

Dear Chaplain Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in joining the Denver Police Department Volunteers in Police Service Volunteer program!

This application packet contains all the necessary documents you will need to begin the process of joining the program. Please complete and sign all of the following paperwork and return it to the VIPS office. You will receive confirmation once we have received your application. Please keep in mind that due to the sensitive and confidential nature of police work, the process is thorough, and can take four to six weeks to complete.

Applications can be returned via:

**Post or in person:**  
Denver Police Headquarters  
VIPS Unit Room 110  
1331 Cherokee St.  
Denver, CO 80204

**Email:**  
dpdvip@denvergov.org  
**Fax:**  
(720) 913-7019

The following is a checklist of all materials required to successfully complete an application. If at any time you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

### Application Paperwork Checklist

- Completed Application
- Letter of Endorsement and copy of ordination
- Background Clearance Check form
- ID Request form
- Copy of Driver's License or Government ID

*\*Please note: applicants must be 18 years or older to apply.*

*\*Applicants may be disqualified, after review, at the discretion of the VIPS Administrator.*

*\*There is NO appeal process for disqualification from the VIPS program.*

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**Please print legibly or type**

*If you have questions, feel free to contact us. Applications take 8-12 weeks to be processed.  
Incomplete applications will be placed on hold.*

Personal Information			
Full Name (First, Middle, Last):			
Home Address:	City:	Zip Code::	
Phone #:	Email Address:		
Previous Addresses (last 5 years)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
Personal References			
<i>Family members may not be used as references. Please do not duplicate employment references. Please make sure contact information is accurate.</i>			
Name:	Phone Number:	Relationship:	
1.			
2.			
3.			
Employment for the past seven (7) years:			
<i>Attach a separate sheet if necessary. Please make sure information is accurate.</i>			
Company Name:	Contact Phone:	Supervisor:	Dates Employed:
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
Religious Affiliation			
Religious Affiliation/Denomination:		Endorsing Entity:	
Please provide:			
1. A Letter of Endorsement, including a person of contact and their contact information.			
2. A copy of ordination or licensing by denomination.			

**Chaplain Profile**

**CHAPLAIN/COUNSELING/MINISTERIAL SPECIFIC EDUCATION AND TRAINING** (attach additional sheets if necessary):

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**CHAPLAIN/ MINISTRY EXPERIENCE** – Check any of the ministry role(s) in which you have served in the past and provide the dates and a brief description (attach additional sheets if necessary):

Chaplain (Specify Type)     
  Pastor     
  Counselor (Licensed/Certified)  
 Crisis Intervention/Disaster Response     
  Other (Describe)

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**WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A POLICE CHAPLAIN?** (attach additional sheets if necessary):

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*By signing, I do hereby certify that all information contained in this application is correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If accepted to perform volunteer duties for the Denver Police Department, I understand I may be privy to confidential information and promise to respect and maintain that confidentiality.*

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed name:** \_\_\_\_\_



## DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINS APPLICATION ADDENDUM

### THE POSITION:

The purpose of the Denver Police Chaplains' Program is to provide spiritual and emotional guidance and counseling to all members of the Denver Police Department, both sworn and civilian, and their families in time of need.

The DPD Chaplain's role is that of being a representative of God and their particular denominational or credentialing body. It is the DPD Chaplain's responsibility to assist all Officers or their family members, upon request, on matters that fall within the Chaplain's purview. The DPD Chaplain's role is not that of a Police Officer and the Chaplain should not interfere in any way with an Officer in the performance of his/her duties and must be subject to the authority of any on duty officer they may be with.

### JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

The DPD Chaplains Program consists of volunteer clergy and chaplains that are available on the basis of need and desire:

- The DPD Chaplains Program exists to support the Denver Police Department and does not offer chaplaincy services to the general public, until authorized to do so by the Chief of Police or the Volunteers in Police Service Administrator.
- The Chaplaincy services are optional and are available by request.
- Chaplaincy is a Ministry of Presence and not an opportunity to proselytize.
- The Chaplain Program is religiously neutral until the person in need requests religious information or insight.
- The Chaplain is not intended to replace any individual's personal faith nor their clergy. Some officers may have a faith base and minister, while others may not. Chaplains will meet the officers and their families "right where they are at and in their time of need."
- Every effort will be made to try to accommodate the religious/spiritual preferences of those individuals being served, including contacting specific religious practitioners that may be requested from time to time.
- Chaplains often respond to Police emergencies and support the officers and their families when in need, as directed by the Head Chaplain, VIPS Program Administrator, or Sgt. of the Chaplaincy Program.
- Chaplains will provide guidance, counseling and comfort in times of crisis, as directed.
- The Chaplain will serve with confidentiality and credibility.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Be Ecclesiastically Endorsed – An Ecclesiastical Endorsement is the written

acknowledgement by a faith/chaplaincy group/denomination that an individual is in good standing and meets the qualifications for clergy/chaplaincy credentials with their faith/chaplaincy group/denomination.

