

**DISCIPLINE TEAM INFO SHEET**  
**Boston Dyke March 2008**

**Discipline Team coordinators: Contact numbers**

- All march management, crowd control, and police related issues should be referred to the team coordinators
  - Jo: policy liaison and runner
  - Hurley: front of march
  - Brook: back of march

**March route**

- Exit park at the corner of Boylston and Charles St.
- Turn R onto Charles St
- L onto Beacon St
- L onto Arlington St
- R onto Comm Ave
- L onto Clarendon
- L onto Boylston
- Re-enter park at the Boylston & Charles St

**March order**

1. Moving Violations, East Coast Bikers Chicks, Scooter Chicks
2. DYKE MARCH BANNER
3. Puppets
4. Drummers
5. Duck Boat
6. Accessibility Van

**What Peacekeepers Don't Do**

- Don't do the police's job for them
- Don't yell at/overly engage hecklers
- Don't let your section of the March jog
- Don't hang out in the middle of the crowd, socializing
- Don't mindlessly walk beside the March
- Don't be carrying puppets, signs, stickers, bull horns, drums

**The Role of Police at the March**

- To protect property from damage
- to protect the marchers from physical harm by others
- to prevent commotion from becoming unmanageable [ie. Poses threat to property and persons]

**Dealing with Problems**

**Isolate and de-escalate:** attempt to move problem away from crowd; create barrier between points of conflict. Do not engage in substance of conflict. Calmly repeat "safety" commands [ex. Please stand back].

**Use the buddy system:** if there is a problem, get another peacekeeper to partner with you. If you see a peacekeeper attending to a problem, be a buddy.

**Hecklers:** calmly stand in front of hecklers to avoid escalation; Isolate and divert hecklers if necessary prevent marchers from engaging with hecklers

**In case of Violence:** remain calm; use physical positioning and verbal commands to de-escalate, Isolate; separate. Do not hit anyone. Call head peacekeeper if violence continues. Call 911 if violence will lead to physical injury of persons.

**In case of a medical emergency:** Get person out of the flow of the March if possible. If not, then divert the March around them. If injury is minor, wait for accessibility van which is at the back end of the march. If the person requires immediate medical attention, call 911. Do not leave an injured person.

## PEACEKEEPING SCHEDULE

### 5:30 - 6:00 peacekeeper meeting

- All peacekeepers report to volunteer tent for brief meeting, copies of info sheets, and to pick up sashes

### 6:40 line-up prep

- All peacekeepers gather to left of stage
- banner holders, drummers, etc. should be in position to the left of the bandstand
- dykes on bikes will be on Boylston waiting for the start of the march

### 7:00 line up and step off

- marchers will line up behind the banner on common
- all middle and back peacekeepers should get into position to herd crowd into line up position
- front of march will begin very slowly
- line up organizer and line up peacekeepers will space drummers, panty flag, puppets, etc by letting them into the lineup at the appropriate place

### During march

- Keep the flow of the march going SLOW and on the route.
- Keep marchers in the street, not on the sidewalk
- communicate with other peacekeepers to close gaps in the march
- keep marchers from engaging with hecklers: watch for any problem that will lead to damage of property or injury of persons; call head peacekeeper immediately
- Watch for medical emergencies
- **Front Peacekeepers:** Lead at a very very slow pace; don't let the police set the pace of the March; keep all marchers behind the banner.
- **Middle Peacekeepers:** check with peacekeepers in front of you and behind you
- **Duck Boat police tape holders:** keep marchers behind the police tape
- **Back Peacekeepers:** Keep stragglers with the pace of the march; Communicate to the front of the march to slow down if necessary; keep marchers away from the front of accessibility van

### Return to Boston Common

- At 8 pm, BEFORE the march reaches the Common, front middle-peacekeepers and front & middle runners get into position along dirt path in Common.
- At 8 pm, BEFORE the march reaches the Common, all middle peacekeepers [except two] and all runners, get into position for herding wall
- Keep all marchers herded in a line until they reach the audience area. Be assertive in keeping the marchers in a line. Spread arms out wide. Say "please stay on the path" or "please stay in the line"
- Front peacekeepers continue to bandstand to herd first arrivals to the front of the stage

### During Fire Eating

- peacekeepers form a perimeter around fire eaters, keep crowd back 1-2 feet and away from the flames.

### During speakers and performers

- peacekeepers don't go off duty at the rally. Two peacekeepers will be assigned stage duty [keeping people away from stage during performances]. The rest of the peacekeepers take turns walking the perimeter of the crowd, watching for hecklers etc. The peacekeeper "home" is at the left of the stage.