

CRT History

In 1993, the citizens of inner North and Northeast Portland communities and the Portland Police Bureau formed a partnership to address the high number of deaths due to gang and drug-related violence and other traumatic incidents. In July 1994 the first Crisis Response Team was established, the North/Northeast Crisis Response Team (NECRT). Within the first year of operation the NECRT responded to approximately 28 calls, ranging from homicide, suicide, SIDs, and other traumatic incidents. Because of successful efforts of the NECRT, three other CRTs were established: Asian/Pacific Islander CRT in August 1995, Hispanic CRT in February 1996, and Sexual Minorities CRT in June 1996.

The Portland Police Bureau is one of the first police departments in the nation to form partnerships with its culturally diverse communities to provide support to persons affected by a traumatic incident.

Funding

The Portland Police Bureau has dedicated an officer to serve as Crisis Response Team Program Coordinator and a VOCA grant funds a Senior Administrative Support Specialist position. All other work is performed by trained volunteers.

A trust account has been established to accept donations. Donations can be accepted by mailing a check payable to "PPB CRT Trust Fund", Portland Police Bureau, 449 NE Emerson Street, Portland, OR 97211-3209. Please include your name, address and telephone number so that your gift can be acknowledged. Our Tax ID #93-6002236.

For more information regarding the CRT Program, please contact the Program Coordinator at 503-823-2095.

The Mission of the Portland Police Bureau's Crisis Response Team is to intervene in traumatic situations which impact individuals, families and the community at large.

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PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM

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**A volunteer service for victims of
traumatic incidents and their families.
A partnership between the Portland Police
Bureau and its communities.**



PPB CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM Helping Our Community In A Time Of Crisis

What is the CRT?

The Crisis Response Team (CRT) is 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/Pacific Islander communities.

When is the CRT called?

Any bureau member, medical examiner or member of the medical community may request direct assistance from the Crisis Response Team.

The CRT can be utilized not only for crisis intervention purposes following a traumatic incident but also as 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.

The CRT can be called to assist in the following traumatic incidents:

- Homicide
- Suicide
- Serious assault
- S.I.D.S. (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome)
- Accidental death
- Assistance with death notification
- Robbery (business and residential home invasion)

Asian/Pacific Islander and Hispanic CRTs will also respond to the following:

- Sexual assaults (as an additional resource upon request)
- Domestic violence (if the victim and/or children need shelter placement)
- Search warrants (note: only for translating Miranda rights and immediate processing procedures)

Sexual Minorities CRT will also respond to the following:

- Hate and bias motivated crimes
- Sexual assaults (as an additional resource upon request)

Services provided by the CRT

In many situations, first responders to an emergency do not have the resources to provide needed services to victims. As a result, the victims or survivors may feel confused and isolated. This can increase their trauma in an already horrible situation. The CRT can help minimize the effects of the trauma by providing services frequently not available through other means. CRT members have committed themselves to treat all parties with respect for their culture with regard for their physical and emotional health.

The CRT will assist with the following services:

- Provide immediate on-site support to those affected by the incident.
- Assist with coordination of additional support and services as needed.
- Act as a liaison between the Portland Police Bureau, the community at large and family (when needed).
- Notify family, friends, school, work and any other appropriate persons or agencies.
- Accompany injured person(s) to emergency facilities.
- Assist with follow-up referrals to appropriate agencies including victim assistance programs.
- Assist with funeral arrangements and attend related services.
- Follow-up with victim(s) and family.

What the CRT will not do

- Will not make any recommendations to a particular funeral home or cemetery.
- Will not disclose any personal or confidential information about the incident.
- Will not give legal, medical, psychological or financial advice.
- Will not use personal resources for the families (i.e. housing, food, etc.)

For More Information

CRT Program Coordinator:

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Your CRT Responder is:

Clergy _____

Pager _____

Team Member _____

Pager _____

Team Member _____

Pager _____

Additional victim resources

Detective Division.....503-823-0400
Medical Examiner.....503-451-2220
Mult. Co. Victims Assistance.....503-988-3222
Domestic Violence Reduction Unit...503-823-0090
Mult. Co. Triage Center.....503-988-4888
Red Cross.....503-284-1234
Harry's Mother (youth shelter).....503-233-8111
Portland Women's Crisis Hotline.....503-235-5333
(Domestic violence referrals)