



Quarterly Newsletter

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From the Director's Chair

As we begin 2009, I reflect on where TIP started and where we want to go this year! We continue to have a “team approach” to everything we tackle. When we experience bad weather – we all pull together and get TIP calls covered by those who can and will drive in the snow! When we have mass mailings to go out – we are taking time to copy, fold, stuff, lick and mail until the job is done! We often refer to our group as the “TIP Family” – but that is what we are – one big, diverse, caring, respectful, colorful, unique family.

In 2009 we will witness the growth and expansion of TIP into Sandy with a training academy scheduled for March in Sandy. Our next area of expansion will be into Washington County. Some of us have been waiting for that growth for years now. We will also be going even more electronic with forms and statistics for reporting purposes.

One of my goals for TIP in 2008 was to expand the circle of dispatchers and create a larger group of people who are more involved in TIP. We are now utilizing many of our Mental Health professionals that are current TIP volunteers into a newly formed group of TIP Debriefers. Now, after every TIP call, a volunteer may talk with the dispatcher, but they will also be “debriefed” by a TIP Debriefers. This has proven to be a positive in so many ways. First, we are getting another 10 people more involved and second, every TIP volunteer is being “cared for” by yet another person. WOW! The volunteers, dispatchers, debriefers and staff are all pleased with how perfectly this “team approach” to responding to calls from start to finish is working.

We will be working with our user agencies to do TIP Talks and educate all new employees about TIP and what we can and will do on scene. This will be a huge, on-going project for the year as we contract with many agencies – large and small. Our goal is to visit every fire station, every shift and every precinct, every shift of every user agency in 2009.

Our TIP Poker Party and the Heroes with Heart Dinner/Auction will continue as our main fundraisers this year. We are looking at a “non-event” in February. Something around Valentines Day, hearts, roses and making a donation to TIP for your Sweetheart and letting TIP honor your Sweetheart in appreciation and recognition of that donation. Another way to tie in the hearts and roses of our program and the city!

I am excited to begin a new year – proud of the year we have shared and anxious to plan for the future!

In TIP Spirit —

June

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead

*“Citizens Helping
Citizens in Crisis”*

Exciting Happenings for Our Chapter...

A Huge Thank You

To all who helped, attended and donated to make our 2008 Heroes with Heart Dinner & Auction a resounding success!!

This was our biggest and best event yet with a record turnout of 430 people!! The Ballroom was completely full with beautiful settings and dear friends of TIP. We had Silent Auction Items in a separate room, which also contained our beautiful Wall of Wine—230 bottles sold out in 30 minutes! Even with the economy in a downturn, this Event saw more financial success than in years past.

In 2009, our signature drink, the TIPtini, will return. You can also count on shorter, faster lines and many more bottles of wine on the wall!!

I believe that one of the most important things to learn in life is that you can make a difference in your community no matter who you are or where you live. – Rosalyn Carter

2009 Fundraisers

April 25
TIP Poker Party



November 5
Heroes with Heart
Dinner/Auction

Mark your calendars
now as you won't want
to miss these events!

Grant Awarded

TIP is proud to announce we have recently received a \$10,000 Grant from **Trust Management Services, LLC.**

This grant will be used to fund our Training Academy curriculum and materials, as well as provide additional presentation and volunteer materials.

We are very grateful to Trust Management for honoring us with this award!!

Congratulations

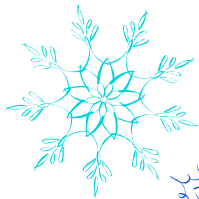
Congratulations to TIP Teen and Miss Oregon Teen 2008, **Brianna Woodside-Gomez.** Brianna participated in a campaign to collect and ship over 600 DVD's to our Troops serving overseas. It is this spirit of generosity that contributes to Brianna's amazing compassion and dedication to helping others.

We are very proud of you, Brianna!

TIP Vests

Thank you to all of the emergency responders who contributed to the TIP Vest Fundraiser. Our volunteers have their vests and are not only extremely proud to wear a vest you provided, but are deeply touched with the messages you sent.

