Rebuke to Arming Teachers

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Portland's police officers and public school teachers.

Daryl Turner, the president of the Portland Police Association, said that such a move would pose serious risks and likely add to comfortable to talk about ending the "good guy with a gun" soluthe chaos and confusion during a school shooting.

"In an active shooter incident, having teachers running around a school with guns while law enforcement enters the building could make it difficult for us to differentiate between the good guys and the bad guys. It would increase the risk of innocent people—children, other teachers, and police officers—being injured or killed," Turner said.

Portland Association of Teachers President and educator Suzanne Cohen told the Portland Observer Tuesday that arming

is considered normal.

we didn't practice hiding in clos- unfolding crisis." ets. When I started my teaching career, we didn't have these week that a recent study conductdrills," Cohen said.

"We all need to stop being ungun violence. It's not political tion to gun violence. It showed to end gun violence, we need to that, in states that had laws allowwork together to figure that out."

Cohen said that instead of arming teachers, assault rifle bans and common sense legislation should be put in place to mitigate tragedies in the future.

President Trump and the National Rifle Association are calling for arming pro-gun teachers in response to the mass shooting at a high school in Parkland, Fla. a bi-partisan law enforcement where 17 were killed with an AR-15, semi-automatic assault rifle last month.

teachers still operates under the teacher's job is to educate chil-tences for those who commit assumption that mass shootings dren, "It would be hard for the mass shootings, and enforce exin schools and other public places vast majority to quickly be-

come highly skilled marksmen "When I was a kid in school, equipped for a confusing, rapidly

> ABC News also reported last ed from the National Bureau of Economic Research discredited ing citizens to carry handguns, an increase of 13 to 15 percent in violent crimes occurred by the 10th

> A study conducted by the FBI in 2014 also showed that, between the years 2000 and 2013, most civilians who safely stopped a mass shooter were unarmed.

Turner, who also represents advocacy group, calls on lawmakers to ban gun modification equipment that can make weap-Turner said that because a ons more deadly, enhance senisting gun laws.



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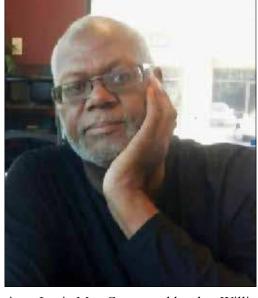
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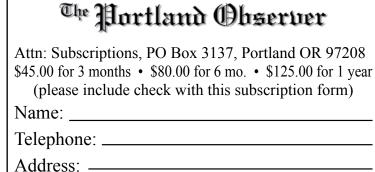
Our beloved father and husband, Stanley Wheeler, aka Big Stan, passed away on his 67th birthday, Feb. 5, 2018 in Vancouver. He was born in Shreveport, Louisiana in 1951 to Mae Bell Bristo Wheeler.

In 1981, he married Denise, and together they raised their two daughters, Talischia and Sharnelle. After 37 years with Tri-Met, Stan retired as a road operations supervisor.

He is survived by his wife Denise Wheeler, son Imil Wheeler, daughters Talischia Tupper and Sharnelle Niedermeyer, son-in-law Luke Niedermeyer, granddaughter N'Dea Wheeler of New Jersey, and grandsons Donatello Tupper, Braylon Hall, D'Angelo Tupper, Lincoln Niedermeyer and Sawyer Niedermeyer. He is predeceased by his mother Mae Bell, sister Jessie Mae Casey, and brother Willie

A memorial service under the direction of the Terry Family Funeral Home will be held Thursday, March 8 at 11 a.m. at the North Portland Eagles Lodge, 7611 N. Exeter.





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