

LOCAL GROUP PRESENTATIONS

IN THE FIGHT TO EXPOSE AND STOP THE CRIME OF ORGANIZED STALKING AND ELECTRONIC HARASSMENT



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For an e-booklet on basic information handling for OS/EH targets:

<http://www.multistalkervictims.org/osih.pdf>

For an e-booklet on technology terms and concepts:

<http://www.multistalkervictims.org/ostt.pdf>

For an e-booklet on coping for OS/EH targets:

<http://www.multistalkervictims.org/oscope.pdf>

For an e-booklet designed to explain OS/EH to the public:

<http://www.multistalkervictims.org/osatv.pdf> (Both OS and EH)

<http://www.multistalkervictims.org/osatv2.pdf> (OS only, for special situations)

For an e-booklet outlining the history of OS/EH activism:

<http://www.multistalkervictims.org/osah.pdf>

1. Purpose of This Booklet

One of the most demonstratedly effective ways to educate the public about organized stalking and electronic harassment (OS/EH) is by way of presentations by in-person groups of targets to various local organizations. Although CATCH (“Citizens Against Technological and Community-based Harassment,”) an organization based in Toronto, Ontario Canada for two years (2004-06) was short lived in active form, the group was able to make several presentations about OS/EH to local crisis support staff groups. These presentations were very well received.

The CATCH web site has returned to the Internet at this link:

<http://www.catchcanada.net>

A backup copy, which is likely to be out of date but still helpful, is posted here:

<http://www.multistalkervictims.org/catchcanada/>

The in-person local presentation type of activism initiative has not, at time of writing, been repeated elsewhere. However, the potential benefits in terms of enlightenment of those professionals whose work affects targets are substantial, and this booklet is to gather some suggestions and tips for doing this elsewhere.

2. Outline of Steps

Putting on a presentation to local professional organizations is a big project, and to many targets, who can just barely cope, it may seem like something they would never be interested in. However, once this becomes a group project, and a project where the group members clearly accept that it must be done in many steps, over time, it begins to look do-able. Here are my suggested steps, which will be explained in detail in following sections:

- Assemble a local support group. This is often done simply for networking, not activism.
- Get to know one another, and observe potential for good quality writing and speaking, as well as special skills which can help with preparation of a presentation. Learn who may express interest in participating in a presentation.
- Those members who have ability and interest in making presentations should start contacting local crisis support organizations, looking for staff who already know what organized stalking is. (Knowledge of electronic harassment isn't necessary.)
- It's also not a bad idea to shop around for a lawyer with mental health defence experience, who accepts legal aid payments, and who is willing to defend group members if they become snarled in the mental health system. Use the “free 30 minute consult” for this. Prepare a one page fact sheet about your group before making contact.

- When a crisis support staff member who is familiar with OS is located, ask them if your group could make a sample presentation, and, if those who attend the presentation could make critical comments so the target group can improve their presentation.
- Look for opportunities to make presentations to other crisis support organizations, particularly non-government (NGOs.) Leave evaluation forms or invite them to submit their comments about the presentations electronically.
- Once the critical comments from these organization have been addressed and necessary corrections made, ask for help from the NGOs you have presented to for help in gaining invitations from the higher stakes local organizations, both government, and professional, such as legal, medical and law enforcement organizations.

Local groups starting this type of project need to know up front that it can take a couple of years before you are going to be invited to present to the high stakes organizations. That acceptance is essential in order to maintain enthusiasm. This is a very important type of activism and it cannot be rushed.

3. Forming a Local Group

[This section contributed by another OS/EH target from first hand experience.]

Forming a local target group can be an enjoyable, empowering and rewording experience, while simultaneously providing an eye-opening perspective on what other targets are experiencing. Unlike the forums and conference calls, it offers the opportunity to bond with targets face-to-face in a group dynamic setting where everyone can share their experiences and coping strategies.

