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Support the grassroots work of Phoenix Copwatch

YES. I feel the work of Phoenix Copwatch is important and want to support the organization with my donation and/or time.

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Enclosed is my donation of \$10 \$20 \$50 Other (\$_____) *Please make checks payable to Phoenix Copwatch*

Please contact me about volunteering with Copwatch Please contact me about upcoming events and meetings

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As the Los Angeles police beat Rodney King over sixty times, one citizen with a video camera taped the whole event. Without that camera, the assault on King would have never been exposed and he would have been just another anonymous victim of police brutality.

If a camera can bring about justice in the King case, it could have brought about justice in the murder of Rudy Buchanan Jr., shot 89 times by thirteen Phoenix police officers in 1995. It also could have brought about justice in the deaths of Edward Mallet, Julio Valerio, Howard Shover Jr., and the numerous other citizens killed by Phoenix police. Possibly it could have saved some of these people's lives.

What is Copwatch?

Copwatch is a group of ordinary people who observe and record police activity on the streets. We do this because we believe that police brutality is widespread in our communities and that the only way to stop it is to confront it directly. We believe that police harassment and brutality is especially widespread in communities of color and that this is due to the long history of white supremacy in this country. For us, the struggle against police brutality is also a struggle against racism.

What does Copwatch do?

Copwatch goes out regularly and videotapes the police as they stop people or pull over their vehicles. We don't interfere with the police but we do record their activities to

prevent police brutality and racism. We don't provoke confrontations with the police, but we do support the principles of self-defense against police attacks. We encourage everyone to watch the police and record what they see. Copwatch is completely independent from the police, all other law enforcement agencies, the government, and all political parties.

What are the goals of Copwatch?

Copwatch wants an immediate end to all police brutality in the Valley. We want to help end it by observing and recording police activity on the streets. We also support the creation of strong civilian review boards run by citizens (not cops) and vested with full investigative and punitive powers. We also demand an end to shoot-to-kill policies among the Valley police departments, in which the police are ordered to shoot to kill a person rather than wound or disable them. Ultimately, we want to make it so that everyone is Copwatch because we all have the right to watch the police.

How Can I Join Copwatch?

Anyone who's not an employee of law enforcement agency can join Copwatch. If you are interested, get in touch; we go out on patrols regularly. If you would like to start a Copwatch in your own neighborhood, we can help.

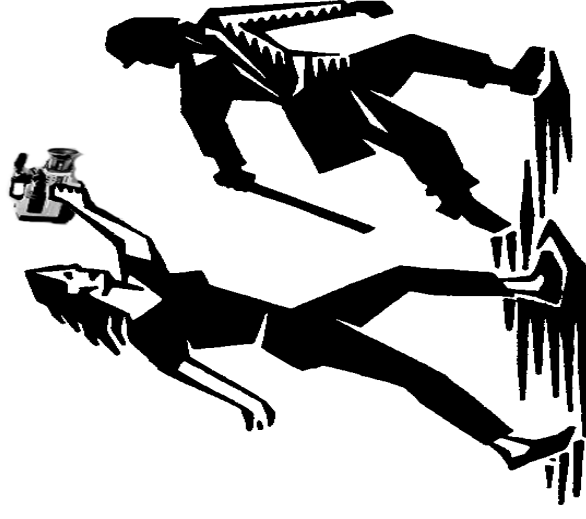
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Copwatch Principles

- The struggle against police brutality is a struggle against racism.
- The goal of Copwatch is to observe and record the police.
- Copwatch does not provoke confrontations with the police.
- Copwatch opposes all forms of oppression.
- Copwatch is an independent organization - we don't work with any government agencies.



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