

Street Takeover Mission Results in Arrests

PPB Cracks Down on Street Racing

On the nights of Friday, April 12, 2024, Saturday, April 13, 2024, and Sunday, April 14, 2024, North Precinct officers conducted a Street Takeover Mission with assistance from the North Precinct Neighborhood Response Team, East Precinct officers who were conducting a Stolen Vehicle Operation, officers from the Traffic Division, the Oregon State Police, the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, and a host of others. Officers spent hours each night disrupting street takeover events in all corners of the city. The mission resulted in 12 arrests and numerous citations. Additionally, one firearm was recovered and 33 vehicles were towed. Six of those vehicles were forfeited as a result of the passing of Oregon Senate Bill 615.

The Portland Police Bureau will continue its efforts in educating community members about the dangers of speed racing and street takeovers. This education will be conducted on



Arrest (Photo Courtesy of Portland Police Bureau)

our social media platforms and through one-on-one conversations with participants. Enforcement action will also continue against individuals who are suspected of committing these types of crimes.

PPB wants to remind participants that street takeovers can

result in jail time, fines, and towed vehicles.

In addition to state statutes, Portland City Code addresses this dangerous activity. 1) Unlawful street takeover event means an activity that is unpermitted, pre-planned or contemporaneously coordinated by two or more persons,

and involves one or more persons demonstrating, exhibiting, or comparing the maneuverability or power of one or more motor vehicles in a curved direction, in a circular direction, or around corners, including but not limited to by breaking traction in a curved or circular direction

or around corners. 2) A person commits the offense of an Unlawful Street Takeover if, in a public place or upon a highway, the person knowingly operates a motor vehicle while engaged in an unlawful street takeover event. 3.1) Highway means the entire width of a public right-of-way when any portion thereof is intended for motor vehicle movement or motor vehicle access to abutting property. 3.2) Public place means an area, whether publicly or privately owned, generally open to the public and includes, without limitation, the grounds surrounding buildings or dwellings, streets, sidewalks, bridges, tunnels, alleys, plazas, parks, driveways, and parking lots.

The Portland Police Bureau has updated its vehicle towing policy and now authorizes towing for drivers operating vehicles without valid driving privileges and lack of insurance, and to address street takeovers.

The Bureau recently substantially revised Directive 0630.60, Vehicle Dispositions. Most significantly, the revised directive has the following changes: 1) The directive authorizes towing

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