

## NORTH PORTLAND POLICE & FIRE REPORTS

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then left with him and took him to Portland Adventist Medical Center. Gang Enforcement Team (GET) detectives responded to investigate the shooting. The Tactical Operations Division is continuing to investigate several incidents of gun violence city-wide. Anyone with information about gun crimes in the City of Portland is encouraged to provide information to the Portland Police Bureau's Tactical Operations Division at 503-823-4106 or email information to gangs@portlandoregon.gov. Information learned from social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter or YouTube should be shared with investigators as these tips may lead to the identification of a suspect or suspects. Tips on gun crimes can be emailed to GunTaskForce@portlandoregon.gov.

### GANG ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATES TWO REPORTS OF GUNFIRE IN NORTH

News Release from Portland Police  
FlashAlert: July 25th, 2015 10:24 AM  
On Saturday July 25, 2015, at approximately 4:10 a.m., North Precinct officers responded to the report of gunfire in the area of N Kerby Avenue and Willis Blvd. As officers were responding to the area, witnesses reported seeing a crowd of 10 to 15 gang members wearing red in a parking lot and several cars leaving the area. Shortly after officers arrived, police heard several

more gunshots to the southeast of their location, off in the distance. Callers to 9-1-1 reported seeing a vehicle drive by Javier's Tacos, located at N Vancouver Ave and Lombard Street. Officers responded to Javier's and located evidence of gunfire and damage to a window at Javier's. No gunshot victims were located at either location nor arrived at any Portland area hospitals. The Gang Enforcement Team (GET) responded to conduct an investigation into both incidents, which are believed to be related. The Tactical Operations Division is continuing to investigate several incidents of gun violence citywide.

### FEMALE ARRESTED FOR ARSON IN 3 SEPARATE FIRES

News Release from Portland Fire & Rescue  
FlashAlert: July 20th, 2015 11:15 AM  
Angela Milender was arrested this past Thursday, July 16 following a fire at Budget Hotel located on N Interstate Ave in Portland. The call came in as a "cold fire" due the owners of the Hotel having suppressed the fire on their own. The subsequent investigation by Portland Arson Investigation Unit led to Milender. Milender was previously arrested on Feb 26th 2014 for a fire on Feb. 11th, 2014 at the Sixth Avenue Motel at 2221 S.W. Sixth Ave. At the time of her Feb. 2014 arrest Milender openly admitted to having started a residential fire on May 23, 2012 at 8105

S.E. Francis. The residential fire had been an unsolved case prior to that. Milender, 26, is now facing 3 counts of Arson 1.

### IMPROPERLY DISCARDED SMOKING MATERIALS IGNITE THREE UNRELATED STRUCTURE FIRES WITHIN AN HOUR IN NORTH PORTLAND

News Release from Portland Fire & Rescue  
FlashAlert: July 18th, 2015 9:05 PM  
At 4:17 PM PF&R was dispatched to a report of a house on fire at 9134 N. Polk that was possibly extending to a neighboring house. When the first crews arrived, they reported heavy fire from the back of a house that was extending into the neighbors yard and shed, and threatening the second home. Crews aggressively attacked the fire and searched the home for occupants. The fire's spread and multiple structure involvement prompted the upgrade to a 2nd-Alarm at 4:22 PM. The additional crews were added to the effort and the fire was quickly brought under control. In all, approximately 50 fire personnel were on scene to extinguish this fire. Fire investigators determined that an improperly discarded cigarette ignited the deck, which quickly spread to the house, adjacent arborvitae and the neighbor's shed. The neighbor's yard also burned quickly due to the low humidity of the grass and ground cover. Additionally, spot fires from flying embers were reported in several other yards and extinguished by firefighters. The dry foliage, high temperatures and light winds provided a prime environment for fires to grow rapidly. While this fire incident was progressing, dispatchers were shuffling unassigned firefighting resources around the city in a procedure called a "Move-up". This process ensures that