Volunteers will wear their vests only on large emergency scenes, i.e. traffic accidents, house fires, etc. However, this is an enormously important safety tool for them in these situations. Thank you for supporting us!!



TIP Pulls Through the Arctic Blast of 2008

“Through rain, sleet and snow.” This is generally known as the motto of the US Postal Service. The December storm that paralyzed the Portland and Vancouver area made this motto more appropriate for TIP!

The snow fell, and the TIP calls still poured in. TIP volunteers around the area scraped ice off their cars, put chains on their tires, bundled up and headed out the door to assist. We even had a volunteer dig a citizen’s car out of the snow before leaving the scene.



Over the course of this snow event, TIP responded to 28 calls in Portland, Vancouver and Clackamas County and did so in a timely and safe manner.

Way to go, Volunteers!!

We’re Happy to Present Our December 2008 TIP Graduates

- Adriana Campbell
- Angel Smith
- Bill Sunderland
- Cathy Wold
- Charles Bigback
- Danielle Durham
- Dina Kashuba
- Don Ballantyne
- Erika Thompson
- Jeff Manley
- Jenn Bildersee
- Karol Rhoades
- Kathy Ballantyne
- Maggie Yates
- Marelyn Hency
- Monica White, TIP Teen
- Shawn Starkey, TIP Teen
- Syble Crow
- Teresa Spalding
- Tom Merit



Accessing TIP

If you are an Emergency Responder, remember that you can access TIP of Portland/Vancouver, Inc. from anywhere. If you are on vacation or travelling on business and you learn a friend or family member needs a TIP Volunteer, anytime – anyplace – just call the TIP Line and we will be there to assist.

Did you know?

TIP Volunteers are made up of: teachers, retirees, corporate and hospital employees, mental health professionals, emergency responders, students, bookstore staff, house painters, machinists, sales people, real estate professionals, writers, nurses, accountants, human resources staff, school district employees, child care workers, school counselors, physical therapists, and nearly any other profession you can think of. Everyday people, working in everyday professions who choose to be available for the citizens in their community during a difficult time in their lives.

There is a place for anyone with a heart and compassion in TIP.



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Trauma Intervention Programs, Inc. (TIP) is a national voluntary nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring that those who are emotionally traumatized in emergency situations receive the assistance they need. To accomplish that goal, TIP Inc. works closely with local communities to establish emergency services volunteer programs. In these programs, well-trained citizen volunteers are called to emergency scenes to assist family members, witnesses, and other bystanders who the emergency system often must leave behind.

Since 1985, TIP, Inc. has established emergency services programs in over 70 cities. In each of these programs, citizen volunteers are demonstrating that given the opportunity, they can play an important role in the emergency response system.

TIP volunteers are available on a 24-hour, 365-day basis to support family members after a death, crime victims, survivors of suicide, children left alone after a death or injury to their parents, senior citizens and anyone else referred to us by emergency responders. TIP of Portland/Vancouver, Inc. responded to 2007 calls last year and served 12,214 citizens in our area.

Upcoming Trauma Intervention Program Training Academy in Sandy, OR

*All training held at the
Sandy Fire Department Annex
17460 Bruns Avenue
Sandy, OR 97055*

Thursday, March 26th - 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Friday, March 27th - 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Saturday, March 28th - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, March 29th - 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Wednesday, April 1st - 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Thursday, April 2nd - 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Friday, April 3rd - 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Saturday, April 4th - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Monday, April 6th - 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Tuesday, April 7th Graduation at 7:00 PM

Call today to register - 503.823.3937

TIP of Portland/Vancouver, Inc. Proudly Serves these Agencies:

- Boring Fire District
- Camas Fire Department
- Camas Police Department
- Clark County Medical Examiner's Office
- Clark County Safe and Civil Schools Task Force serving ESD112
- Fairview Police Department
- Gresham Fire Department
- Gresham Police Department
- Multnomah County Medical Examiner's Office
- Multnomah County Sheriff's Office
- Portland Fire & Rescue Bureau
- Troutdale Police Department
- Vancouver Fire Department
- Vancouver Police Department