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Moved to Act Obama gets emotional on gun control

(AP)— President Barack Obama moved Tuesday to use his executive authority to require all gun sellers to register as dealers — even those who sell at gun shows and online — and to run background checks on all prospective purchasers, aiming to curb a scourge of gun violence despite unyielding opposition to new gun laws in Congress.

Obama defended the measures at an event at the White House, insisting they fall within his legal authority and uphold the Second Amendment right to own a gun. He grew visibly emotional when he recalled the murders of 20 first graders and six staffers three years ago by a gunman with an assault rifle at a grade school in Newton, Conn.

“Every time I think about those kids it gets me mad,” Obama said as his eyes welled-up with tears. “And by the way, it happens on the streets of Chicago every day.”



President Obama gets emotional as he speaks Tuesday on reducing gun violence during a meeting at the White House. (AP photo)

In a bid to narrow the so-called gun show loophole, the Justice Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives will issue updated guidance that says the government can consider someone a gun dealer regardless of where he or she sells the guns, officials said.

Only federally licensed gun dealers must conduct background checks on buyers, and gun control advocates say people who sell guns outside of gun stores exploit that provision to skirt the background check requirement.

Obama's executive actions on gun control fall short of what some gun control advocates have called for, but nevertheless sparked a confrontation with Republicans and gun rights groups that oppose new impediments to buying guns.

“We're very comfortable that the president can legally take these actions now,” said Attorney General Loretta Lynch.

In an attempt to prevent gun purchases from falling through the cracks, the FBI will hire 230 more examiners to process background checks, the White House said. The FBI has a computerized system that can process background checks for many in seconds. But in instances where the FBI needs more time, the government only has three days before prospective buyers can return and buy the gun without being cleared.

“This is not going to solve every violent crime in this country,” Obama said. Still, he added, “It will potentially save lives and spare families the pain of these extraordinary losses.”

Armed Ranchers Occupy Refuge

An armed group of ranchers broke into the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge building near Burns in eastern Oregon Saturday after protesting the arson conviction of two ranchers. As of Tuesday, the group has not left, but federal authorities are pushing towards waiting out the situation by cutting off power and heat along with road access to the site.

Storage Business Fire

Authorities responded to a three-alarm fire at Money Saver Mini Storage on South-east 92nd Avenue Monday where at least

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two people were reported missing. Crews were still targeting some hot spots Tuesday morning, with an estimated 80 storage units burned of the 450 units on location.

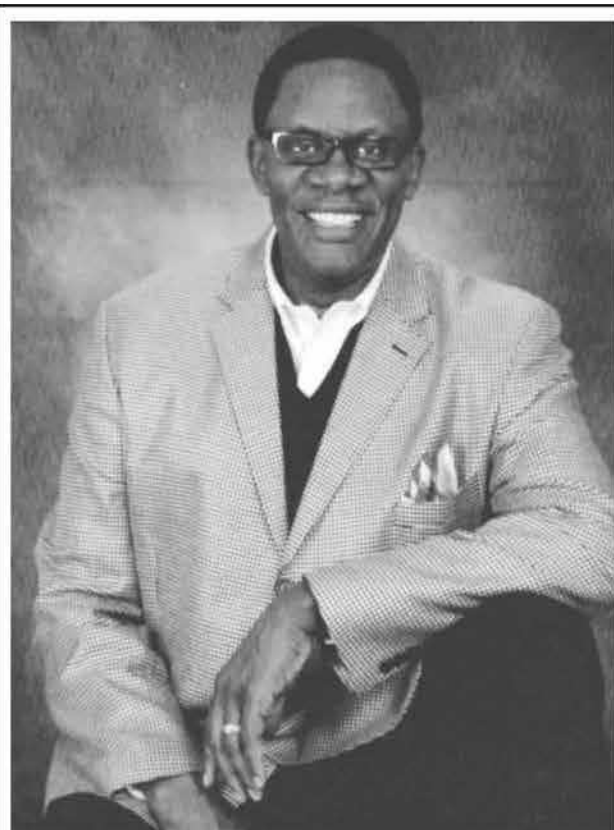
Uber Fined \$2,000 in Portland

Portland Auditor May Hull Caballero announced Tuesday that she was fining the ride-hailing company Uber \$2,000 for violating rules promoting transparency in government. Uber failed to report it was

paying Mark Wiener as a lobbyist in late 2014 and early 2015 as the city formed policy to regular Uber's entry to the Portland cab market.

North Portland Shooting

Authorities were investigating a shooting that occurred on North Newman Avenue around 6:30 a.m. Monday morning. One man was shot and taken to a local hospital and was expected to survive his injuries. Police say witnesses were not cooperative with officers at the scene and the cause of the shooting is still under investigation.



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