To identify other targets in your area, peruse OS/EH web sites that list contact info of targets interested in networking, submit posts to target forums indicating you are seeking to network with other targets in your area, ask around in the conference calls to see if anyone knows of targets in your area, do internet searches for OS/EH related terms and the name of your geographic area, for example "organized stalking san francisco." You can even post ads in online classifieds such as craigslist or post flyers in your area. Once you make contact with targets in your area ask them if they know of other local targets interested in networking.

Start by getting to know the other targets in your area. This can initially be accomplished via email exchanges and phone conversations, eventually leading up to individual face-to-face meetings, possibly at a neutral location such as a restaurant.

Before holding a group meeting, first meet individually with several targets, ideally with those who will be attending the group meetings, so that you get used to communicating with targets in person. The first time a target meets another target there can be significant stresses involved -- is the other target really a perp, what will they think of me, etc. Meeting individually with targets allows you to get this tension out of the way on your part if you have

not met with targets before, as well as on the part of the other targets who will be attending the group meetings.

As far as a location for group meetings, it can be an informal setting like someone's home, or a more formal venue like a conference room at a public library. Meeting in a restaurant is less than ideal as it may be noisy or some members may not feel comfortable discussing OS/EH when it could be overheard by people nearby. Meeting outdoors in a secluded area usually works out ok.

When holding group meetings there are several things you should be prepared for.

Organizing a group meeting with targets presents unique challenges not otherwise normally an issue. One target may not want to go if another target he or she dislikes will be there, another can not come before early afternoon due to being targeted with DEWs in the mornings, yet another may want everyone at the meeting remove their cell phone batteries, etc. Like anything else you will have to find a time and place that works best for the majority of the members interested in attending the group meetings as you may not be able to accommodate everyone's needs.

Be aware that well-meaning targets may say or even promise they will come to the meeting, but then never show up. Attending one's first group meeting is something many targets will never know whether they will be up to until the day of the event.

The first time a target meets either individually or in a group setting there is usually a strong urge to talk about their targeting at length, or otherwise have their experiences validated, as this may be the first time they have ever met anyone who believes what they are saying and are able to empathize. For the first 2 or 3 group meetings expect this to be an issue, in subsequent meetings becoming less so. One strategy is, at the beginning of every meeting, to go around the room and have each participant, if they want, to spend one or two minutes discussing how their week went. However if there are more than a few attendees, this may be too time consuming if there are other issues the group needs to focus on at the meeting.

At the meeting it is usually rare but it is possible a couple of targets may get into an argument, sometimes suspecting or even accusing one or the other of being a perp. In this situation consider informing the group that unless someone explicitly admits to being a perp there is no way to know for sure if someone is indeed one, and if we let them disrupt the meeting then the perps have won. However if a target is indeed disruptive then you need to deal with that individual more directly.

Sometimes one target will dispute another target's experiences. If this occurs consider informing the group that every target's experiences are different, and just because one target is not experiencing the exact same harassment another is, that does not mean it is not happening.

And note that some targets are willing to attend group meetings but are not willing to "go public" in terms of distributing OS/EH flyers outdoors where their picture could be taken, or participating in public OS/EH presentations especially if it will be videoed, as they may want to

maintain anonymity due to family or job considerations.

If meeting minutes or other local group news is distributed, especially outside the group, for example to the greater targeted community, then omit individual target names from the communication unless you know those targets do not mind their names being thus distributed.

In reference to membership lists, if the group is small and close knit, then all members may feel comfortable listing their phone numbers and/or email addresses on a sheet of paper and having it photocopied it so everyone has a copy. However over time if the group becomes larger and members come and go then privacy concerns should be observed. This means if one target asks you for another target's phone number or email address, unless if you are positive the other target would not mind, you should tell the inquiring target that you do not like to give out target contact info without checking with the other target to see if it is ok with them, or offer to forward the inquiring target's contact info to the target being inquired of.

As the group grows you may consider creating an internet forum to make it easier for local members to keep in contact with one another, starting a weekly or monthly conference call, distributing an email newsletter, or developing a web site for the group, but of course these will require additional time and energy.

