

City of Portland, Oregon Portland Police Bureau Partnership Agreement

Regarding communications and public safety issues between the Portland Police Bureau and the residents and coordinators of Dignity Village.

Facilitators:

Rosie Sizer, Jim Powell, PPB; Jack Tafari, Ibrahim Mubarek, John Hubbard, Dignity Village; Bob Durston, City of Portland.

Goals:

To facilitate consistent communication between members of the Portland Police Bureau and residents and coordinators of Dignity Village in regards to public safety issues, criminal investigations, and community policing as it relates to Dignity Village.

I. THE AGREED UPON PROBLEM NECESSITATING ACTION:

Residents of the area commonly known as "Dignity Village" and members of the Portland Police Bureau have encountered communication problems in the past, often related to lack of understanding of common police procedure on the part of Village residents and leaders, and misconceptions regarding the goals of the Village and subsequent internal working procedures within the Village on the part of members of the Portland Police Bureau.

II. THE MAJOR GOALS TO BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THIS PARTNERSHIP:

To develop and maintain consistent lines of communication between coordinators and security personnel of Dignity Village and members of the Portland Police Bureau.

To provide for liaison services to resolve communications issues and complaints between the Village and the Police Bureau.

To increase awareness of public safety issues related to Dignity Village and its surrounding areas, and foster communications with all related area residents and businesses in such a manner as to support the goals of community policing, including reduction of crime and the fear of crime among all citizens in the area of the Village.

When police officers come to the Village, residents will withdraw from the situation and direct police to the appropriate security personnel on duty and/or to the Village coordinator(s) to escort them as noted above.

The following listed representatives agree to the aforementioned terms of this Partnership Agreement on August 23, 2001.

Commander Rosie Sizer (PPB Liaison)

Jack Tafari (Dignity Village Representative)

John Hubbard (Dignity Village Representative)