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## COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE: April 22, 2021

To help keep you informed, and to ask for your assistance and feedback, Mayor Ted Wheeler and my office will periodically distribute Community Safety Updates.

## **Anticipated Events:**



We wanted to make you aware of an event planned for Friday evening. We previously published this event, but now the location has changed. We do not have any information about this event.

PPB continues to respond to these so-called "direct action" or "Autonomous Demonstration" events that usually starts at local parks or the Justice Center. The groups often march to police facilities where dangerous criminal acts occur, including rioting, arson, vandalism and attempted assaults on police officers. Other crimes including vandalism and theft occurred in the areas surrounding the police properties. An arrest was made for arson-related charges and that case is proceeding with prosecution. For more details, see our press releases <u>here</u> or follow us on Twitter for updates @portlandpolice.

We have listened to people throughout the city express their desire for an end to violence and destruction. We continue to look for the best ways to address any criminal behavior that may occur in response to our community's concerns.

Many events in our city do not require any police presence. The city experiences a mix of planned and spontaneous events. We can't predict always what behavior will occur and when, but we try our best to keep the community informed. We also have a finite number of officers who need to respond to emergency 911 calls. We do our best to plan for and hire the resources we need, but we need the community's help too. We ask community members to call and report criminal activity when they see it, whether it is related to gun violence, public disorder, or any criminal activity. Please report any illegal activities to the Police, even after the fact. Every bit of evidence and information shared helps law enforcement find and arrest those responsible.

Your active support makes a difference. There is a lot of value in public messages of support of our PPB team. These messages help us to keep up morale and support our employees' well-being.

Following are tips about ways you can contribute as well as information about upcoming events. Gathering and engaging in free speech are lawful activities, but on occasion we have witnessed some groups and individuals engage in criminal acts during planned events. Be aware that we are not always informed about all events and some are spontaneous in nature.

Thank you,

Acting Chief Chris Davis

## Stay Informed

Follow <u>@PortlandPolice</u>, <u>@MultCoSO</u> and @DAMikeSchmidt for the latest information. Portland Police Bureau press releases can be found at <u>https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/news/</u>.

#### Be Aware

Assess the area around your business. Monitor news on social media.

#### Secure Property

Leave lights on. Ensure security cameras are on. Lock and secure dumpsters and remove A-frame signs and furniture in front of your business.

#### **Report Crimes**

Report emergencies by calling 9-1-1. Make non-emergency reports at 503-823-3333 or <u>online</u>.

#### Save these contacts should you need them:

Send us your feedback

#### **Graffiti and Livability Issues**

For City of Portland Property: Juliette Muracchioli, Graffiti Program Coordinator for the Office of Community & Civil Life Call 503-823-8578, email <u>Juliette.Muracchioli@portlandoregon.gov</u>, or go to <u>www.portlandoregon.gov/civic</u>

For ODOT Property

Email ODOTR1Reporter@odot.state.or.us

# Downtown Portland Clean & Safe – Non-Emergency:

If you are located within the Downtown Portland Clean & Safe District and need help with a nonemergency issue outside of your building, call 503-224-7383 or <u>report a problem</u> online.