

In Memory of Chief David Provencher and Azekah Jennings

The Human Relations Commission is saddened by the loss of a great community partner and advocate for human rights. The HRC collaborated with the NBPD and The Department of Justice on a community dialogue in 2012, to address areas of conflict and tension within the city. In 2013, as part of an action plan the HRC, NBPD, and the Department of Justice conducted forums at two of New Bedford's alternative schools on, " *What you should do when stopped by the police.*" Additionally, Chief Provencher attended several community meetings held by the HRC and other agencies on random acts of violence within the Mayan community, where great progress has been made. He was a friend to the commission, always ready to participate on various initiatives. We appreciated his dedication to the community and the HRC. The commission also lost this year another valued partner for justice and friend, Azekah Jennings, from the Department of Justice, who worked with several local agencies advocating for social justice. Ironically, both men attended and were involved in the planning of the forum pictured on this webpage.

In the words of the late Senator Ted Kennedy, "The work goes on and the cause endures, the hope still lives, and the dream will never die.

In solidarity with all who work for justice, and dream of a better, safer, and kinder world.

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