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Event: Friday rally and march condemn Bush Administration's FEMA Criminal Negligence, Patronage Appointment Emergency Response Disaster.  
Date: Friday, September 9, 2005  
Time: 5:00 p.m.  
Place: Pioneer Courthouse Square, SW Broadway & SW Yamhill, downtown Portland

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**Counter-Recruiting Action**

Date: Saturday, September 10th, 2005  
Time: 11:00 AM  
Place: 1317 NE Broadway, Portland, Oregon.

**9-11, Afghanistan, Iraq and Katrina: The Bush Administration Failures, Quagmires, Crimes and Racist Indifference.**

The *Portland Peaceful Response Coalition's* Friday rally and march call for a full independent inquiry into the criminal failures of the Bush Administration's response to hurricane Katrina's devastation in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast. "While there are those who insist that we focus exclusively on the current relief efforts and ignore the question of who is to be held accountable in this national scandal, we say that it is urgent that we do both," said William Seaman, a volunteer with PPRC. "We welcome all evacuees from the hurricane devastation, we encourage everybody to dig deep and to be generous in supporting the relief efforts, but we also insist that this latest scandal, born of the racist indifference and corruptions of the Bush Administration, be the focus of a timely, comprehensive investigation to determine the true scope of the failures of our nation's emergency response institutions and to hold those responsible accountable for those failures." PPRC has posted on their website links to Oxfam and Mercy Corps and to the American Red Cross to encourage donations to the relief efforts.

"We encourage phone calls, letters, faxes and e-mails to our representatives in Washington, DC, to insist on an independent inquiry to determine accountability for the failures of our nation's emergency response, and equally important to determine what could have been done to prevent the worst of this disaster," said Seaman. "It is clear that the Army Corps of Engineers and many others have been warning of the state of deterioration and inadequacy of the levee systems around New Orleans, that the Bush Administration woefully under funded these works, and that is just one of many

elements of the Federal Government's failures for what has become an historic tragedy for our nation."

**SATURDAY COUNTER-RECRUITING ACTION**

PPRC will be holding the third of their now monthly counter-recruiting actions this Saturday, September 10th, at the military recruiting outlet located at 1317 NE Broadway in northeast Portland. Along with other organizations, such as the War Resisters League and the Military and Draft Counseling Project, PPRC will gather at the recruiting station from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM to focus on the ways that military recruiters have victimized the most vulnerable in our community to provide personnel for the Bush Administration's wars and occupations in Afghanistan and Iraq. "They lie, they intimidate, they violate the privacy rights of children and parents alike, and they deceive young people into thinking that their future lies in becoming cannon fodder for Bush's criminal wars and occupations," said Seaman. "We say our community must provide a different future for our children, we must provide decent education for all, opportunities for rewarding work and for each and every child to develop their minds to the greatest potential possible, not for the slaughter and suffering of war."

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