Also be prepared to spend time on fielding questions and requests from the local members and for interfacing with new targets in your area being referred to you. You may need to develop strategies for effectively managing your time, for example, limiting the time you spend on OS/EH issues to a two-hour timeframe in the evenings.

4. Locating an OS-Aware Crisis Support Staff Member

The OS/EH target who found the organized-stalking-aware crisis support staffer took about a year to do so. She basically kept calling around all the crisis lines in the Toronto, Ontario area, and eventually found a rape crisis center supervisor who knew what OS was. (Note: That rape crisis center no longer deals with OS/EH, as CATCH is no longer available to refer callers to.)

This target probably took longer to find an OS-aware staffer than necessary, because she told her story and asked if the call taker could help. It is likely that if target group members were to call around and ask the question right up front: "Who on your staff is aware of organized group stalking?" ... the OS-aware staffer(s) could be found much more quickly.

Non-government crisis support organizations are probably the most willing to hear about OS/EH even if they aren't aware of the crime, however, I would urge any local group members to spend some time learning about OS/EH information handling before making calls. That will, in my opinion, make it more likely the crisis support call taker will respond positively and try to locate OS-aware colleagues. Here is my e-booklet of suggestions for OS/EH information handling:

<http://www.multistalkervictims.org/osih.pdf>

You might mention that the Toronto Rape Crisis Centre did at one time host the CATCH group, should your local crisis support group want to contact them for information. I, Eleanor White, can put them in touch with the OS-aware staffer when this step is reached, but I won't provide the contact information in this booklet.

WHAT TO ASK:

Once you locate a crisis support staff member who is OS-aware, ask if your group can put on a sample presentation for their membership, and it would be just fine if you put on your first presentation to just the one OS-aware staffer. You will be asking for their critique of your presentation, comments as to what they found interesting and engaging, and what they found turned off their interest.

Making presentations is a repetitive cycle - you make one, fix it according to comments received, and make another one, and so on. In this cycle, you start with the organizations most likely to be OS/EH friendly (the crisis support organizations) and gradually work your way up to the tough ones, police and doctors.

5. Suggested Information Sources for Presentations

Here are some suggestions for places to look for material to form your presentation:

<http://www.creviews.net>

This above site is my activism materials credibility review system. I don't claim to be the ultimate authority in this regard, but credibility is crucial, and there are no other places I'm aware of at time of writing where you can see the credibility of commonly referenced sources displayed and explained. I recommend any material you plan to use should be checked to see if there is a review posted there.

<http://www.multistalkervictims.org/osih.pdf>

The above e-booklet contains my suggestions on how to present information so as to be credible to non-targets.

<http://www.multistalkervictims.org/osatv.pdf>

The above e-booklet contains material which is written specifically for reading by the non-target public. Our best current factual evidence, such as group stalking statistics and the long-time proven to exist and work electronic weapons are included. David Lawson's report is included. A number of OS/EH target personal experiences are included. Not copyrighted - use anything you like.

<http://www.catchcanada.net> (the OFFICIAL CATCH web site)

<http://www.multistalkervictims.org/catchcanada/> (backup copy, likely to be out of date)

The above site is a copy of the original CATCH (Citizens Against Technological and Community-based Harassment) web site. The CATCH presentations used material

similar to that posted there. There is currently no CATCH organization, and there is currently no official CATCH web site posted.

<http://www.multistalkervictims.org/flyer1.pdf>

The above flyer is very similar to the original CATCH flyer, designed for a single fold. The text is very close, but referring to CATCH itself may not be ideal, since the CATCH organization is no longer an active group. ** Check the official CATCH web site for any activism materials which may be available there. <http://www.catchcanada.net>

<http://www.multistalkervictims.org/osvideos.htm>

The above link takes you to two organized stalking videos.

The first is the original CATCH founder's video of organized stalkers who had set up outside her home, anticipating she would drive off. Instead, she paused and took the video, and provides commentary about the activity recorded. Narrated. (Note: the CATCH founder's video is copyrighted.)

The second is footage from an exterior security camera at the house of a target in Florida. Narrated.

These videos might be useful at a presentation, played on a laptop computer.

