

What do I carry as a chaplain?

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- **Several bottles of water.**
- **High visibility safety vest.**
- **Teddy Bears.**
- **Rain gear**
- **Blankets**
- **Resource Guide**
- **Contact Cards**
- **Hand warmers**
- **Kleenex**
- **Antibacterial Wipes**
- **Disposable gloves**
- **Extra flashlights/batteries**
- **Umbrella**
- **Gum or breath mints**
- **Snacks**
- **Mylar emergency blankets.**
- **N-95 masks**
- **Flip flops**

I carry a few other things as well, such as extra fluids for my vehicle and paper towels, my ID card, appropriate clothing/uniform, rubber boots, and a small shovel if potentially traveling in snow or sand. I took a small pocket-sized Carmax with a screw on cap and filled it with Vicks vapor rub. You will want that with you to use on your upper lip to mask odors at times (think summer time and rotting flesh etc... trust me!). Also, a marker for your vehicle that you can hang on your rear view mirror (check with your agency) or a magnet for the front doors, or at least something large and highly visible for the dash board that identifies the organization you are with and your role. Local authorities will want to know why your vehicle is where it is sometimes when you are responding. Never assume you can park close to the scene without permission.

As a chaplain, it's not a bad idea to have a bible you can give away if asked for one. First aid kit for yourself, small notepads (I prefer the "Rite in the Rain" brand and their weather proof pen) and extra pens, and extra communication things such as spare battery or charger for your cell phone, and a hand cranked am/fm/weather radio/USB charger. If serving a large area such as a wildfire chaplain, a good set of binoculars and printed road maps are important for when GPS and cell phones fail. Bug repellent and sunscreen are generally a good idea as well.



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