

RESPONDER LIFE

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Responder Life has launched a movement, creating positive communities where First Responder Families can be transformed and in turn transform their culture from the inside out. The First Responder community can be cynical and hard to penetrate, due to relentless exposure to tragedy and trauma. The long-term impact of this exposure can cause a downward slide that destroys faith and the family. We create traction points to stop the slide by providing opportunities where the responder and their family can hear and respond to the call of Christ and begin building healthier lives, marriages, and careers.

First Responders put their personal safety on the line every day in order to protect and serve our communities. This intense and highly charged environment in which they work often impacts them and their families in a negative manner. Not only do First Responders regularly sacrifice their health and well-being on behalf of public safety, but they are subjected to professional stressors that can be overpowering to them and their families, ultimately setting them up for dysfunction and failure. The end results are staggering...

- **Divorce rates as high as 84%**
- **1 out of 4 Responders struggle with Alcoholism**
- **30% of Responders suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder**
- **Responders are three times as likely to die from Suicide, than in the Line of Duty**
- **Half of all Responders who begin their career as Christians, will cease faith practice by retirement**
- **Cynicism, Hyper-vigilance, and Isolationism, are the norm**

In response to these critical realities, Responder Life was formed to support and strengthen the Families of all First Responders, including Firefighters, Police Officers, Emergency Medical Professionals, 911 Dispatchers, and other responders serving in City, County, State and Federal Agencies.

The primary goal of Responder Life is to strategically impact these Families by providing pro-active and **life affirming** resources, directly reducing the negative fallout from these vital professions. Our primary strategy is to partner with organizations, ministries, churches, and chaplains to help accomplish this effort. Together with our willing partners, we will host family seminars, retreats and social events, provide education and support, and develop cutting edge initiatives designed to strengthen First Responder Families within our communities.



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