

## **For Immediate Release**

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## VOLUNTEER TRAINING FOR CROSSWALK SAFETY EDUCATION ACTIONS TOMORROW

### WHAT

The Willamette Pedestrian Coalition (WPC) is having a volunteer training tomorrow evening for people who are interested in taking part in upcoming Crosswalk Safety Education and Enforcement Actions.

This is a pilot program in partnership with Portland Bureau of Transportation that aspires to increase community awareness and understanding of Oregon crosswalk laws and pedestrian safety through specific actions and community conversations. The actions are based on crosswalk enforcement actions performed by the Portland Police Bureau, with the notable exception that community partners and trained volunteers will be performing the actions instead of uniformed officers. Also, instead of stopping people who have violated crosswalk laws, we will be logging their license plate and violation description and giving this information to the City for follow-up communication.

Tomorrow's training will include a description of the actions and a conversation about how volunteers can be involved. Ray Thomas of Swanson, Thomas & Coon will feature as a speaker, detailing pedestrian legal rights and responsibilities. We will close with a conversation about action times and locations, all of which will be along High Crash Corridors.

### WHY

Have you ever been poised at a crosswalk and ready to walk across only to wait while cars pass by? Join the WPC in helping educate all road users about crosswalk law by volunteering for upcoming education actions. The WPC is working with the Portland Bureau of Transportation's Community Schools Traffic Safety Partnership to increase community awareness of Oregon crosswalk laws and pedestrian safety through specific actions and community conversations.

### WHO

You! This event is open to the public.

### WHEN

Wednesday, March 16th from 6-8pm

### WHERE

Portland Building 2nd Fl.  
1120 SW 5th Ave.  
Portland, OR 97204

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Steph Routh at [steph@wpcwalks.org](mailto:steph@wpcwalks.org).

**About Willamette Pedestrian Coalition**

The Willamette Pedestrian Coalition (WPC) is a non-profit community-based membership organization in the greater Portland, Oregon area dedicated to promoting walking and making the conditions for walking safe and attractive. The WPC advocates for better laws, enhanced enforcement, more sidewalks and signed crosswalks, education programs, community improvements designed for pedestrians, and increased funding to support these activities. For more information about the Willamette Pedestrian Coalition, please visit [www.wpcwalks.org](http://www.wpcwalks.org).