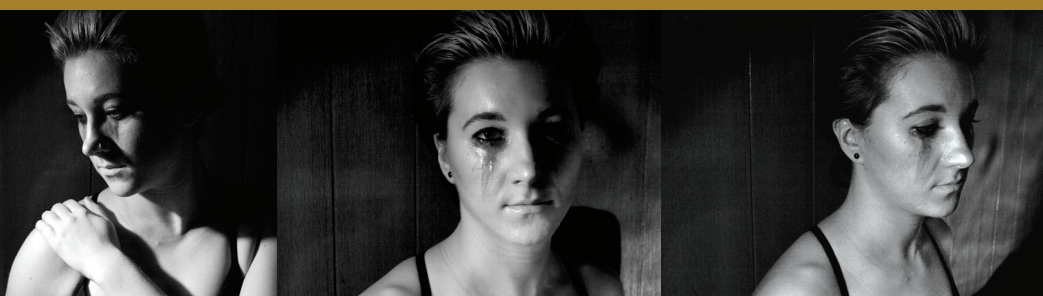


DISCUSSING GLBT VIOLENCE



PRESENTED BY THE CALGARY POLICE SERVICE SEXUALITY AND GENDER DIVERSITY CHIEF ADVISORY BOARD
MARCH 25, 2010 | 6:00 to 8:30 PM | EAU CLAIRE MARKET COMMUNITY ROOM

Please join us for an informative night discussing violence and the GLBT Community. The Sexuality and Gender Diversity Chief Advisory Board will present their 2009 Report to the Community and topics such as Active Witnessing, Same-Sex Domestic Violence, Bashing, and the Reporting Process will be discussed.

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SPEAKERS

CST. LYNN MACDONALD

Cst. MacDonald is a 14 year member with the Calgary Police Service. She has worked in a variety of units within the Service before coming to the Diversity Resources Unit two years ago. Before taking on her current role as the Diversity Resources Officer for the LGBT communities, she held the Hate Crimes Portfolio. Cst. MacDonald belongs to several boards and committees within the LGBT communities. Being a lesbian herself she understands the challenges the communities face in today's society and draws on that to help her in her current position. She has a real passion for Gay rights and is dedicated to working with everyone to bring the LGBT communities together to be a stronger voice within the City of Calgary.

JANE OXENBURY, M.Ed., R.Psych

Jane has a private practice in Calgary, where she works with individuals, couples and families, specializing in the areas of family violence, sexual abuse, depression, and anxiety. She works and trains extensively with the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered communities and with professionals, especially in the areas of Same-Sex Domestic Violence and Bullying and Harassment of GLBT Youth. She is a member of the Psychologists Association of Alberta, the College of Alberta Psychologists, the Canadian Psychologists Association, the Canadian Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology, and the Canadian Society of Clinical Hypnosis – Alberta Division. She has also co-authored the chapter "Counselling Lesbians" in "Culturally-Infused Counselling: Celebrating the Canadian Mosaic, 2005".

VICTIM ASSISTANCE UNIT

The Victim Assistance Unit (V.A.U.) has operated within the Calgary Police Service for over 20 years. In February 2000, V.A.U. introduced V.A.S.T. as a new component.

Volunteers with V.A.U. and V.A.S.T. offer the same service; however, V.A.U. volunteers offer assistance over the telephone whereas V.A.S.T. volunteers offer assistance in person. V.A.S.T. volunteers will attend residences, hospitals, district offices or any place where victims may be. Volunteers lend a listening ear, offer support and reassurance, and provide information regarding: Police procedures; the court system; completing and filing of Victim Impact Statements; completing and applying for Financial Benefits and Restitution; crime prevention strategies (personal safety) and referrals to support agencies, organizations or the CPS Crisis Unit.

DOMESTIC CONFLICT UNIT

The Domestic Conflict Unit's goal is to reduce incidents of domestic conflict by providing an effective and sensitive response to the needs of the victims. Upon completion of a thorough risk assessment to determine if the investigation fits within the scope of the Domestic Conflict Unit's mandate, the file is assigned to one of the two-person teams. This team is then responsible for following up the incident, interviewing the complainant and assessing the person's level of risk. The investigators help the complainant navigate the legal system - often laying additional charges - and connect the victim with support services within the community. If the person is at risk, the officers may move the victim to a shelter or provide safety planning and other options. The Domestic Conflict Unit also investigates all high-risk, habitual stalking offences, especially where there was a previous interpersonal relationship.



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