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### Dangling Protesters - Continued from Page 1

slowly made its way towards the St. Johns Bridge.

As it came into view there was a swarm of kayakers who raced to the River's center with the hopes it could once again force the ship to turn around. More than 10 Law enforcement vessels attempted to stop them or at the least, turn them around. Some were towed back to shore, some were deliberately flipped and then rescued, and some were just forced back by the bigger boats. With this mayhem the *Fennica* was forced to put its engines in reverse stopping the over 400-foot vessel and kicking up a great deal of mud from the bottom of the unusually shallow Willamette River. As it idled for about 20 minutes, law enforcement boats successfully got most kayakers and swimmers safely back, allowing the ship to proceed forward. Passing beneath the bridge at approximately 6:00pm loud yells, screams, and shouting could be heard from the hundreds of people lining the docks at Cathedral Park and the shore. It was a tense few minutes.

With the *Fennica* picking up

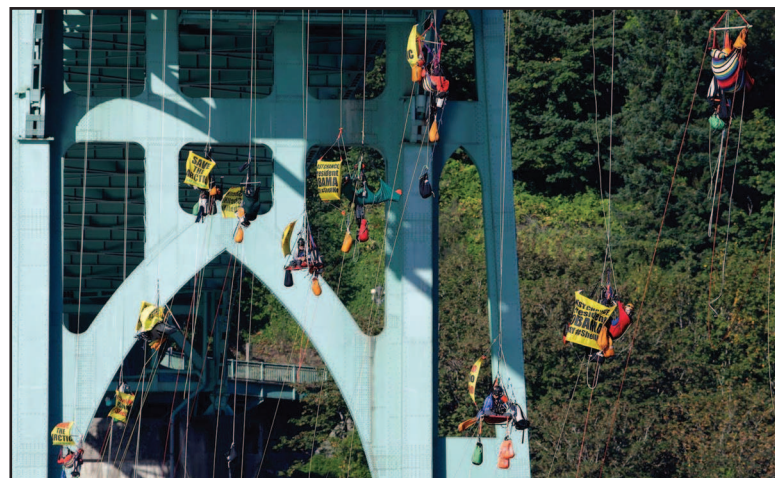
speed and being escorted by many coast guard boats, a sigh of relief could be felt by all those involved that the nail-biting ordeal was over and nobody was injured, or worse.

Several protesters were detained with a handful being arrested. Many said they were cited with criminal trespassing and interfering with a peace officer. Earlier in the day a judge said protesters would be fined \$2500 an hour starting at 10:00am that day and it would be raised each day the protesters blocked the ship's path. The total fine, as the *Fennica* passed the bridge, was about \$17,500.

Mary Nicol of Greenpeace called the protest a success because it received National attention and slowed the *Fennica's* journey to the Arctic. "We found that the blockade was successful. Climate change does present a real threat to everyone globally."

It has been described as one of the most sophisticated and memorable Green Peace demonstrations ever conducted. Lt. Andy Clarke with the Fire Bureau said it was a "once in a career, and a once in a lifetime, experience."

Thank you to everyone who sent in their remarkable pictures to the Review.



Fabulous picture taken by Mark LaMalfa of the protesters and the beautiful arches of the bridge pillars.

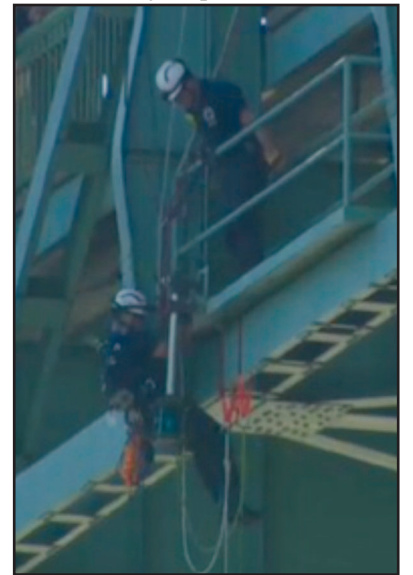
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Portland Fire & Rescue's high angel rescue team preparing to remove three of the protesters



### Fire Bureau says community can help m

By Captain Eric Pedersen,  
Portland Fire & Rescue

Portland is lucky to have an abundance of open and natural areas within the city. The residents of St. Johns, Overlook, and many neighborhoods across the city are especially fortunate with the number of these areas to enjoy. These open and natural areas help clean our air and water, provide important habitat, deliver beautiful views, and offer a connection to nature not usually found in an urban area.

Natural areas are inherently vulnerable to fire during the summer months. Living in proximity to these areas can also increase the risk of a wildfire spreading to homes or businesses. Prevention is the key to minimize this danger and allow everyone to continue to benefit from Portland's greenspaces.

The recent weather patterns have produced exceptionally dry and dangerous conditions in our area. In the past few weeks, we have

seen an increase in the number and severity of grass and brush fires for this time of year. Portland Fire & Rescue is equipped and prepared to respond to any wildfire situation but there are important things that you can do to help us in preventing damage to your property and limiting the potential spread of a fire.

**Prevent a fire from starting:**

Improperly discarded smoking material is the number one cause of wildfires.

\*Do not discard cigarettes in potted plants, landscaping, vegetation, or bark dust – they can easily catch fire.

\*Use a deep, sturdy ashtray or a non-combustible container that cannot be tipped over.

\*Before throwing away butts or ashes, douse in water or sand.

\*Use only approved barbecue equipment in good condition.

\*Avoid all outdoor burning, especially if there is any wind. If a recreational fire is

desired, use clean, dry brush and build the fire in a safe area for this purpose. Keep a fire extinguisher or water bucket nearby. Keep fires at least 25' from structures.

**Preventing fire spread:**

The less vegetation between your home and a wildfire, the better. One way to create a defensible space is by modifying, reducing, or removing flammable materials or creating a barrier that will slow the fire's progress toward your home. Always allow room for fire to spread safely. Critical steps in creating defensible space include:

- \* Use fire resistant building materials
  - \* Landscape with fire resistant plants
  - \* Remove flammable materials within 30' of a structure
- This includes items such as