

SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD YAKIMA FORUM
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2009
YAKIMA CLARION HOTEL

MORNING SESSION

7:30 a.m. Registration and Breakfast

8 a.m. Opening Remarks - Russell Hauge, Sex Offender Policy Board Chair and Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney

Speaker: Detective Dave Bentley from the Spokane Sheriff's Department

9 a.m. Session #1: Panel on Sex Offenders in the Community

Introductory Remarks and Facilitator: Mary Ellen Stone, Sex Offender Policy Board Member and Executive Director of the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center.

Panel Members: Ron Gengler, Yakima Comprehensive Mental Health, and Lynda Bennett, Executive Director of the S.T.A.R. (Successful Transition And Re-entry) Project in Walla Walla.

Public Comment ~ In addition to hearing from the panelists, the Sex Offender Policy Board wants to hear from experts in Yakima and its surrounding counties about sex offender housing options and barriers and how to work with communities to address their concerns about sex offenders residing in their neighborhoods.

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Session #2: Sex Offender Registration and Notification: How is the System Working?

Introductory Remarks and Facilitator: Kecia Rongen, Sex Offender Policy Board Member and Program Administrator for the Sexual Offender population at DSHS-Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration.

Public Comment ~ The Sex Offender Policy Board wants to hear from experts in Yakima and its surrounding counties about what works and what needs improvement in the Washington State sex offender registration and notification system.

AFTERNOON SESSION

11:45 a.m. Break

12 Noon Lunch

Introduction of Speakers - Andrea Piper, Sex Offender Policy Board Vice-Chair and Executive Director of the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs will introduce speakers Robyn Light and Darby Stewart.

Speakers: Robyn Light and Darby Stewart, Community Victim Liaisons for the Department of Corrections.

Topic: "When Sex Offenders Return: Addressing Victim Safety Concerns."

1:15p.m. Break

1:30 p.m. Session #3: Measuring Performance: How Do We Know if the Re-entry and Supervision System for Sex Offenders is Working?

Introductory Remarks and Facilitator: Bev Emery, Sex Offender Policy Board Member and Director of the Washington State Office of Crime Victim Advocacy.

Public Comment ~ The Sex Offender Policy Board wants to hear from experts in Yakima and its surrounding counties about what works and what needs improvement in the Washington State re-entry and supervision components of the sex offender management system.

2:45 p.m. Closing Remarks - Russell Hauge

3 p.m. Adjournment