

SERVING THE SERVANTS



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As police officers around the nation face ever-increasing amounts of stress from the current cultural climate, Somebody Cares continues to assist and support these servants through the work of our chapters and affiliates.

FEBRUARY 2022

On Tuesday, February 1, Somebody Cares Houston/America and our partners from Somebody Cares San Antonio/Holy Smoke USA, Ally Force Ministries in Minneapolis, and Burnt Offerings BBQ in Houston cooked for and served 500 law enforcement officers during a reception following the funeral of Deputy Constable/Corporal Charles Galloway, from Harris County Constable's Precinct 5, who was shot and killed during a traffic stop.

"We were honored to serve, in a small way, by preparing meals for the family and officers," said Doug Stringer, SCA Founder and President. Doug has been involved in police/community relations in the city since the early 1990s, when Somebody Cares Houston created the Youth Guidance Consultants curriculum. In August 2021, as part of his ongoing efforts to stay connected with and equipped to serve local agencies, Doug completed the Constable, Chaplain, and Pastor Alliance Academy (CCHAPA) at Precinct 5, which serves 1.5 million people in the Greater Houston area.

"Words cannot express properly the plethora of emotions today at the Celebration of Life for Cpl. Galloway," Doug said.

Throughout the week, Doug also had the opportunity to minister to officers through listening and prayer. "It's called the ministry of presence," he explained. "We show we care by making ourselves available."

SCA partners practice the ministry of presence consistently in places like Baltimore, where Director Matt Stevens has been involved in the training of 150 volunteer chaplains for the Baltimore Police Department; or in times of crisis, such as the shooting at Santa Fe High School near Houston, where SCA-affiliated chaplains Edward Smith and Vickie Guillory joined Doug and others to pray with students and

community members who were reeling from the tragedy.

In 2019, SCA helped donate two swift water rescue boats to the Kirbyville (Texas) Police Department. In 2020, Doug and Lisa Stringer and Matt Stevens traveled to Minneapolis, where they joined Mike Lynch from partner Ally Force—who is also a chaplain with the Minneapolis Police Department—to meet with the police chief and others while in the Twin Cities to discuss practical and ongoing ways to serve.

In early December, Doug was joined by SC San Antonio and Burnt Offerings in the Texas border towns of Roma and McAllen to feed hot meals to 2,500 law enforcement officers and community members. He also hosted a roundtable with local pastors and leaders to address the continuing crisis throughout the Rio Grande Valley region.

Speaking on behalf of Precinct 5 Constable Ted Heap, Chief Deputy Brian Harris said, "Somebody Cares America was Martha and Mary to our department. They met our physical needs by nourishing our bodies and our spiritual needs by comforting our

emotions."

This same sentiment was echoed by many of the officers, as well. "With all that was going on and all that was on our plate, for you and your team to take on the meal for the repass was huge. We can't say how much it made us feel that the community cared for us," many of them said.

Throughout the law enforcement community, a universal expression of appreciation occurs when an officer shakes a hand and places a medallion in it as a sign of mutual respect. During the reception for Cpl. Galloway, Doug and others from the SCA team received coins from multiple officers.

"One of the coins that really impacted me includes the quote, 'Evil is powerless



Top: Doug Stringer receives recognition for the work of Somebody Cares from Constable Ted Heap, Harris County Constable's Precinct 5; **Bottom:** SCA network partners serve hundreds following the funeral of fallen officer Corporal Galloway.

when the good are unafraid,'" Doug said. "It reminds me of the many times in the book of Joshua when God tells us to 'fear not.'"

"It's a very precarious situation for law enforcement officers—from border patrol to local police officers to state troopers," Doug said. "It's not an easy place to be, in the middle of all the political tension, feeling unappreciated, and still trying to do their job in a very difficult situation."

On May 10, SCA was honored by Harris County Constable's Precinct 5 during a ceremony at Second Baptist Church in Katy, Texas.

"While letters and gestures of support from around the country flooded into our department, several groups took extraordinary steps to assist with Corporal Galloway's funeral services," said a representative

from the Constable's office during the ceremony. "And we'd like to honor those agencies today."

He continued: "Somebody Cares ministry was among those stepping up as well, and they spent the days leading up to the funeral service preparing food that would be served at a reception for the family for our department. There were several hundred people that Somebody Cares helped feed on that difficult day."

