SEXUAL MINORITIES ROUNDTABLE

Community Members
Gresham Police Department
Multnomah County District Attorney's Office
Multnomah County Sheriff's Office
Portland Police Bureau
website: www.portlandpolice.org – Face Book

Citizen Co-Chair: Dan Rosen PPB Co-Chair Assistant Chief Eric Hendricks
Assistant Co-Chairs: Cory Murphy and Joe LeBlanc

Tuesday, September 11, 2012
Justice Center, Chief's Conference Room
1111 SW 2nd Avenue, Room 1526
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM – Brown Bag

In Attendance
Please see roster

General Introductions

- Co-chair Dan Rosen opened the meeting, asking those present to remember the September 11 first responders.
- Introductions were made.
- Captain Ed Hamann of the Drugs and Vice Division co-chaired the meeting in AC Hendricks place.

Bias Crime Report – Sergeant Anthony Passadore & Detective Kevin Warren

- There was no bias crime report for the month.

Old Business:

Outreach Survey

- The results of the outreach survey during Pride weekend were distributed and discussed.
- Many of the respondents did not know about SMRT.

- Many of the respondents did not know about what role SMRT plays in the community.
- The SMRT mission was not clearly known
- Multnomah County has offered to help with the design and construction of future surveys.
- The next step will be deciding how SMRT markets, then to do a new baseline for a survey.
- Contact Multnomah County with the marketing plan, then a new survey can be designed.

Action Item: Form a working group from SMRT to construct a future survey.

Web Page

- A strategy for getting the website operational and a release date need to be established.
- SMRT group needs to decide who we are.
- The website launch will be a part of the rebranding
- Goals need to be set and executed

Multnomah County Youth Forum Presentation

- There was a discussion of the August 14 presentation by the Multnomah County Youth Forum. Strategies for clarifying the purpose of working with the Youth Commission and future contact with the forum were weighed.

<u>New Business:</u>

Rebranding Discussion

- Ideas and questions were exchanged regarding the rebranding of SMRT.
    - What community are we trying to serve?
    - Do sexual assault victims constitute a true sexual minority?
    - Are sex workers a sexual minority, or do they form a sub-set that is being exploited? Are they best served by other support groups?
    - Other organizations help sexually exploited youth.
    - SMRT is open to all groups. We need to make a safe space for everyone.
    - If someone states they have done something illegal during a SMRT meeting, would PPB members of SMRT take action? It was answered that it would depend on what the illegal act was, for example murder versus running a red light. Decisions about police taking action need to be made on a case by case basis.

- The representative from the US Attorney's office said that mandatory reporters could be asked to leave the room before the statement was made.
- Time and resources for the SMRT group are limited. It may make sense to limit the scope of the group.
- The rebranding process needs to be started by getting the website operational and beginning the marketing efforts.
- There is a general consensus regarding the group representing the LGBTQ community.
- LGBTQ should be part of the name.
- The work of SMRT should be centered around the most cogent identity of the group, and the relationship to governmental entities.
- Consider sexual identity versus sexual minority.
- "Roundtable" may be an archaic term. Consider using "partnership" instead.
- Concept: the criminal justice community in partnership w/ sexual identities.
- Concept: sexual identities community partnership.

Action Item: Linda Metzger will send an email to the SMRT group requesting name ideas and thoughts for the SMRT mission.

Announcements:

- Gay Fair on the Square – September 16
- Aids Walk Portland – September 23
- National Coming Out Day – October 11
- Basic Rights Oregon, Trans Artists on Healthcare – September 14
- Ignite Portland – September 19
- Liberation-Based Healing Conference – October 19-20

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 9, 2012
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Portland Police Bureau Chief's Office