response times are geographically balanced according to available apparatus by filling in the blank spots on the map. "Emergencies don't stop just because there's a house fire in the area." said Lt. Justin de Ruyter. Shortly after the "Move-up", another fire was dispatched in North Portland at 2335 N. Marine Drive, just 3 miles from the N. Polk fire. The dispatch time was 4:51 PM. This fire was on a floating home, which can complicate firefighting efforts due to safety concerns and lack of access. The occupant was able to suppress the fire while crews were enroute. An investigation determined that a cigarette had been discarded, but fell through a crack in the wooden floats, igniting them. The third fire was dispatched at 5:10 PM to 7606 N. Berkeley Ave. Occupants used (4) dry-chem extinguishers to extinguish the fire. Again, the cause was determined to be smoking materials. Prolonged periods of dry weather, high temperatures and water conservation practices are leaving plants and ground cover very dry and flammable. It is especially important to be careful when discarding a cigarette or even flicking ash. The slightest ember can smolder for hours, and then in an instant ignite and spread to a structure. It is fortunate that these three fires happened in the afternoon, when occupants and passersby were awake and able to report them. Fires that occur in the middle of the night can grow to advanced stages before they are noticed, and can result in serious injury or even death. Portland Fire & Rescue urges citizens to practice extreme caution when handling or discarding any hot objects during this period of hot, dry climates. Maintaining a "defensible space" around your home and out-buildings can reduce the risk of burn-

ing foliage igniting your structure.

### BRUSH FIRES ADD TO AN ALREADY BUSY FIRE

News Release from Portland Fire & Rescue  
FlashAlert: July 17th, 2015 9:48 PM  
Govt. Island Fire:  
On July 17 between 2 p.m. and 9 p.m. Portland Fire and Rescue responded to 13 Grass, Barkdust or Brush fires. Around 5:30 p.m., a single engine company responded to reports of smoke in the area just South of the Portland Expo Center. Upon arrival Portland Fire Engine 17 reported approximately 100' x 100' of grass and brush on fire. The call was upgraded to a Wild land Fire. This upgrade brought resources that included two Brush Units, a Water Tender and 3 additional companies. The fire grew slightly to little less than an acre before crews contained the fire. A tree into an overhead power line was the likely source of the fire. Crews also had to contend with a barbed wire chain link fence. The fence was cut in one spot while a gate was used to access the opposite end of the fire. Shortly after 7 p.m. crews were then dispatched to just South of Cathedral park, along the Willamette River (near N Richmond Ave). Fire boat 6 was able to hit the flames from the water using a master stream turret. Additionally, a brush unit was able to make access down to the fire location via a dirt road and use hand lines to help extinguish the burning brush. It appears the cause of this fire is related to a transient camp that was set up there. An investigator has been notified and will be looking into this further.

These calls add to an already extremely busy week. Here is a brief recap:

Portland Fire & Rescue responded to a stump on fire in Forest Park this past Wednesday morning around 9:30am. The small fire grew to about 50' x 100' and two downed trees before fire crews were able to get it 100% contained and finally extinguished around 1pm in the afternoon. It took about 30 firefighters and 2500' of hose to put that fire out. The Portland Parks Bureau Park Rangers assisted with trail closures and parking at Pittock Mansion. Then at approximately 1:30pm that same day, Portland Fire & Rescue was called to a grass fire on Government Island. This fire grew to about 50 acres before being extinguished by 50 firefighters, or a 2nd Alarm Wildfire. The challenge with this wind driven fire was that it was on an island and all the fire crews and equipment had to be transported by boats. Besides PF&R's Fire boat 17 and Rescue Boat 17, the Port of Portland Rescue Boat 80, Vancouver Fire boat 1 and two Multnomah County Sheriff's boats all assisted with transporting those crews and equipment to the island and back. The fire was 100% contained by 5pm.

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### Upcoming: Peace & Blessed Temple Fair

Peace Lutheran Church would like to welcome the community to once again attend their annual neighborhood community fair on Thursday, August 20 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm.

"Come and enjoy all we have to offer," said organizers. There will be free hot dogs, face painters, school supplies, a balloon clown, clothes closet for adults and kids, a car show, music provided by a DJ, and door prizes. (Winners must be present to win).

Many area vendors with information on a variety of subjects will also be in attendance, and some of the kid's favorite folks including the mounted police horse patrol and the fire department with a hook and ladder truck.

Don't miss out on the fun, the sun, and the enjoyment of being together. Peace Lutheran Church is located at 2201 N. Rosa Parks Way.