



Congratulations Delton Cooper, '16

The Office of Alumni Engagement and Annual Giving would like to congratulate Delton Cooper, '16 on his graduation from the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Department Chaplaincy program on Thursday, April 19th.

The Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office Chaplain's Academy started in the fall of 2016 and is a six week information and training session provided by each division within the Sheriff's Office that includes: the History of the Sheriff's Office, Hiring, Training, Internal Affairs, Youth Education and Development (DARE and School Resource Officer), Civil Process, Handgun/Carry Conceal permitting, Warrant Services, Crime Scene and Crime Prevention, Criminal Investigations, Patrol, Animal Control/ Animal Shelter, Jail and Detention Center, to name a few. Tours include: the 911 Center, Jail and Detention Center, Criminal Investigations Property and Evidence area. One session offers practical, real life experience of wearing different police and tactical gear, observing specialized unit scenarios such as SWAT and Bomb Squad, and participating in simulation situations. Doing a Ride-Along with the Deputies is encouraged, to get a better understanding of the "day in the life" as a patrol officer on patrol.

Currently there are 17 active graduates and 6 soon-to-be graduates

Membership is open to ordained clergy with extensive lay ministry experience and/or theological training. Minimum training or experience should include a Bachelor's degree in Social Work, Psychology, Divinity or closely related field; supplemented by three (3) to five (5) years of previous experience and/or training of an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience. Members must be endorsed by their church and/or ecclesiastical organization and remain in good standing with their church or ecclesiastical organization.

The Chaplain's Academy is a 20 hour program covered over a six week time frame, culminating in a graduation ceremony.

Chaplains are a very valuable resource for the community, specifically in helping forge better relationships and communicating a harmonious message between people and entities within the local public. The Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office Chaplain's Program was created to assist in bridging any gaps between the community and law enforcement, especially in tense or tragic circumstances. Chaplains provide a professional, educational, and trained response to many different specialized high risk incidences, ceremonies, notifications, etc. They also help provide comfort to citizens, families, inmates, and officers in pain/suffering, tense/stressful, and/or grieving circumstances. Chaplains are very valuable in assisting Sheriff's personnel or inmates in offering care and support following the delivery of such news.