More recently, "Serving the Servants" initiatives have included:

Feeding 720 officers and staff in Baltimore during Law Enforcement Week, a joint effort of **SC Baltimore**, **SC San Antonio**, and **Ally Force in Minneapolis** (see sidebar).

SC New England has donated devotionals to officers in Haverhill.

"We are grateful for those who serve our cities," said Founder Marlene Yeo and Director Lori Jane Simmer. "We pray for them daily."

SC San Antonio and partner **Ally Force in Minneapolis** have been hosting meals in their cities.

SC Houston joined forces with **SC San Antonio/Holy Smoke USA** and **Burnt Offerings** to prepare lunch for 450 officers, personnel, and families for Harris County Constable's Precinct 5 annual memorial for fallen officers during National Law Enforcement Week.

Doug Stringer also prayed at the Houston Police Department's gathering for National Day of Prayer, attended by various city officials and dignitaries.

"It was an honor to serve those who serve. Special thanks to all the wonderful partners and volunteers who made it possible for us to prepare, cook, and serve hundreds of officers with meals and Behind The Badge Devotionals for their Memorial Day of recognizing fallen officers during Law Enforcement Week."

SC St. Augustine is hosting BBQ dinners for the 900 employees in the St Johns County Sheriff's Department.

"Our objective is to simply show the love of Christ to these deputies that put themselves on the line for us each time they go on duty."

Devotionals and Bibles are available at each event, along with chaplains from the Sheriff's Department, to meet spiritual needs. "At our first meal, which was only for 50 officers, we gave away a dozen study Bibles and 30 devotionals."

SCStA plans on having six events to serve all 900 deputies and corrections officers before doing the same for the Fire Department and the City of St. Augustine.

Top left: Jeff Rogers, Director of SC St. Augustine, gives away study Bibles and devotionals during the chapter's first "Serving the Servants" event.

Top right: Marlene Yeo and Lori Jane Simmer provide devotionals to their local department.

Left: Libby Lang from Burnt Offerings and Lisa Stringer serve meals at a memorial for fallen officers during Law Enforcement Week.



SOMEBODY CARES FOR THOSE WHO PATROL OUR BORDERS

APRIL 2023



Somebody Cares America partnered with local churches, city leaders, and ministry partners for Patrol Appreciation Day on April 1 in Mission, Texas.

"It was a wonderful day of serving and encouraging those who keep our borders safe—border patrol, law enforcement, and National Guard—as well as their families," said Doug Stringer. "It was very memorable and heartwarming! So many testimonies and so much deep gratitude."

Over 500 BBQ meals were served, with give-aways such as hundreds of Behind The Badge and other devotionals; 144 Somebody Cares Bears; many of Doug's books (*Born To Die*, *Leadership Awakening*, and their study guides); and other resources provided by partnering groups and churches.

The primary purpose of the event was to show appreciation, gratitude, and support for all the men and women who patrol, serve, and protect our Southern border, along with their families.

"These men and women are an integral part of the Rio Grande Valley community and beyond," Doug said. "These unsung heroes serve daily in a very difficult environment with no fanfare or public acknowledgment, yet their service is of critical importance to all of us."

"What an honor to volunteer alongside Doug Stringer and his precious wife, Lisa, during this much needed event to recognize the hard working border workers, their spouses, and families," said long-time friend and ministry partner Deanna Hinson from Bethel Mission Outreach Center.

"I deeply appreciate and respect you and Somebody Cares for doing this," wrote a local law enforcement officer.

"A special thanks to Pastor Jaime Loya of Cross Church for introducing me to City Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem Ruben Plata, and for connecting us to this fabulous event center and team," Doug added. "Thank you as well to our friend Pastor Chali Martinez of Vital Church for helping us and for providing an additional BBQ pit."

Rio Grande Valley's very own Jaime Garcia, former MLB player and World Series Champion Pitcher with the St. Louis Cardinals, also came out to show his support and spent time talking with guests and taking photos in the picture booth.