- Have a minimum of five (5) years of ministry or chaplaincy experience.
- Chaplains should be one of the following:
  - Full-time or retired clergy duly ordained, licensed, commissioned or appointed by their church, synagogue, or religious body.
  - Clergy trained individuals with Chaplain specific training and certification.
  - Ordained/licensed religious leader or clergy with professional experience with a religious organization or social service agency.
- Be a member of or able to meet the requirements of and be accepted for membership in a Departmental approved chaplaincy training & development organization such as The Rocky Mountain Police Chaplains (RMPC) or the International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC). This includes completion of a minimum level of training as determined by the Department.
- Be willing to serve in a capacity of being available on a 24/7/365 basis as necessary.
- It is preferred that candidates possess at minimum an Associate Degree or equivalent and 60 additional hours of theological, ministerial or chaplaincy training. However, commensurate life experience and training may be acceptable.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

All prospective Chaplains must be willing to submit to a completed application, undergo an extensive background investigation, including CCIC/NCIC and driving history, social media and google check.

Chaplains are considered volunteers and serve in a non-sworn capacity. Chaplains shall be regulated by policies pertaining to the use of volunteers.

Chaplains must adhere to the rules of confidentiality as set forth by the State of Colorado and the Denver Police Department.

All new Chaplains, will serve the Chaplains' Program on a probationary basis for a minimum of six (6) months. This time may be extended.

#### **COSTS RELATED TO BEING A DPD CHAPLAIN:**

The department will attempt to cover certain expenses related to being a DPD Chaplain such as, uniforms, certain equipment, etc. Funds are not always available for expense reimbursement. Accordingly, Chaplain's may bear the full cost of these items.



# CERTIFICATION, AUTHORIZATION, & WAIVER REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

## Certification

I certify that all statements in my application, resume, and any other document I have submitted for a position with the Denver Police Department or the City and County of Denver are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that all oral statements I have made or caused to be made to any representatives of the Denver Police Department or the City and County of Denver are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand and agree that ALL statements may be investigated.

I understand that any falsification or omission of information discovered at any time during the selection process or during subsequent volunteering, may bar me from consideration for a position of volunteering or, if I have been selected, cause my dismissal from the Denver Police Department or the City and County of Denver.

## Authorization

I hereby authorize the Denver Police Department and the City and County of Denver, during the application process or during the course of any subsequent volunteering with the Denver Police Department or the City and County of Denver, to obtain information from any source as to my education, experience, qualifications, driving record, criminal history, or any other aspect of my background, as such information relates to the position for which I am being considered, or in which I may be volunteering already. In order to facilitate a search for information, I hereby confirm the following:

Full Legal Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Other name (s) used \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License Number \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any other current driver's license from another state \_\_\_\_\_

## Waiver

I release and waive any claim or cause of action against any person responding to any inquiries authorized herein, and against the Denver Police Department and the City and County of Denver in making such inquiries.

A photocopy or fax of this certification, authorization, and waiver shall be as valid as the original and may be used in its stead.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





## **NEW VOLUNTEER IDENTIFICATION CARD REQUEST**

This Form must be completed and forwarded to or accompany the applicant to the Identification Bureau. Be advised that the identification card issued is the sole property of the Denver Police Department and may be revoked at any time. The identification card **MUST** be worn at all times while on Denver Police Property.

All requests for Identification cards will be processed through the Identification Bureau and must have the approval of a Commander or higher. The Office of the Deputy Chief of Administration reserves the right to exclude parties from entering a managed facility based upon this record check.

**(Applicant)** Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name, AKA or Other Names Used: \_\_\_\_\_

Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: ( ) Male ( ) Female

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: xxx-xx-\_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Glasses? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No Contact lenses? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Mustache? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No Beard? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

