

the ad-hoc action group

police observation training program

July 29 thr u August 26

The Ad-Hoc Action Group "Police Observation Program" is a process of asserting the first phase of community control of police and thereby affects all the basic power relationships in this society. This process, that is, the observation program has been developed by persons from all walks of life; white and blue collar workers, laborers, professionals, such as Clergy, Lawyers, Doctors, Teachers, as well as Community Organizers and just plain taxpaying consumers, whether forcibly idled or employed; in other words, it is a program by US, for US, and therefore by definition for YOU. We invite you to join the program, help create the process, thereby making it more yours as well as ours.

The process is one whereby we assert the right, indeed the obligation, to supervise the work of those who ought serve us, yet presume to master us - in what at first is an indirect manner. The first step in this process is learning how to observe by learning what to look for. Secondly, how to observe in a manner that is efficient and economical of time and resources. Thirdly, what tools to use for both observing and, most importantly, documenting what we see. Lastly, how to organize with people so we decide collectively how we will act on our findings. The people will exert control over this and all other institutions, whether it be in a manner that is direct or indirect, formal, informal, legal or extra legal.

The observation program therefore exists as a means of gaining and spreading awareness among the people through appropriate action in the community in a way defined by the people that demands technical expertise and information. The training program will begin with Police Commissioner Patrick V. Murphy; it will be conducted by lawyers, investigators, field organizers, ad-hoc staff and persons like yourselves. It will cover observation techniques and the laws governing them, reporting and documentation techniques, photography and other technical lab work. Finally and most importantly, it will deal with a great amount of data on the police department and the community itself as an organizing objective with an eye to the future.

We urge you to become a participant, to assert yourself through this program in a way that will aid in the development of a society that is functionally just and committed to the people who form it. We the people are taking power over our own material reality in order to redefine our lives. Then - and only then - will there be peace.

ALL POLICE OBSERVATION SESSIONS WILL BE HELD
AT THE AD-HOC BUILDING 5705 WOODWARD AVE.
AT PALMER.

The Role Of The Citizen In Police - Community Relations As Perceived By Patrick V. Murphy Commissioner Of Police And Presented To The People .



As an introduction to the program - the Commissioner has accepted our invitation to present his perceptions of the role of the citizen in Police-Community Relations.

Priorities would demand that any accurate assessment of an institution encompasses that institution's perception of itself - its role and function.

Conscious of the fact that 31 human beings have died at the hands of Police Officers since July, 1967.

That the legal system of this city and state has ruled that there was no crime committed in the Algiers Motel in July of 1967.

That the necessity for restructuring the Jury Selection process reflects the deeply entrenched racism and class bias in this "system of justice."

And the fact that a police force 5,127 strong, functioning in a city which is 47% plus black has only 556 black police officers.

WE UNDERSTAND COMMISSIONER MURPHY'S INSIGHTS WILL ASSIST US IN THE FORMULATION OF OUR DIRECTION AND PROGRAM, SINCE HIS PERCEPTIONS REFLECT THE OFFICIAL POSITION OF THIS INSTITUTION.

WE UNDERSTAND HOWEVER, THAT THE OFFICIAL POSITION OF ANY IS LIMITED BY THE ONGOING PERFORMANCE OF THE MEMBERS OF THAT INSTITUTION.

Schedule

July 29

8:00-10:00

THE ROLE OF THE CITIZEN IN POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Patrick Murphy - Commissioner

August 5 and 12

8:00-10:00

THE LAW

This two part discussion will present an indepth discussion of the law and the legal ramifications of Police Observation

Justin Charles Ravitz- Attorney

August 19

8:00-10:00

PHOTOGRAPHY

A general discussion of photographic techniques for both on the spot coverage and lab work

August 26

8:00-10:00

THE D.P.D. AND THE CITY OF DETROIT

This session will include the structure of the Detroit Police Department in relation to an economic, social and political analysis of the community they purport to serve.

The Ad-Hoc Staff

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete this form and bring to the opening session of the Police Observation Training Program.

NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

PHONE # _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

PHONE # _____

DRIVER'S LICENSE # _____

LICENSE PLATE # _____

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS _____

SKILLS _____

(any skills that you might have that could help in the development of the Police Observation Program, such as Photography, Legal Background etc.)

DATE _____