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Chaplain Skip Straus to serve as “Pastor of the Day” in the Texas House of Representatives

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THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS – Local Nonprofit Emergency Ministries is pleased to announce that Senior Chaplain Skip Straus received, and accepted, an invitation to serve as “House Chaplain” for the Texas House of Representatives. As part of the honor bestowed upon Chaplain Skip, he will give the invocation at the beginning of the daily session of the House of Representatives.

Chaplain Skip is the founder of Emergency Ministries. He is a Board Certified Crisis Chaplain with the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress and a Nationally Registered EMT-Paramedic. Chaplain Skip left his job as a Paramedic Captain in June 2010 to go into full time Chaplaincy with Emergency Ministries. However, he still maintains his Paramedic certifications and volunteers his hours with area agencies such as Atascocita Fire Department and runs the first responder program at WoodsEdge Community Church.

About Emergency Ministries The mission of Emergency Ministries is “To come alongside first-responders who experience extraordinary human events daily and to offer them emotional and spiritual support services.” Founded in December of 1998, Emergency Ministries has served the firefighters, paramedics and public safety professionals from 44 states in the United States and 16 countries across the globe with its’ internet reach. **Today, we primarily focus on 26 agencies operating in 36 counties in Texas**, as well as 2 agencies operating in 15 counties in Minnesota and western Wisconsin. In total, these agencies are the headquarters for over 5,000 public safety and first-response personnel.

We provide on-scene (and “behind scene”) Crisis Chaplaincy for emergency workers (first-responders). Our emphasis is on Critical Incident Stress mitigation. Services are offered without regard to religious affiliation (or lack thereof). We offer direct guidance, spiritual support, relationship, substance abuse counseling, suicide prevention, group sessions, and anything else required of us. Our motto is **“In the most critical time of need, they help you. Then, we help them.”**

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