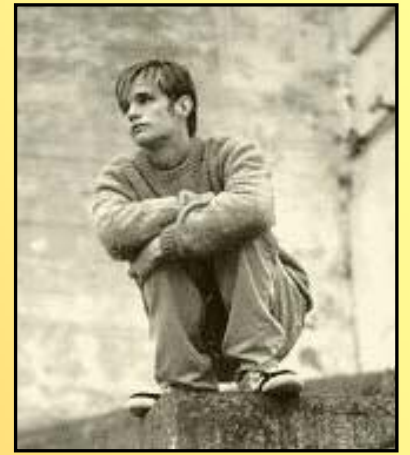


11TH ANNUAL Matthew Shepard



The 1998 lynching of Gay college student Matthew Shepard in Wyoming ignited consciousness about anti-LGBT hate around the the country.

March for LGBT Freedom



7 PM Sat, Oct 17
Corner of Halsted & Roscoe St - Chicago

The annual Matthew Shepard March memorializes the 1998 lynching of Gay Wyoming student Matthew Shepard that came to symbolize the vicious hatred and violence that many Americans still harbor against LGBT people.

Each year since our founding in 1998, we have sought to use the march to highlight not only current examples of anti-LGBT violence, but the hatred and violations of civil rights which fuel it. This year we are highlighting the failures of the Chicago area justice system to adequately deal with police officers who violate the civil rights of LGBT people.

In particular, we are demanding that the City take action against the **Town Hall District's Officer Richard Fiorito** — the subject of 20 federal lawsuits charging him with framing, and sometimes beating LGBT motorists in the heart of the Boystown entertainment district. We demand that the police department put him on desk duty until the internal and external charges against him are adjudicated. Given the extensive evidence showing probable cause of criminal wrongdoing, we also demand that the Cook County States Attorneys Office press criminal charges such as Obstruction of Justice and Aggravated Battery.

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