

Stop Police Violence In Our Communities



Our communities continue to be brutalized by those who have sworn "to serve and

protect." Constantly facing insurmountable police repression, we're forced to ask: Why are we being treated as if we do not feel pain? We ask in different ways, because of the different situations we are in --

We are shown and told that the young, the old, the mentally/physically ill, the black, brown, and yellow, the female, and the poor are not fully human-- our bodies are treated as if they are made only for exploitation and violent disposal.

Cops are used as tools, not to protect the people or our rights, but rather to uphold and defend FASCISM and its "sacred cow" - private property. We have learned that State-sponsored "solutions" are only meant to deceive and terrorize us. By creating and maintaining a constant state of fear-- i.e. the "War on Drugs" "War on Poverty" "War on Crime" and now the "War on Terror" the state fosters racist, sexist, classist, and homophobic climates in our communities, perpetuating all sorts of hostility against people who exist "below."



We cannot allow this violent reality to continue to brutalize our communities. In November 2006, outraged about excessive

police force, the EPD shootings, and the harassing and brutal role that police have in and against our communities, we joined with Cop-Watch LA (CWLA) to share stories and strategies of survival and resistance to police brutality and unreasonable control. CWLA is committed to ending police terrorism and developing alternatives to police through:

- Forming neighborhood patrols
- Supporting people & families that police harass/brutalize/murder
- Developing research & study groups
- Sharing resources/education/trainings
- Participating in a process of building autonomy, self-determination, and the self-organization of our communities.

Here, we began **Redwood Curtain Cop-Watch**, holding similar beliefs as CopWatch LA & other CopWatch groups in the country, and recognizing that we must learn and address needs particular to this region.

We believe that building community and neighborhood relationships is essential to protect each other from police violence.

We want to create various support networks so that people have community options when they believe they are in danger, have problems in their neighborhoods, have fear due to their immigration status, are being harassed, etc.

And we believe it is crucial for the people in this region to be on the streets, patrolling the police.

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Let's work together to protect ourselves from police violence.