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Freedom Fund Dinner For the NAACP Event

A Night Filled with Community, Celebration, and Empowerment

The NAACP Portland Branch is hosting their annual Freedom Fund Dinner on Saturday, September 28th at 6:30pm located at the Oregon Convention Center. The night will be filled with community, celebration, and empowerment. As the oldest NAACP branch west of the Mississippi, the NAACP Portland Branch has been at the forefront of civil rights advocacy since 1914. The NAACP has a rich history of promoting equality, justice, and social progress in America. Yet, since the riots and the death of George Floyd, we have made international headlines and are still finding a way to move forward as a city during this challenging time. We are slowly making progress and

together we can continue moving forward. Issues of racism and inequality in Portland impact all of us, not just segments of our population.

The NAACP's mission is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and eliminate racial hatred and discrimination. In addition to members of the NAACP Portland leadership and board of directors, prominent businesses, faith leaders, government, and civic leaders will be in attendance. Our collective voice as a community is powerful and it is wonderful that people from all walks of life are coming together to support the NAACP at this time. Tennessee State Representative, Justin J. Pearson will be speaking at the dinner. Alicia Pinckney, Founder of Black Talent Fund, a 501 (c) (3) initiative set to fund Black students studying to enter the underrepresented fashion/footwear industry. DJ: Og Suggie.

The NAACP Portland is focused on supporting the local black community and others fighting for equality. Historically, this branch has led Portland in the area of three political action goals: voter education, voter registration, and voter mobilization. This is vitally important to elevate our community. In addition to these three goals, the NAACP wants to focus on making big changes in Portland that will impact generations to come. The Freedom Fund Dinner is a significant event in our community, where we will gather to celebrate the achievements of the civil and human rights movement and support the ongoing fight for equality and systemic racism.

The event will be at Oregon Convention Center: 777 Northeast Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard Portland, OR 97232. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please go to pdx-naacp.org for table sponsorship or individual tickets.

The Plane That Crashed in Fairview

Small Plane Reported 'Controllability' Issues Before Crashing

(AP) — A small plane that crashed into a row of townhomes, killing three people just east of Portland, Oregon, had reported "controllability" issues before going down, federal authorities said Tuesday.

The pilot reported those issues after taking off from the Troutdale Airport around 10:25 a.m. Saturday for a maintenance test flight, National Transportation Safety Board Investigator Michael Hicks said, without providing further details on what "controllability" referred to.

The twin-engine Cessna 421C crashed near the airport around five minutes later with two people on board, according to the Federal Aviation Administration. One person in the townhomes was also killed.



Photo provided by portland fire and rescue (Greg Muhr/Portland Fire & Rescue via AP)

Hicks said investigators were working Tuesday to collect time-sensitive evidence from the wreckage site.

The plane crashed in Fairview, a city about 15 miles (24 kilometers) east of downtown Portland

that's home to some 10,000 people. It crashed into a row of eight townhouses, destroying three of them, Gresham Fire Chief Scott Lewis said. He estimated a fourth may be beyond repair and that the others had smoke damage.

The second unit in the row was the main point of impact, he said. "Our hearts, our thoughts and our prayers go out to those who are injured, displaced or just affected by this tragic event," Fairview Mayor Keith Kudrna said.

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office said the medical examiner was still working to officially identify the victims and that their names won't be released until families have been notified.

Sheriff Nicole Morrissey O'Donnell said her deputies found several townhomes on fire when they arrived at the crash. They went door to door to evacuate people and used garden hoses to douse the flames until firefighters arrived, she said.

The plane knocked over a pole and power lines as it went down, causing a separate brush fire in a nearby field, according to the sheriff's office. The plane was split into multiple parts as it crashed in the residential area.

The website for the Port of Portland, which oversees general aviation and marine operations in the Portland area, describes Troutdale Airport as a "flight training and recreational airport."

The National Transportation Safety Board is leading the investigation into the crash, and said it will take up to a year and a half to complete.