SCA thanks local leaders who participated in this event:

- Mayor Norie Garza
- Mayor Pro Tem/Councilman Ruben Plata
- City Manager Randy Perez
- Chief of Police Cesar Torres
- Assistant Chief of Police Ted Rodriguez
- Assistant Chief of Police Jody Tittle
- Assistant City Manager Aida Lerma

We also acknowledge our partners:

- The Patrol Appreciation Committee
- RGV Patrol Wives
- Texas Pastor Council
- Paige Mudd & Friends
- Holy Smoke USA Grill Team
- Ally Force Ministries
- Blood-N-Fire Muncie, Indiana
- Blood-N-Fire/Somebody Cares San Antonio
- Bethel Mission Outreach Center
- Law Enforcement Chaplains
- Local Churches
- And many others!



Prayer, Presence & Compassion in Baltimore

A THREE-FOLD CORD

Knowing a three-fold cord is not easily broken, the SC Baltimore strategy since launching in 2010 has been to unite churches, businesses, and the police department to bring lasting change.

"We ask ourselves, 'What would it look like to have a generation with no recollection of the hardships their parents and grandparents faced?'" Matt says.

"Daily we are reminded that the needs of our community and residents are beyond one organization or one agency's resources. That is why we work to connect and mobilize multiple churches, businesses, and agencies to bring a transformation to individuals and their communities. Our desire is that through prayer and compassionate

acts, we will be able to sustain the hope that inspires change."

PRAYER & PRESENCE

Two core elements driving every outreach opportunity are prayer and presence. Long before and after any event or project in a community, team members prayer walk the neighborhoods and connect with the residents there.

"In prayer, we are gaining God's heart for the community. Our communities have experienced pain, but they are comprised of great people truly needing to experience the tangible love of Jesus."

Each Day Of Hope event includes a prayer tent with an average of 237 commitments or recommitments to

Christ per event. In July of 2014, SCB partnered with LifeSource to plant a church the day after Day Of Hope in Sandtown, targeting those who prayed in the tent. A year later, that church was still going every Sunday and continuing to grow. Lives have been rescued, bodies healed, relationships restored, and addictions overcome. Another church was planted in 2015.

"Our team believes wholeheartedly in the need for 'presence ministry'; we have the presence of Jesus in us so we can bring Christ to the community with our presence there," Matt says.

PREPARATION PAYS OFF

Building on this foundation, SC Baltimore's pastors have learned what they can do together far outweighs



what they can do alone. This was especially true during the riots that followed the death of Freddie Gray in 2015 while he was in police custody.

While tempers flared and emotions raged on the streets of their beloved city, pastors linked arms and marched the streets, in direct contrast to the violence. SCB and area churches helped coordinate volunteers to be on hand early the next morning to help with clean-up from the evening's damages, and just to love on people.

"It's definitely the existing infrastructure of unity and relational equity that has helped us and will continue to bring hope and healing," Matt said during that time, noting how the existing unity grew exponentially in the middle of the crisis. More leaders than ever came together to help each other and plan together for the long process of restoration.

"You often hear people say that the church is asleep," he added. "But in a time of crisis and desperation, the church in our city came together."

On Tuesday morning of that week, Bishop Angel Nunez helped host a meeting where over 100 pastors and bishops from all denominations and ethnic backgrounds came to pray and intercede.

"We have been working for four to five years to establish a prayer network with about 400 churches in the mid-Atlantic area," he said. "The answer to hate is love—God's love. We need to release His glory, His love."

WHAT'S NEXT FOR BALTIMORE

Tensions remained high in the city, weeks after the Freddie Gray riots. But many of those who love and serve the city agree that the violence was not caused by one tragic event; it was an explosion of frustrations that have built up over the years with roots of poverty, inadequate education, and economic and social challenges.

"My initial response to the question, 'What's next' is that an army will continue to bring waves of compassion and kindness to wash away the toxicity that has been spewed out," Matt said,



Baltimore pastors mobilized for street clean-up (opposite) and prayer (above top) during the Freddie Gray riots; Lt. Col. Melvin Russell of the Baltimore Police Department and Matt Stevens from Somebody Cares joined other pastors and city leaders in prayer for the city (above left); and in a beautiful picture of reconciliation, a young boy offers bottled water to one of the many police officers who stood watch for long hours to help keep peace on the streets (above right).

quoting Amos 5:24 *"Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream."*

"The ground of desperation has now been plowed," Matt said. "It is time for us to sow truth, justice, love, hope, compassion, and kindness for the days ahead."

As Doug Stringer encouraged many of the church and community leaders in the area, he said, "We will always outlast our adversaries and adversities when we stay true to the characteristics of Christ."

