

R-73-2026

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING PASTORS JOHN MARK TURNER, ANDREW MERKLE
AND SHIRLEY SWANSON AS POLICE CHAPLAINS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141, the position of Police Chaplain was created in Chapter 28, Article IX of the Code of the Township of Elk; and

WHEREAS, Pastors John Mark Turner, Andrew Merkle and Shirley Swanson have been serving as Police Chaplains for Elk Township since April 19, 2022; and

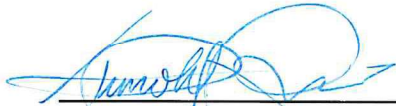
WHEREAS, Pastors John Mark Turner, Andrew Merkle and Shirley Swanson shall continue to serve for a period of 1 year of this appointment, with their term to expire on May 4, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Elk that Pastors John Mark Turner, Andrew Merkle and Shirley Swanson be and are hereby reappointed to serve as Police Chaplain for the Township of Elk.

THIS RESOLUTION IS DULY ADOPTED at a Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Elk held on April 22, 2026, at the Municipal Building, 680 Whig Lane, Aura, New Jersey.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF ELK



TIMOTHY PINE, Acting Township Clerk

James Rambo, Mayor

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April 7, 2026

To: Elk Township Committee

RE: Elk Township Police Chaplain Program Re-appointment; Chaplain John Turner

FROM: Chief Lance Hitzelberger

Mayor and Committee,

I am writing you this letter to recommend the re-appointment of Chaplain John Turner to the Elk Township Police Chaplain Program. Chaplain Turner completed the Request for Re-appointment Form, and the required background check was completed. This re-appointment will begin on 05/04/2026 and expire on 05/04/2027.

Thank you and please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,


Chief Lance Hitzelberger #2215

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To: Elk Township Committee

RE: Elk Township Police Chaplain Program Re-appointment; Chaplain Shirley Swanson

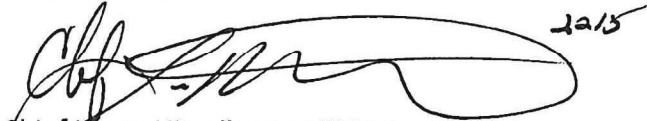
FROM: Chief Lance Hitzelberger

Mayor and Committee,

I am writing you this letter to recommend the re-appointment of Chaplain Shirley Swanson to the Elk Township Police Chaplain Program. Chaplain Swanson completed the Request for Re-appointment Form, and the required background check was completed. This re-appointment will begin on 05/04/2026 and expire on 05/04/2027.

Thank you and please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,


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April 7, 2026

To: Elk Township Committee

RE: Elk Township Police Chaplain Program Re-appointment; Chaplain Andrew Merkle

FROM: Chief Lance Hitzelberger

Mayor and Committee,

I am writing you this letter to recommend the re-appointment of Chaplain Andrew Merkle to the Elk Township Police Chaplain Program. Chaplain Merkle completed the Request for Re-appointment Form, and the required background check was completed. This re-appointment will begin on 05/04/2026 and expire on 05/04/2027.

Thank you and please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lance Hitzelberger", with the number "2215" written to the right of the signature.

Chief Lance Hitzelberger #2215