

Stafford and Stone Sub Branch Chaplain

A Chaplain, by definition, is a "minister in the general community who performs a secular purpose'. Chaplains empathetically enter into the suffering of others, walking with them in a ministry of purpose, presence and peace and with a focus of assisting them and/or their families becoming delivered of their sadness.

The primary objective of the Chaplain is to serve the NARPO families of the Stafford and Stone Sub Branch during family bereavements, crisis or national tragedy.

The Stafford and Stone Sub Branch count it a privilege that we have the services of the Rev. John Davis, MBE, who, as a retired police officer, and a Stafford resident, is able to share in the suffering of the families of many of his own colleagues in times of sorrow.

The appointment of Chaplain is the responsibility of the Stafford and Stone Sub Branch of NARPO; and the duties of the Chaplain will undergo regular review by the Sub Branch Chairman.

The Chaplain's role will be both pastoral and supportive to all members and their families, regardless of their religious beliefs.

Where a member has a need for support from a specific faith, the Chaplain may make a referral to an appropriate person.

The Chaplain will be independent of the Staffordshire Police Welfare service, but may liaise with the Force Welfare Officer or the Secretary of the Stafford and Stone Sub Branch of NARPO.

The Chaplain is eligible for reimbursement of reasonable out of pocket expenses, mileage, telephone etc.

Additional biography notes:

John Davis served as a police officer in Staffordshire until 1996 and was ordained after his retirement from the service. He is Town Centre Chaplain for The Collegiate Church of Saint Mary in Stafford (<http://www.stmarysstafford.org.uk/>). For several years he has served as Secretary of Staffordshire Branch of the SSAFA. In 2007 he was awarded the MBE for his services to the community.