Doug also believes the plumb line of righteousness and peace in this tumultuous and volatile situation is the Church of Baltimore, a Church that is intentionally working to cross

relational and denominational lines to meet together at the cross.

"I've been to Baltimore on many occasions, even before our chapter was started five years ago," Doug said. "A strong foundation of unity and a network of relationships has already helped them break down many barriers and see much fruit from their labors."

He continued: "It's God's heart to work through the Church to bring His manifest presence. A strong, healthy church in Baltimore can be an instrument of hope, healing, and lasting transformation."

Matt agrees. "If this is what the Lord desires for us to do, we are certain that He will provide whatever it takes to turn our region around."

At Somebody Cares, one of our core values is investing in leaders in all spheres of influence, from emerging young leaders to seasoned veterans. We mentor and coach—not only athletes but those serving in the marketplace, law enforcement, education, entertainment, politics, and, of course, full-time ministry—through individual meetings, books, seminars, our Transforming Leadership Zoom calls, and our podcasts, *A Word in Season* and *Her God Story*. One church in Houston ordered 30 copies of Doug's *Leadership Awakening* book for their team of leaders to read and study together, citing how the principles in the book are “timeless.”



"INVALUABLE LESSONS"

Dan Davis, who was recently elected the youngest mayor of Manvel, Texas, just outside of Houston, has been a frequent participant in our Zoom calls, leaders meetings, and other initiatives. He says:

"Through a series of events someone who knew Doug mentioned that we needed to meet. They coordinated a meeting between us at his office where we spent two hours talking about life, our callings, and our love for Japan. This first meeting happened in 2019 and our lives have been intertwined ever since."

"Throughout our time together, Doug has taught me many things, such as the way you finish the race is just as important as the way you start; and we

need to reach people where they are instead of waiting for them to come to us.

"In May of this year, I was elected Mayor for the City of Manvel. Quite frankly, this has been nerve-racking as I am only 30 years old and at times do not feel qualified to lead a city. Doug's encouragement to me has always been that it's not about what we feel but what God has called us to do.....and He equips those He has called. This is an important lesson for all of us."

"As Psalms 118:14 says, 'The Lord is my strength and my defense.' When we look to Christ and lean on Him, He will take care of us time and time again. This is an invaluable lesson I have learned from Doug Stringer."

SERVING THE SERVANTS

Lisa and I continue serving with PACA (Police and Clergy Alliance), providing prayer during scheduled times at roll call for the Houston Police Department. In May, we had the honor of serving at an appreciation meal for 600 officers as well as distributing copies of *Behind the Badge* and *Bullet Proof Marriage* devotionals. We also serve and support the Harris County Sheriff's Department and the Precinct 5 Constable.

Several of our chapters—including St. Augustine (see photo, right), Pasco/Hernando, Tampa Bay, New England, San Antonio, and Baltimore—offer initiatives to support local law enforcement, and many have also distributed devotionals and other materials to support them spiritually as well as practically. Officers often tell us or post on social media how much the devotional means to them and how they read it every day before starting their shift.





Somebody Cares partnered with Bridge Church Greenbrier in Virginia to honor the deputies of Chesapeake Police Precinct 5 with a catered meal, Behind the Badge devotionals, and Starbucks gift cards as a token of appreciation for their dedicated service.



Love spanned 2,700 miles the last week of April 2023 when the Holy Smoke grill team came to serve the police community in Baltimore.

The BBQ pit was fired up at 3:30 a.m. for three consecutive days. Billowing smoke and the wafting aroma of chicken, beef brisket, and ribs filled the air before the colorful sunrise would meld into the bustle of the day.

Mike Lynch from Ally Force Minneapolis; Mark Royce from BloodNFire/ Somebody Cares San Antonio; and Matt Stevens from Somebody Cares Baltimore came together to change an atmosphere by exemplifying excellence and love, hope and healing, faith, and faithfulness.

How did they do that? By pouring out the love they've received, no holding back.

Below is a peek into the heart, mind, spirit, and intention of their mission together. The conversation occurred while driving together along the Eastern Shore of Maryland taking advantage of just being together.

