

PCCEP Recommendation

Title of Recommendation	Recommendation of acknowledgement		
Author(s): (Subcommittee or committee members)	Joint effort of Behavioral Health/Racial Equity Subcommittees	Date presented	1/26/21 Approved 1/26/2021
<p>We the members of PCCEP and the Community request that a formal letter be sent out within 7-10 business days (Or Less) acknowledging the passing of an individual who has been involved in a lethal force event, expressing to the family the remorse for their loss by the City. We also recommend that a follow up visit be done, by trained staff to provide the family to support services for their loss if they so choose.</p>			

<p>Explanation of recommendation:</p> <p>Officer Involved Shootings and other instances of force resulting in serious injury or death are a significant event for officers and our community. Despite the circumstances, it is imperative that the event is handled diligently and that the persons impacted, as well as the community are handled with care and compassion by city officials. Portland Committee on Community Engaged Policing members ask that the original recommendation brought forth by the Subcommittee for People with Mental Illness, be considered and noted.</p> <p>In the past year, PCCEP has heard from numerous community members detailing many ways justice would look like for people who are impacted by police violence. The community continues to demand transparency, accountability and justice for all. Victims of police violence leave behind family members who often feel like their loved one didn't matter, and that the victim's life didn't matter to City officials. This acknowledgement will not only help the families of those killed by acknowledging their loss and grief; and can help to build community collaboration and trust.</p>
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<p>How does this recommendation redress barriers to racial equity?</p>	<p>People of color in Portland are disproportionately policed. The most recent OIR report shows that five of ten incidents resulted in death, and four were people of color.</p>
<p>How does this recommendation improve outcomes for people with behavioral health issues, challenges and /or in crisis?</p>	<p>The lawsuit that led to the Settlement Agreement was rooted in disproportionate policing of people with mental challenges or perceived to be in a behavioral health crisis. This recommendation seeks to humanize a death, and bring comfort to the loved ones of those left behind.</p>
<p>How were marginalized and underrepresented communities, including those who will be affected by this recommendation, engaged to shape, write and otherwise develop this recommendation?</p>	<p>This recommendation seeks to re-elevate an original recommendation brought forth by the Subcommittee for People with Mental Illness. In addition to the work of the previous SPMI committee, PCCEP has held numerous listening sessions where community members spoke of the need for this recommendation. Additionally, PCCEP members met with the original SPMI members to include their input in this recommendation.</p>

Resources

1. PCCEP RE August 20, 2020 meeting, <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/pccep/article/764967>
2. PCCEP BH/RE November 19, 2020 meeting <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4QGXHCRX-k&feature=youtu.be>
3. <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/ipr/article/767392>

4. <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/76940>