<http://www.cointel.org> (Paul Wolf's original)
<http://www.raven1.net/cointeldocs.htm> (Eleanor White's backup)

The above links take you to original COINTELPRO documents. I recommend going very light on lengthy, non-easy-reading documents like those, but at the same time, a couple of pages of official text used as part of your handout package can be very persuasive. COINTELPRO was the 1960s FBI program of organized stalking of activists, particularly anti-Viet Nam war activists, and clearly shows that organized stalking has been proven to happen in fairly recent times.

<http://www.multistalkervictims.org/stats.htm>

The above page contains just the organized stalking statistics, separated on their own page for convenience.

<http://www.raven1.net/proventechs.pdf>

The above page contains just the information about the proven-to-exist e-weapons which can produce some of the attacks we experience, silently, through walls. Separated on their own page for convenience.

<http://www.multistalkervictims.org/lawson.htm>

The above page contains quotes from private investigator David Lawson's 12-year investigation of organized stalking groups by infiltration. NOTE: Lawson's observations are excellent, but Lawson's conclusions as to who is responsible are way off base in my (Eleanor White's) opinion. That means that Lawson's work is best used in the form of carefully chosen excerpts.

<http://www.multistalkervictims.org/mlcf.htm>

The above page is my book review of Elizabeth Sullivan's personal testimonial describing her organized stalking experiences. I give her book top marks. Because holding up a physical book during an activism spiel has proven highly persuasive, I recommend this one for your consideration.

<http://globalresearch.ca/articles/ElectromagWeapons.pdf> (Original)
<http://www.raven1.net/phillipseweapons.pdf> (Eleanor White backup)

Article, US Electromagnetic Weapons and Human Rights by professor Peter Phillips of Project Censored Media Freedom Foundation. This is a rather long, dense, but very authoritative article which would best be selectively quoted, rather than reading long passages of it. It doesn't cover organized stalking, but does show that there are real concerns about the total lack of controls on the use of electronic anti-personnel weapons.

<http://www.multistalkervictims.org/catchcanada/videos.htm>

Backup copies of the CATCH presentation videos, showing the presentations by CATCH founder Norma Lawrence which went over well with local crisis support organizations. (CATCH videos are copyrighted. See the official CATCH web site for any updates: <http://www.catchcanada.net>)

6. Suggestions for Organizations Which Might Be Presented To

Here are some suggestions for attempting to present to, after a number of presentations to local crisis support organizations:

Nursing organizations
Doctors' organizations
Psychologist organizations
Social worker organizations
Police unions
Police social clubs
Press (news gatherers) clubs
Service clubs (Freemasons, Moose, Elks, Rotarians, etc.)
Community patrol groups (Neighbourhood Watch, Citizens on Patrol, Block Parents)
Churches and religious groups

Ethnic minority organizations
Alcoholics Anonymous and/or Narcotics Anonymous
Local university departments and/or student clubs

Appendix 1: The Problem With the Name "Mind Control"

NEVER NEVER NEVER use this chart for FIRST contact with the public! WAIT until and unless the member of the public has expressed *genuine* interest in learning more about OS/EH! Use of "mind control" with uninformed non-targets can and will destroy your credibility!

Historically, because many targets of organized stalking and electronic harassment have reacted most strongly to that portion of the OS/EH crime which can be called "mind control," in the 1990s this crime acquired "mind control" as its semi-official name.

This historic name for the OS/EH crime is both confusing and discrediting when spoken or written to non-target members of the public. This is confirmed by actual face-to-face experience. It often produces the "you are a wacko" response from the public, and gives the listener or reader the excuse to ignore the message.

Because of the considerable amount of information about OS/EH on the web which uses the older "mind control" name, the diagram below has been created to assist new OS/EH targets, particularly those inclined to discuss this crime with non-targets, see that indeed there is some "mind control" activity involved, but "mind control" is only a portion of the full crime.

The chart itself is on the following page:

“MIND CONTROL” IS ACTUALLY ONLY ONE SPECIFIC PART OF THE FULL CRIME:

