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**SUBJECT:** LAW ENFORCEMENT CHAPLAINCY – SACRAMENTO

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:** Citywide

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the City Council review the findings of this report and provide direction regarding the future relationship with the Law Enforcement Chaplaincy-Sacramento

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**SUMMARY:**

This report provides information on services offered by the Law Enforcement Chaplaincy-Sacramento and the change in its policy to open the program to all faiths.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:** None

**BACKGROUND:**

The Law Enforcement Chaplaincy-Sacramento is a Christian-based, non-profit organization that was formed in 1977. Its primary purpose is to provide twenty-four hour emergency response to officers on and off-duty. The Chaplaincy also serves as the initial contact in the critical incident response debriefing process and provides follow-up for officers' families as part of the critical incident response schematic. It has been recognized as a model Chaplaincy program in the nation for law enforcement personnel and their families and for victims of crime. In fact, the Chaplaincy's critical incident outreach to victims and witnesses and the co-ordination of the peer support program have proven to be of tremendous value to law enforcement.

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