"Why do you guys do what you do?" was the question:

Mike Lynch's undelayed response was this: "When Matt asked us to come and help honor the Baltimore Police force, both of us said 'Absolutely!' We scheduled it, then came and poured in. It's wonderful! And that is the way it should be: The relational equity of us coming together, hanging out, and enjoying life together while pouring into those police officers, then seeing the appreciation as they plowed into the food."

With this heart and mindset, Mark, Matt, and Mike—along with the chaplains and supporting police officers of the Community Division—fed, encouraged and served 720 officers and staff.

I have been in law enforcement for over 35 years and never witnessed a partnership quite like the one we have with Somebody Cares America/ International. Through those years I have had co-workers, friends, and colleagues injured and even killed in the line of duty.

Needless to say, we all suffer because of it. Our emotions can be a wreck at times, not only during times of crisis, collectively, it all adds up. Law Enforcement personnel are not immune to the issues we see daily. Many of us pray silently for stability of our emotions and try to lean on our training which teaches us to remain in control of those same emotions.

Some believe that being a police officer is just a job. Those of us in law enforcement see it as a Godly calling. We put our lives on the line daily to serve and protect our communities. At times it gets to be very emotionally and physically draining. That's where Somebody Cares Ministry comes in and lifts us up to the Lord.

Somebody Cares has stepped in during some of our darkest hours by connecting us with spiritual leaders who help to ease the pain and stress through prayer. These leaders have prayed with us and for us.

Doug Stringer's goal of gathering resources and distributing them to other ministries to provide crisis relief and general peace of mind has supported the law enforcement community with educational literature to include the "Behind the Badge" devotional and New Testament Bibles at no charge. More and more officers and civilian support staff are requesting these resources to help them make it through their shifts and to continue the careers they so love.

Somebody Cares has assisted with major debriefs after critical incidents in both Harris and Fort Bend Counties. They have provided meals, assisted in funeral expenses, disaster relief and more. This ministry has been a God send. They have assisted us in so many ways.

**Chief Deputy Mattie C. Provost
Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office**

I am writing on behalf of The City of Lake Jackson to express our deep gratitude and support for Somebody Cares and the invaluable assistance they provided to our community following the devastation caused by Hurricane Beryl. In those challenging times, Somebody Cares unwavering commitment to helping our law enforcement and civic leadership communities was truly remarkable.

The aftermath of Hurricane Beryl left our community in dire need of various resources and support services. Thanks to the swift response and comprehensive support offered by Somebody Cares, we were able to begin the process of recovery much sooner than we anticipated. Their dedication not only met our immediate needs but also fostered resilience and long-term recovery.

We have witnessed firsthand the positive impact Somebody Cares has had on our community, and we are eager to continue collaborating to enhance these efforts. Organizations like Somebody Cares make a profound difference in times of crisis, reminding us of the power of compassion, support, and unity.

Mayor Gerald Roznovsky
The City of Lake Jackson

When people such as yourselves came in, we were just ecstatic because the crisis is here.

There are people in real need, and your boots on the ground made all the difference in the world for us.

Mayor Mike Danahay
Sulphur, Louisiana
Hurricane Laura Response



In October 2020, the Stringers traveled to Minneapolis in the wake of the George Floyd tragedy to support the Minneapolis PD, where Mike Lynch, one of our key disaster relief partners, is also a chaplain. "With all that has been going on in the city, we had the opportunity to sit down with the Police Chief (above) and talk about how we can help in bridging the relationship between the citizens and the law enforcement community," Doug said.



During our 2021 Summit, a panel of law enforcement and chaplains who are part of the SCA network discuss the importance of community engagement and lifting up all aspects of chaplaincy in prayer.



The Port Richey Police Department and Somebody Cares Pasco/Hernando met at Oasis Coffee Spot on Little Road as part of Faith and Blue in October 2023, a national initiative bringing together law enforcement and the faith-based community in a show of support for one another and the community they serve. "It is such an honor getting to know our Police Chief, Captain, Sergeant, and a few of the officers," said Troy Pederson from SCPH, pictured (above right) along with Pastor Leonard Lord (far left). "It helps us serve a little better. Now we can effectively pray decisive prayers with purpose."



MAUI WILDFIRES

Network partner CRI volunteers served as crisis and trauma chaplains to hundreds of residents. SCA donated *Behind the Badge* and *First Responder* devotionals, which they handed out to law enforcement, military, and firefighters. One afternoon, they hosted a block party for 65 impacted families that included pizza, games, and toys. In every case, the ministry of presence brought comfort and hope.



