

Portland Police Bureau Community Programs and Partnerships

Camp Rosenbaum

The Portland Police Bureau, in partnership with The Oregon Air National Guard, housing authority officials, and several local county, city and state law enforcement and fire protection agencies, participates in Camp Rosenbaum each summer.

For 38 years, Camp Rosenbaum has given more than 4,000 children from low-income housing a memorable experience at an unique summer camp. The 9 to 11 year-old boys and girls who attend each year come from Housing Authorities throughout Oregon and SW Washington.

The mission of Camp Rosenbaum is to show these children they can choose to live a better life away from the troubled paths of dropping out of school, crime, gangs, drugs and violence. Camp Rosenbaum's goal is to empower children to take responsibility for their lives, make the right choices, and turn away from the allure of trouble.



Crisis Response Team

The Crisis Response Team is designed to intervene in traumatic situations which impact individuals, families and the community at large. This program uses a group of screened and trained volunteers who provide support to victims of traumatic events, their families and loved ones following a crisis. Volunteers are called to the scene by authorized law enforcement personnel and/or members of the medical community. There are four CRTs: North/Northeast; Sexual Minorities; Hispanic; and Asian Communities.

Any Bureau member, medical examiner or member of the medical community may request direct assistance from the Crisis Response Team for situations such as homicides, suicides, serious assaults, officer-involved use of force, etc. The CRT can also be used for a preventive measure during special events or holidays (e.g. Asian New Year, Cinco De Mayo), and to dispel rumors and tension surrounding a particular incident.

GREAT

The Portland Police Bureau participates in the Gang Resistance Education And Training or G.R.E.A.T., is a school-based, law enforcement taught classroom curriculum. The program's primary objective is prevention and teaches life skills that help immunize students against youth violence, delinquency and gang involvement. The program also works as an effective bridge between police and the community's youth, allowing relationships to be forged that extend outward from the school into your cities or towns neighborhoods.



Trained, uniformed police officers present the G.R.E.A.T. Program in a classroom setting.

They deliver the 13-week curriculum to middle school students, facilitating a wide range of activities, that result in the necessary life skills, a sense of competency, usefulness, and personal empowerment needed to avoid involvement in youth violence and criminal activity.

The program is designed to help middle school students become responsible members of their communities, by setting goals for themselves, resisting pressures, learning how to resolve conflicts and understanding how gangs impact the quality of their life. G.R.E.A.T. culminates with a certificate of graduation, a new philosophical outlook toward police, and the tools needed to resist gang pressure.



Disability Accommodation Registry

The Disability Accommodation Registry is voluntary registry for people with developmental, mental health or physical disabilities who may have difficulty communicating their needs to an officer because of an acute crisis or a continuing disability.

Individuals with mental health, developmental or physical disabilities, or their legal guardian, may register for the program. The DAR information is entered into the Portland Police Data System. When an officer comes in contact with a person who has signed up for the DAR, the name comes back noting they are a participant in the DAR and provides the officer with the information they provided (e.g.: emergency contact information or particular needs of the DAR participants during a crisis situation).

Safety Zone: Cops Talk

Safety Zone: Cops Talk is a personal safety, crime prevention, and police awareness curriculum for adults with the developmental disability of Mental Retardation. It is designed to be taught by a uniformed police officer or sheriff's deputy. This comprehensive curriculum includes 27 lessons that can be combined and sequenced according to participants' needs. Safety Zone: Cops Talk classes are taught frequently throughout the Portland Metropolitan area.

Senior Locks Program

The Senior Locks Program installs free deadbolt locks and other security hardware on houses of eligible senior homeowners free of charge. This program is funded through the Portland Police Bureau and the Bureau of Housing and Community Development. Due to this program, thousands of local seniors feel safer in their homes.

Shop with a Cop

The annual Shop with a Cop, which is held prior to the start of a new school year, allows Portland Police Officers to take local school kids shopping for new school clothes. Through partnerships

with Rose Community Development, G.R.E.A.T., the Portland Police Association and the Boys and Girls Club, more than 150 kids each year are assisted in this program.

Sunshine Division

Through its partnership with the Portland Police Bureau, the Sunshine Division is the only source of 24-hour food assistance in the metro area. Food boxes are provided to each Portland Police precinct for most emergencies that occur after normal business hours or on weekends. Portland police



officers who during the course of their normal duties encounters a family or individual in need, will distribute an Officer Referral card. Recipients present this referral card at Sunshine Division headquarters to receive assistance with no questions asked. The Sunshine Division, which began in 1923, is best known for its holiday food boxes, but is actually a year-round food and clothing provider. Last year, the Sunshine Division:

- distributed 881,342 pounds of food to more than 36 nonprofit organizations
- delivered 4,000 food boxes to needy families during the holidays
- distributed 13,477 emergency food boxes by Portland police officers within their precincts
- distributed 18,691 clothing and bedding items
- made it possible for 162 children to receive new school clothing through the Izzy's Kids Clothing Program



WomenStrength/GirlStrength

WomenStrength provides free self-defense classes and personal safety workshops to people around the Portland area. WomenStrength has taught self-defense skills to approximately 20,000 women and teenage girls, and personal safety workshops to over 62,000 women and men.

WomenStrength has one paid staff member and 40+ volunteer staff members, who instruct the self-defense classes and fully participate in the creation of curriculum and policy. Many of the volunteer staff are graduates of WomenStrength who had such a good experience with the self-defense class that they decided to volunteer their time to teach it.



GirlStrength

GirlStrength is a new self-defense program offered through the Portland Police Bureau for girls 10-14 years of age. GirlStrength shares the same philosophy as its sister program, WomenStrength. GirlStrength is a free comprehensive self-defense course that focuses on

empowering girls and demystifying fear while also teaching verbal assertiveness and physical self-defense skills. This eight-week program is designed for girls in grades 5-8 and is available to any school in the Portland area.

Z-Man Scholarship

The Z-Man Scholarship was established to build upon the work and goodwill that Officer Mark Zylawy provided to the citizens of Portland for more than 17 years. Its goal is to provide substantial, life-altering opportunities in the lives of the young people and to help them understand what service and commitment to community—and to mankind—is all about.

Portland Police Bureau members and community members contribute to the fund in order to provide scholarships for local kids to attend LaSalle and De LaSalle North Catholic College Prep High Schools.

Mark Y. Zylawy, “Z-Man”, a highly regarded Portland police officer, died January 27, 2008, in a tragic and untimely accident at the age of 40. He worked as a district officer in Northeast Portland for 17 years with passion, dedication and enthusiasm throughout his career.

