

# Groups Mobilize for Police Reforms

## Call out made for Saturday rally, march

A broad cross section of Portland groups is calling for public involvement in police union talks and other police reforms.

The Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform is calling on the community to show their support for their agenda items during a rally and march in at Pioneer Square in downtown Portland starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25.

In less than a year, Portland police have been involved in several high profile cases involving the use of excessive force. These include the shooting deaths of three men: Aaron Campbell, Jack Collins, and Keaton Otis and the police arrest of a 12 old girl who was tasered and shot with a bean bag gun at a MAX station.

The AMA Coalition has taken a strong stand for scrutiny of the police bureau's use of excessive force policy, the need for more public involvement in the Independent Police Review Committee, and opening police union contract talks to the public.

"The main goal of the rally on September 25th is to continue mobilizing the community for justice and police reform," said Rev. Dr. LeRoy Haynes, of the AMA Coalition. "Our work is not done. We need to restore a respectful relationship between Portland's police force and the community."

Also joining Haynes as guest speakers for the rally, are Kasey Jama, executive director of the Center for Intercultural Organizing; Chris O'Connor of the Mental Health Association; Israel Beyer, editor "Street Roots" newspaper; Rev. Bill Sinkford, new Senior Minister of First Unitarian Church; Marco Mejia, Board Director of VOZ Workers Rights Education Project; and representatives from Sisters of the Road, Basic Rights Oregon and Portland Copwatch and more.

The Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform is working toward the following five goals:

1. A federal investigation of the Portland Police Bureau by the Justice Department to include criminal and civil rights violations, as well as a federal audit of patterns and practices of the bureau.

2. Strengthening the Independent Police Review Division and the Citizen Review Committee with the goal of adding power to compel testimony.

3. A full review of the bureau's excessive force and deadly force policies and training with diverse citizen participation for the purpose of making recommendations to change policies and training.



Rev. Dr. LeRoy Haynes

4. The Oregon State Legislature narrowing the language of the state statute for deadly force used by police officers.

5. Establishing a special prosecutor for police excessive force and deadly force cases.

The AMA Coalition for Justice and Police Reform is guided by the principles of non-violent direct action as enunciated by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and is dedicated to working as a team to achieve its goals.

For more information, call Rev. Haynes at 503-249-5844 or Rev. Kate Lore at 503-706-6482.

## Officer Could Get Fired

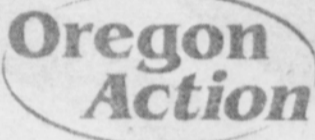

The mayor of Portland and its police chief say they have proposed disciplinary action in the fatal shooting of an unarmed man during a standoff with officers — but the city officials didn't reveal terms of the punishment.



The Oregonian reported last week that a police review board has recommended that Officer Ronald Frashour be fired for fa-

tally shooting 25-year-old Aaron Campbell in the back.

The review board has also recommended another officer and supervisors be disciplined, including a suspension for one supervisor.

The Portland police union said it would challenge the discipline, although it, too, would not say exactly what's been proposed.

**September 25th**  
**Saturday, 11am - 3pm**  
**Genesis Community Fellowship**  
**5425 NE 27th & Killingsworth, 97211**  
**Free Food, Face Painting, Prize Raffle & More!**

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