Serving police and other first responders in the Asheville NC area in the wake of Hurricane Helene in 2025 (left).

Providing hot meals for local police in Nashville following a tornado that destroyed hundreds of homes throughout the area in March 2020 (below).



A week after Hurricane Harvey hit, the Lindell Foundation donated 50,000 MyPillows for Somebody Cares to distribute to residents who suffered loss in the storm. We directed 10,000 each to five locations, including New Life Church in Houston.

The first batch of 1,000 pillows unpacked at New Life Church went to the Houston Police Department, for 200 families from HPD, local fire departments, and other first responders who lost their homes or suffered severe damage in the storm.



After the tragic collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge on March 26, 2024, SC Baltimore jumped into action by coordinating church response for first responders working in recovery efforts.

"While mobilizing support for the first responders, we worked with the four churches at the base of the bridge to organize in-person and virtual prayer vigils, as well as collecting and mobilizing donated goods," said Matt Stevens, SCB's Director.

Over 18 pallets of food, snacks, and drinks were collected and distributed in the first two weeks, he said.

"More than 65 churches and ministries spent those two weeks rallying support, food, and supplies for the massive first responder effort. We are now working together to care for the families of the seven victims."



ABOVE LEFT: Doug meets with the interim Chief of Police at the Houston PD.

ABOVE RIGHT: Pastors and community leaders attend the Houston P.D. Kingwood Patrol P.I.P. (Positive Interaction Program) meeting to meet the new Kingwood Patrol Station Commander and present a framed "In God We Trust" gift.

LEFT: Chaplain and long-time friend Edward Smith (right) distributes devotionals to officers in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

SCA receives Governor's Award

Somebody Cares America has been awarded the Excellence in Disaster Volunteerism Award by the Governor of Texas' OneStar Foundation for the ministry's work in Winter Storm Uri response, long-term rebuilding from Hurricane Harvey, and meeting community needs in multiple ways during the COVID crisis.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott, Honorary Chair of the 2021 Governor's Volunteer Awards, announced the recipients of the 38th annual awards on October 11. The awards honor the exemplary service of individuals and organizations that have made significant, measurable contributions to Texas communities through service and volunteering in the past year. Awardees were selected for engaging in volunteer service that effectively addresses a critical need, makes a sustained positive impact on the community, and inspires others to get involved.

In a press release, the Foundation stated:

"During times of disaster, Somebody Cares America mobilizes local churches

and partner organizations to serve communities by providing financial and material resources along with training, manpower, leadership, and expertise. As a result, churches and their members become a volunteer army equipped to meet the needs of their neighborhoods.

"In every region of Texas and following every major disaster, SCA partner volunteers have distributed meals, supplies, and resources and assisted survivors with property repair and clean-up.

"Following Winter Storm Uri, SCA distributed plumbing supplies to address problems created by the freezing cold and provided nearly \$100,000 in community grants and individual assistance to those impacted.

"In response to COVID-19, SCA supplied thousands of N-95 masks to first responders, medical professionals, and others throughout Texas.

"In the greater Houston area alone, SCA gave out \$280,000 in funding as well as valuable in-kind gifts through dozens of partner churches and minis-



tries to assist with hardships caused by the pandemic."

"We were honored to be nominated for one of the Governor's Excellence Awards," said Doug Stringer, "and truly surprised to be one of the recipients of this prestigious award.

"There are so many deserving people and organizations that could have been chosen. We are humbled to be receiving it on behalf of all our team, volunteers, and partner churches and organizations."

OneStar Foundation President Chris Bugbee stated during the ceremony: "Without your contributions, our communities would not be as resilient as they are."



“Tonight, City of Manvel Government hosted our Brazoria County Cities Association meeting. Doug Stringer was inspirational in his speech about leadership and revival of the spirit,” said Manvel TX Council Member Crystal Sarmiento on July 17, 2024.

The meeting had been scheduled weeks earlier, but with local leaders challenged and stretched in the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl, the timing was providential. “All of our cities were so united throughout the response, and Doug did a really good job of speaking on the importance of that in leadership,” she said.



“Some informative and insightful meetings on the border in Eagle Pass, Texas the last few days. We brought many *Behind The Lines* devotionals for Texas National Guard, State Troopers, and Border Patrol, as gifts for those who wanted them, as well as some of my *Leadership Awakening* books. We also brought many *Behind The Badge* devotionals as gifts.

