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Serving God by coming alongside everyday heroes

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Emergency Ministries - Grant Recipient of Woodforest Charitable Foundation

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Local nonprofit Emergency Ministries received special recognition and was presented a check for \$5000.00 from Woodforest Charitable Foundation at a special luncheon held for the event. The luncheon was held at Amerigo's Grille in The Woodlands and several other charities were also represented and each received a check from the Foundation, as well.

The generous gift will be utilized by Emergency Ministries in the provision of Chaplaincy Service to first responders - EMTs, Firefighters, Paramedics and Dispatchers.

"It is such an honor to be recognized by the Woodforest Charitable Foundation," said founder Chaplain Skip Straus. "We have enjoyed getting to know more about the incredible work being done in our community by all the organizations represented today and it is largely due to the generous contributions of Woodforest Foundation. This grant will enable us to do what we do best and that is to come alongside our first responders and assist them in their time of need. We take our motto seriously: ***"In the most critical time of need, they help you. Then, we help them."*** "

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 28 agencies operating in 46 counties in Texas**, as well as 3 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. **Like the people we serve, we do whatever it takes to help.**

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