

Trauma & Crisis – A Chaplain’s Approach

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Police Department (PD) Scenario #1

CAUTION: This video does not show the actual violence of a shooting. However, the content may still be sensitive to some viewers—discretion is advised.

Please answer the following questions after watching this YouTube video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k7Fv4aQq2aA>

For Personal Reflection: *Your responses to these questions need not be share.*

1. What personal memories does this video remind you of?
2. What are your personal feelings and thoughts after watching this video?
3. If you were the volunteer chaplain at this PD, how may these feelings or thoughts impact your pastoral care? Positively and negatively?

For Group Discussion:

4. Who experienced the trauma and/or crisis depicted in the video directly? Who experienced the trauma/crisis indirectly? Are there others you may need to keep in mind as you minister to this police department (PD)?
5. What factors allowed the officer directly involved to be vulnerable? How would this inform your ministry approach to this PD or similar organization?
6. How would you go about ministering to the officer directly involved? Who else might you need to be aware of in this type of scenario?
7. What other things did you notice about the video that you might wish to share?