

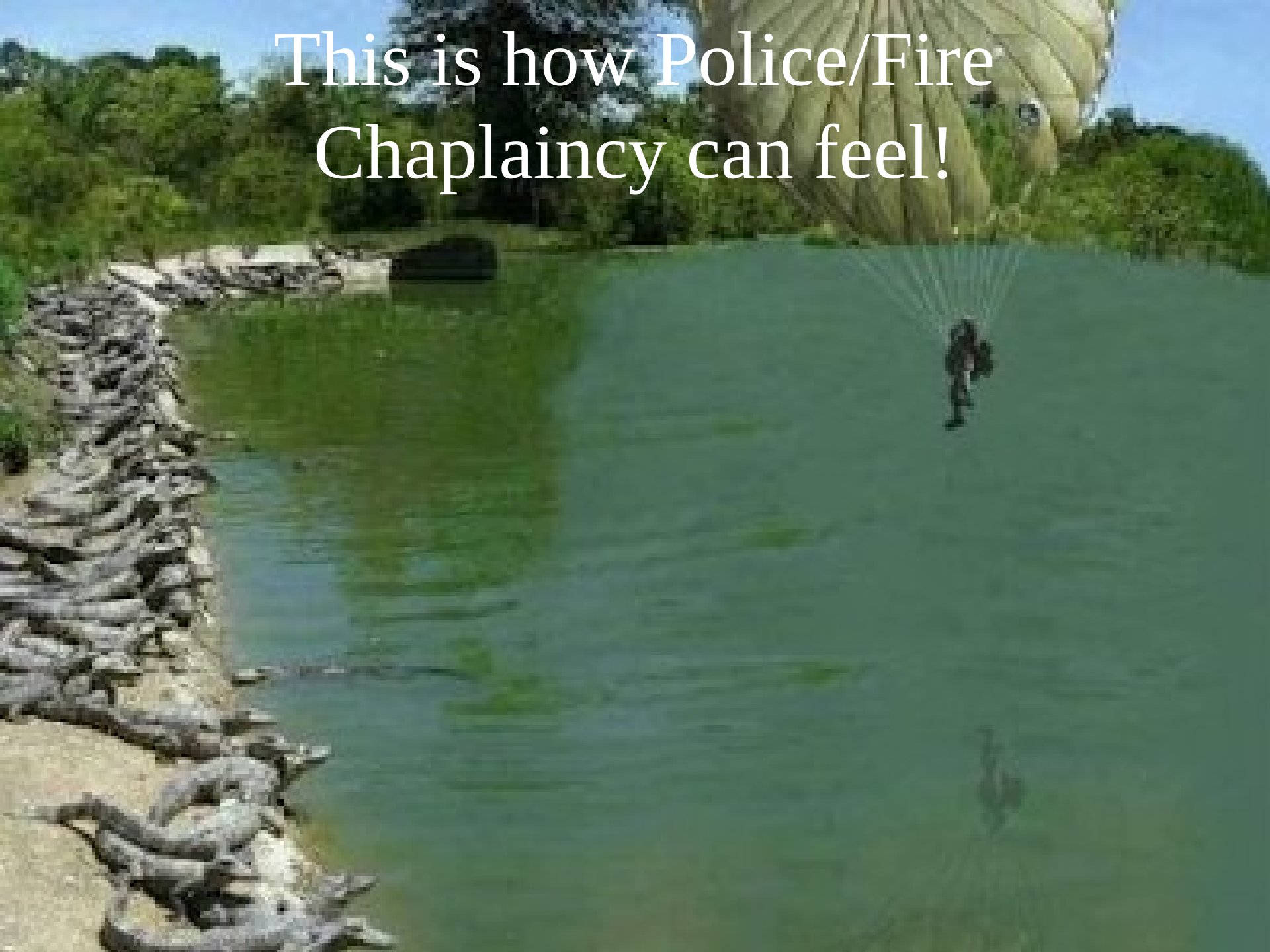
Chaplaincy – Adding to the Armor



Chaplaincy Goals

- Provide pastoral care to police officers and firefighters.
- Provide emergency pastoral care to citizens in crisis.
- Build a bridge of understanding and communication between law enforcement and the citizens

This is how Police/Fire
Chaplaincy can feel!



APPREHENSIONS ABOUT DEATH NOTIFICATIONS

1. Feeling Untrained or Unprepared
2. Over-Identification with the Victim's Family
3. Personal Vulnerability
4. Fear of Being Labeled by Colleagues

SELECTION OF THE NOTIFIER IS
AS CRUCIAL AS THE PROCEDURE
ITSELF.



DEATH MODELS

- Shock and Disbelief
- Denial
- Anger
- Depression
- Acceptance
- Recovery

Survivors Needs During Death Notification

- Information
- Ventilation of Emotions
- Calm, Reassuring Authority
- Restoration of Control
- Preparation and Prediction

PRACTICES

- Be absolutely certain of identity of deceased
- Be absolutely certain of relationship of person to the deceased.
- Get as much medical information as possible
- Go. Don't Call
- If possible, take someone with you.

Practices

- Present Credentials. Ask to come inside.
- Remove distractions. Have children go into another room if at all possible.
- Sit down. Ask them to sit down. Be sure you have the nearest next of kin.
- Inform simply and directly ..with compassion

What NOT to Say

- I know how you feel
- Time heals all wounds
- You'll get over this
- She was in the wrong place wrong time
- You must go on with your life
- He didn't know what hit him
- You have other children
- Someone is always worse off than yourself

Disempowering Statements

- It's best to remember him the way he was
- You don't need to know that
- You don't want to see her
- I can't tell you that.

Unhealthy Expectations

- You must be strong for the children
- You must get hold of yourself
- I'm going to be sure this guy gets the death penalty

What screws us up the most in life is the picture in our head of what how it's supposed to be

~ Anonymous

What To Say

- I'm so sorry
- They did everything they could
- It's harder than most people think
- Most people who have gone through this react similarly to you
- Is there anything you would like to tell me or ask me?
- I'll check back tomorrow to see if there is anything more I can do for you

