be among the fire chaplains that continue the tradition of caring that Father Judge started years ago.



## CISM Training Approved for Professional CEUs



Fire Rescue Support is excited to announce that the crisis intervention training we provide has been approved for CEUs through the Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling. Now, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, Licensed Mental Health Counselors, and Certified Master Social Workers can receive 27 CEUs for attending our three-day training.

For Florida firefighters, this training continues to be recorded in FCDICE and counts as 27 hours for Instructors.

# CISM Monthly Training

## Training Milestone

*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.*

A recent CISM training session was the setting for a milestone for Fire Rescue Support. This session was the 40th time crisis intervention training has been offered and the 700th person to be trained was in attendance! Since 2014, Fire Rescue Support has been the premiere organization to provide critical incident stress management training in the State of Florida. Chaplain Joe LaCognata brings his knowledge, experience, and passion to each and every event.

Your agency is becoming more aware of the emotional and mental health challenges our profession faces. What do you do to provide care and assistance to your personnel? Turn to Fire Rescue Support to meet your training needs in this very important area.

See the upcoming training below or contact us to host a training event at your agency.



## CISM Training

Assisting Individuals in Crisis AND  
Group Crisis Intervention

**Winter Garden**  
**October 23-25**

**Palm Coast**  
**November 6-8**

For more information and to register visit  
[www.firerescuesupport.com](http://www.firerescuesupport.com)

Want to host CISM training at your agency?  
Contact Joe at 352-425-1643 or  
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## Thank You!

Thanks for your partnership with Fire Rescue Support. Because of you, we have the opportunity to support fire rescue personnel before, during and after the call. Visit [www.firerescuesupport.com](http://www.firerescuesupport.com) for more information or to donate. You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram. And please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance personally or professionally. You can reach me at



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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.



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