

## Who We Are

Novato Police Chaplains are local men and women – volunteers from various religious groups, endorsed by their respective ecclesiastical organizations, trained and certified by the *International Conference of Police Chaplains* – who volunteer their time, talents, and resources to support and assist the members of the Police Department.

Chaplains are the “pastoral presence” coming along side those in need in crisis situations, to listen and offer a calming compassionate hug or a shoulder to cry on. Chaplains are called to meet all whom they come in contact with right where they are at on their spiritual journey, always being sensitive to never “preach” or to proselytize. The Chaplain Program is a non-denominational and ecumenical ministry.

Novato Police Chaplains serve the Novato Police personnel, families, and the Novato community at-large.

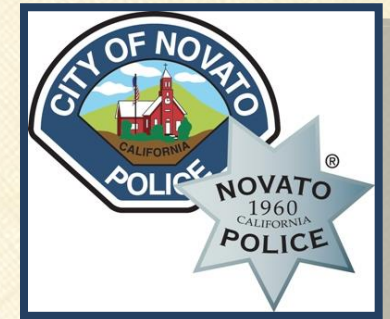
They are trained to work on a professional level providing critical incident response, post-traumatic incident counseling, and other support in crisis related events.

Chaplains can also work with Novato police families on a personal level in family counseling and support these individuals and their families to help them deal with the extreme stress that is often placed on those who face death, injury, sorrow, grief, danger and crime daily.

## HOW TO CONTACT US

- **Ride-Along** – Chaplains schedule ride-alongs each month to initiate their presence and availability.
- **In-House Mail** – A mailbox at the Police Department, marked “CHAPLAINS” may be used for correspondence
- **E-mail** – may be addressed to [swalker@novato.org](mailto:swalker@novato.org)
- **On-Call** – A Chaplain is on call at all times, for any member of the department for personal or professional purposes. The call is made through the Novato Police Dispatch Department

## NOVATO POLICE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINCY



“To protect and to serve...  
...spirit, mind, and body.”

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## MEET YOUR CHAPLAINS



**Chaplain  
C.P. Titus**

*Pastor, Christ  
Church North Bay*



**Chaplain  
Donna McCornack**

*Licensed Gospel Ministry  
Open Door Christian  
Church*



**Chaplain  
Patti Branscome**

*Pastor, Hamilton  
Community Church  
of the Nazarene*



**Chaplain  
Sandy Walker**

*Interfaith Ministry  
Licensed Spiritual  
Counselor*

## What Chaplains Do

Police Chaplains are trained to do some or all of the following:

- Counsel Police Officers, their families, and other members of the department
- Visit sick and injured department members and their families in their homes or at the hospital
- Provide prayer and emotional support to department personnel as needed
- Perform weddings, funerals, memorial services, and other ministerial duties
- Educate officers in areas such as stress management, ethics, and family life
- Serve as part of a Crisis Response Team for defusing/debriefing
- Assist with pre-suicide intervention and post-suicide response

- Make death notifications and provide grief counseling
- Assist citizens/victims in crisis situations (e.g., domestic dispute, rape, fires)
- Serve as liaison with other clergy in the community
- Furnish quality answers to religious questions
- Offer prayers at special occasions, such as recruit graduations, award ceremonies, and building dedications
- Serve on review boards, award boards, and other committees as requested
- Serve as the Chaplain and Pastoral Care Provider for all City of Novato employees and their family members as requested
- Provide 24 hour, 365 days per year Chaplaincy emergency on-call availability for crisis intervention