“We had some providential meetings with the Mayor, the Police Chief, the County Judge, the Lieutenant Colonel of Texas Guard, and other troopers, BP, CBP, and law enforcement. We were also able to bring some appreciation, encouragement and prayers.

“From covering lunches with some leaders, to showing appreciation by covering dinner for some current and former BP Agents, we had many opportunities to listen and share encouragement and prayers.

“On one evening we stopped by a coffee shop and ran into a Texas State Trooper and Florida State Trooper who we shared some wonderful fellowship and conversation.

“We are working on ways to further serve the community.”

DOUG STRINGER, FEB 2024



TOP: In February 2025, Doug joined pastors, community leaders, and the Mayor of Houston to announce the formation of Police, Pastors & People. ABOVE: Doug and SCA annually participate in National Law Enforcement Prayer Week activities.



SOMEBODY CARES WELCOMES HOUSTON PD TO NEW OUTPOST CENTER

Somebody Cares provided lunch for the opening celebration of a Community and Hospitality Outpost provided by the owner of the building where SCA offices are located.

"Somebody Cares Houston participated in the dedication by providing Chick-Fil-A box lunches and Behind the Badge and Bullet Proof Marriage devotionals," Doug Stringer said. "We were also blessed to donate a new couch and an air fryer for the center."

The outpost provides a convenient location where Houston Police Department officers who are working in the area can come between calls to file reports, take their meal breaks, and prepare for their daily assignments.



Somebody Cares America was blessed to partner with the Rebuild Texas Fund, the Jasper/Newton Long-term Recovery Team, and Somebody Cares Jasper/Newton Counties in delivering a gift of two swift water rescue boats to the Kirbyville Mayor and Police Chief.

The boats connect together, hold around 1800 pounds (about eight people), run in a minimum of six inches of water, and can be launched just about anywhere.

They have been used in multiple flood incidents and water rescues, the first one occurring less than one year after the boats were donated.



Doug Stringer started off his 68th birthday on October 17, 2024, by ministering at the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Academy Prayer Breakfast. "It was an honor to be their speaker for the Police and Clergy Team breakfast gathering," he said.



The Stringers teamed up with Mike and Roxy Lynch from SCA ministry partner Ally Force for a back to school outreach. Mike, who is also part of our Holy Smoke USA disaster response grill team and a chaplain with Minneapolis Police Department, coordinated the event with law enforcement officers from around the region serving as volunteers. Attendees--which included a large population of Native Americans--received backpacks and school supplies, along with burgers and hot dogs from the Ally Force grill.



Equipping Houston area police departments for back-to-school and Christmas outreach to their communities.



BUILDING BRIDGES IN SAN ANTONIO

On July 24, 2022, SC San Antonio partnered with Harper's Chapel Baptist Church and the San Antonio Police Department by providing grilled sausage and free backpacks as part of a fun afternoon of food, games, and music.

The goal of the event was to build relationships between the community, the church, and local law enforcement. As one officer said, "It feels good to be part of the solution by giving our young people an understanding of what a police officer is and what we do."

Mark Royce, Director of SC San Antonio, added: "When the Lord uses His Church to build relationships, it can transform communities."



On September 11, 2023, the Stringers and SC Pasco/Hernando joined local city leaders and first responders in Port Richey FL for a time of prayer and remembrance in honor of those who served and gave their lives on 9/11.



ABOVE LEFT: Doug was the keynote speaker at the inaugural Mission First Alliance conference, held in Chattanooga in September 2024. The organization's goal is to mobilize and equip the local church in its efforts to support law enforcement personnel.

ABOVE: SCA sent funds to assist firefighters during the 2025 Los Angeles fires, along with devotionals.

LEFT: The Stringers en route to shift change/roll call at a nearby precinct, making themselves available to pray for, minister to, and build relationships with local officers.



Doug and Lisa Stringer joined others in the Police and Clergy Alliance (PACA) to bless the Houston Police Department with an appreciation lunch on Thursday, May 18, 2024. "We ministered to 600 Houston police officers who know we love them and are praying for them," said PACA member Karin Chase. SCA donated *Behind the Badge* and *Bullet Proof Marriage* devotionals to give to the officers, as well.