

TOWNSHIP OF LUMBERTON

RESOLUTION 2017-035

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LUMBERTON RECOGNIZING
PASTOR ERIK JARVIS AND REVEREND FERNANDO DOWNS
AS THE LUMBERTON POLICE/FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINS**

WHEREAS, the Lumberton Township Police and Fire Department utilize a Police/Fire Chaplain to assist in times of loss, confusion, depression, or grief to people in crisis situations, as well as the officers themselves; and

WHEREAS, duties of the Police/Fire Chaplain may include:

- Assist in making notification to families of department members who have been seriously injured or killed.
- After family notification, they will respond to the hospital when an officer has been seriously injured or killed.
- Visit sick or injured police personnel in the hospital and home.
- Attend and participate, when requested, in the funerals of active or retired members of the department.
- Counsel with officers and other personnel having personal problems, at their request.
- Participate in in-service training classes for department personnel.
- Attend department graduations, promotional activities, award ceremonies, dinners, social events, etc. and offer invocations and benedictions.
- Represent the department before official bodies and at public functions upon the request of the Chief.
- Be responsible for the organization and development of spiritual organizations within the department.
- Respond to all major disasters such as bombings, building collapses, explosions, fires, unusual industrial accidents, and similar situations.
- Be involved in public relations efforts.
- Provide liaison with other religious leaders in the community.
- When responding to the scene of death or injury, whether departmental personnel or private citizens, the chaplains will notify the person's personal clergy person as soon as practical.
- Will make referrals in cases where specialized attention is needed, or in those cases beyond the Chaplain's ability to assist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lumberton Township Committee hereby appoints **Pastor Erik Jarvis** and **Reverend Fernando Downs** to serve as the Lumberton Township Police/Fire Department Chaplains for the year 2017.

Adopted: January 3, 2017

	MANSDOERFER	CONWAY	JACKSON	JANUSESKI	EARLEN
YES	X	X	X	X	X
ABSTAIN					
NO					
ABSENT					
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CERTIFICATION

I, Debra L. Shaw-Blemings, RMC, Lumberton Township Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Lumberton Township Committee at its Regular Business Meeting held on the 3rd day of January, 2017.


Debra L. Shaw-Blemings, RMC
Lumberton Township Clerk