



***Using Trained K9's
as a
Bridge for Crisis Ministry
and stepping stones
to Emotional and Spiritual First Aid***

Matthew 5:41 If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two mile.

We are a 501c3 faith-based organization
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**WHEN CRISIS STRIKES,
WHO RESPONDS
TO HELP
RESTORE HOPE
AND
RENEW FAITH?**





K9 Crisis Response

In an effort to help Restore Hope and Renew Faith to those faced with crisis or disaster, the Extra Mile Ministries has developed a unique faith-based approach to disaster victims and crisis responders.

- Utilizing trained Mercy Givers and K9 Support dogs, this ministry helps relieve the emotional and spiritual effects of a crisis or disaster.
- The comfort dogs bring safety and hope through petting, creating bridges which bring traumatized people to the handlers for more information about resources available.
- The simple act of petting a crisis dog can give comfort that no words can give. In a sense they preach the love of God without words.
- This unique team helps to improve the spiritual and emotional well-being of the victims, opening doors to begin the recovery process.
- They act as a spiritual and emotional bridge between those in grief, dog, and Team member.
- The K9 Comfort Dog provides wordless warmth, touching comfort and a brief respite from the crisis. The touching comfort provides a much researched physical benefit; but the message of touch found in the Gospel provided by Jesus gives a powerful witness of spiritual healing. People can relax, start to smile and talk. A transition takes place allowing the crisis intervention skills of the handler or team member to become activated.

The Extra Mile Ministry K9 Crisis Response/Comfort Dogs is a unique organization made up of unique people who provide a unique service to people in a unique predicament. We are Christians who believe we have been called and led by God to serve. Our service's very foundation is a ministry of presence. We bring the presence of God in Christ-like unconditional love. Wherever our teams are sent, our first function is to bring comfort by sharing the unconditional love which our dogs provide as well as our own unconditional love for the people we meet who are in crisis. We are there to provide comfort as our presence helps the person to know they are not alone. We are walking a mile with them. While many ministries are forceful with their ideas and beliefs, the EMM K9 Crisis Response/Comfort Dog Teams are humble to be just what the grieving persons need us to be.



Team Membership

Two ways you can join the TEAM

1. K9 Handler with a dog. Willing to deploy with team to a crisis or disaster with K9.
2. Be a non-handler. Willing to deploy with team to a crisis or disaster, and assist K9 Team.



Your dog does not need to be breed specific or type. It may be small or big as long as it brings a sense of safety to people in crisis or grief and has at least Canine Good Citizen Certification. The dog must be friendly, healthy and well behaved, must be able to adjust to a variety of different noises and environments in calm ways.

Team members will receive training in Crisis Response Ministry, as well as expectations of K9 handling.

Once your application is filled out and accepted by Extra Mile Leadership you will receive ID cards, vests and badges. You will be put on Facebook team site for training tips and nationwide team member fellowship.

Complete an application either online www.faceofcrisis.org or send the application to the following address:

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