

Learn about our new mission...Quilts for Cops



Quilts for Cops was founded by Bobbie Bebereia, a retired 911 Dispatcher at Oregon's second largest PSAP 911 center, with the intention of providing some kind of comfort to Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders who are injured in the line of duty. Since its inception in 2016, over 1700 quilts have been given to First Responders across the nation who have been injured in the line of duty.

Recognizing a need in Chicago, retired Officer Marla Margelewski volunteered to organize a Chicago presence. The Police Chaplains Ministry is proud to offer support and Chaplain Hysni Selenica will be working with Marla. Marla is a long arm quilter with years of experience and is familiar with the Quilts for Cops organization.

As any other charitable organization, the Chicago Chapter is looking for support through donations. If you would like to support them with a cash donation, you can visit our website and click our link. (<https://www.chicagopcm.org/donation.php>)

You can also donate sewing goods or supplies through our Amazon Smiles Wish List <https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/IZ1GZYJO90K>

If you would like to donate fabrics or finished quilts we have guidelines which have been set by the national foundation. See below under QUILT INFORMATION.



QUILTS FOR COPS



QUILT INFORMATION

Your support and interest are appreciated. Quilts for Cops relies solely on the generous donations of our volunteers. We welcome quilt tops and, of course, finished quilts that are ready to send. While our goal is to give out quilts in a timely manner, we want these quilts to be lasting, usable treasures that will provide comfort in the long term. They need to hold up to use and washings which is why standards have been set by the originating foundation.

As we do not personally know the recipients, and are not familiar with their likes and dislikes, we request neutrality in colors and prints.

- Quilt Size – between 60-64” wide by 80-84” long. Larger quilts are more difficult to box and ship.
- Quilt Fabric – Please use quality fabrics. Flannel quilts (top or backing) are fine as well.
- Quilt Colors-Design – Neutral colors and prints. Blue, black, brown, gray, subdued reds and earthy greens are good choices. No panel quilts, sports or novelty themes, bright colors or kids’ prints. We also do not prefer to use white in large amounts.
- Backing – If sending backing with your top, please make sure it is 8-10 inches wider in width and length than the top.
- Tops – If your top is scrappy, a binding can usually be found. If you choose to send the binding, please cut 2-1/2” wide (3” for flannels), diagonal, pressed seams joining the strips.

PLEASE – check your work. Make sure there are no tension problems or missed seams. A quick, final press will also be appreciated.

If you wish to provide a Finished Quilt – Please have the item machine-quilted with a 3-3-1/2” quilting density to hold up to use and washing (no area larger than 3-3-1/2” left unquilted). Binding needs to be done by machine as well. We can provide a quilt label to be sewn into the binding.



For more information, you may contact Marla directly via her cell phone 312.656.7089