



## Suffolk Christian Police Association

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First of all let me introduce myself as the Branch Leader of the Suffolk Christian Police Association (CPA). I am a serving Police Sergeant with thirty years' service in the Force and became a Christian prior to becoming a Police Officer.

Sadly it has been many years since Suffolk has had an active Branch of the CPA due to the retirement of several colleagues who were involved, so it has been my vision over the last couple of years to see a Branch re-formed and active prior to me retiring from the Police Service this autumn.

Two years ago I discovered that there were just **ten** members of Suffolk CPA – but with no link to each other, we were just individuals quietly working at different stations around the Force with no idea who each other was! We then got together and re-started as an official Branch of CPA under the national organisation, and I am delighted that we are now up to **twenty three** members!

In order to celebrate the re-launch of the CPA within Suffolk, we are holding a special service on July 11th at 7.30pm at the Salvation Army Citadel, Violet Hill, Stowmarket.

Being a Christian within a secular workplace is never easy and can often be quite lonely, and so I would love to see closer links forged between the CPA and Town Pastors. The amazingly positive impact that Town Pastors have on reducing crime and making our communities safer is not lost on our colleagues and as Christians within the Police Service, I would love to invite Town Pastors from across the County to this celebration service, so that we could have an opportunity to fellowship with each other and share what the Lord is doing with His people among our communities.

I know that on a weekly basis, Town Pastors across the County are praying for Police Officers as they go out and police the towns and deal with public disorder and many other difficult situations, and it is important that we recognise the amazing power of prayer which can so often be

seen by falling crime levels as well as the protection that the Lord affords to Police Officers, even if they are not Christians.

On the subject of the power of prayer, you might be interested to know that I have invited Neil Boast to come along to our service on 11<sup>th</sup> July to speak for a few minutes about his involvement with Town Pastors over the years, together with his impressions of the power of prayer that he has witnessed. I am delighted that he has agreed to do just that!

I wonder therefore if you would mind forwarding details of this service to your Town Pastors as well as your Home Pray-ers as we would be delighted to welcome whoever would like to join with us on the evening.

May God bless you richly in your work for Him,

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