

Delaware State Police Announces New Chaplain

The Delaware State Police (DSP) is proud to announce the appointment of Pastor Tobe Witmer as its newest chaplain. Pastor Witmer brings a wealth of leadership experience, community engagement, and counseling expertise to this critical role, which supports the emotional and spiritual well-being of law enforcement personnel and their families.



Pastor Witmer is currently a Newark resident and has been a dedicated community leader for over three decades. He holds a bachelor's and master's degree from Bob Jones University and was awarded an honorary doctorate in 2020 from South India Baptist College. His longstanding relationship with DSP includes serving as an Honorary Commander since 2017 and as a member of the Delaware State Police Advisory Council since 2023.

Pastor Witmer is a certified corporate chaplain with extensive training in relational skills, crisis management, suicide prevention, and counseling. His career highlights include pioneering Lighthouse Baptist Church in Newark, Delaware, where he served as Lead Pastor for over 21 years, and

establishing Safe Helps Group Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to suicide prevention and education.

Throughout his career, Pastor Witmer has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to serving individuals and families. As the Delaware State Police Chaplain, he will provide critical support to troopers and civilian personnel during times of crisis, as well as spiritual guidance and mentorship.

“We are honored to welcome Pastor Witmer to the Delaware State Police family,” said Colonel William Crotty, Superintendent of the Delaware State Police. “His extensive knowledge and dedication to helping others will strengthen our ability to support the women and men who serve our communities.”

Pastor Witmer’s appointment reinforces DSP’s ongoing commitment to fostering a culture of care and resilience within its ranks. Please join us in welcoming Pastor Witmer as he embarks on this meaningful role, which is crucial to our mission.