

# SLUTWALK TAMPA

September 17th, 2011 | 11am | Joe Chillura Courthouse Square Park, Downtown Tampa

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### SLUTWALK MOVEMENT COMES TO TAMPA BAY

*SlutWalk Tampa: A Fight Against Victim Blaming*

**This Saturday, September 17, 2011 the people of Tampa will take on the streets for SlutWalk Tampa. SlutWalk is a rally and march designed to end rape, victim blaming – and to reclaim the word “slut.”**

Tampa, FL, September 14, 2011 – This Saturday, September 17, 2011, downtown Tampa will be teeming with sluts and slut allies. Women, men and children of all different ages, ethnic backgrounds, and gender identities will gather at 11:00 AM at Joe Chillura Courthouse Square Park in an attempt to raise awareness and bring an end to victim blaming in situations of sexual violence.

SlutWalk is a global movement with the mission to spread the word that those who experience sexual assault are not the ones at fault, without exception. We are demanding that our voices be heard. We are here to call foul on victim blaming and slut-shaming and to demand change.

The Tampa SlutWalk will consist of a rally, a walk and a small expo of vendors and organizations at the park, post walk. The rally's guest speakers will include academics, anti-rape activists, rape survivors, and others who will provide personal testimonies. The Tampa SlutWalk will be a place to hear many different voices on the subject. It is not an event to miss.

The SlutWalk movement was born in April of 2011 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada in response to a police officer's statement that "women should avoid dressing like sluts in order to not be victimized." After a profoundly successful SlutWalk in Toronto, the movement has grown to include more than 80 walks around the globe, finally reaching the Tampa Bay area.

"I really wanted to participate in a walk," said SlutWalk Tampa's head organizer, Charli Solis. "After days of scanning the satellite page for a Tampa walk to show up, I decided to organize one myself. I understand that the name is truly provocative, but the force that this movement has created on a global level is astonishing. I can't think of any other movement from my generation that has garnered as much support as the SlutWalks have. It's fantastic to see so many people support such a widely spread cause."

**For more information, please visit our website at [www.SlutWalkTampa.com](http://www.SlutWalkTampa.com), visit our facebook page at [www.Facebook.com/SlutWalkTampa](http://www.Facebook.com/SlutWalkTampa) or contact one of the members of the SlutWalk Tampa organizing committee at [SlutWalkTampa@gmail.com](mailto:SlutWalkTampa@gmail.com).**

**To sponsor the walk or be a vendor at the event call Charli at: 248.835.9031.**

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