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bers said they are grateful for the outpouring of support after the assault, which police are investigating as a racially motivated incident.

According to police reports and interviews, on Sept. 13 three young African American boys were pepper sprayed while sitting in a parked car waiting for their mother at Northeast 9th and Killingsworth, by an attacker who rode up on a bike, sprayed pepper spray through an open window and yelled racial epithets at them. The

attacked with bear spray — a form of pepper spray that contains a higher concentration of capsi-cum than pepper spray marketed for self-defense against human attackers. Some outdoor recreation stores — like REI — sell bear spray in canisters specifically designed to fit the water-bottle holders on bikes, and market it for mountain bikers who fear they may encounter bears on trail rides.

“People exposed to bear/pepper spray would be treated for ir-

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crime is being investigated by Portland Police Bureau’s bias crimes unit.

The boys attacked are 12, 11 and seven-years old. According to Foia Frazer, the boys’ mother, she and Patricia Garner, the boys’ grandmother were indoors exchanging keys at the time of the incident and came outside after they heard the children screaming.

“It was like a natural disaster,” she added, and the car was “fuming.”

The boys and their grandmother were treated onsite by paramedics. Frazier also told *The Skanner* she took the oldest boy to the emergency room for treatment, since he was closest to the open window. All three children went to followup appointments Saturday, and she said they continue to experience skin irritation and itchy eyes.

Frazier said a hospital nurse told her the children were most likely

irritant exposure if needed. Depending on the severity of exposure, we would deliver the appropriate level of treatment,” said Sue Reynolds, nurse manager of the Children’s Emergency Department at Randall Children’s Hospital at Legacy Emanuel in an emailed statement to *The Skanner*. “This would include airway treatments if needed (bronchodilators), comfort measures or medications for pain/discomfort, eye irrigation with saline, shower with soap and water, and continued monitoring of breathing difficulty if present.”

The youngest of the three boys also has special needs, and Frazier said he has struggled in school.

“They keep asking me why. I keep telling them there’s cruel people in the world,” Garner told *The Skanner*.

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SOLVE Beach & Riverside Cleanup to Take Place Sept. 24

Thousands of Oregonians will participate in the 33rd annual SOLVE Beach & Riverside Cleanup, presented by the Oregon Lottery Sept. 24. SOLVE invites volunteers of all ages to help remove invasive plants, restore natural areas, and clean up hundreds of miles of beaches, rivers, parks and neighborhoods before fall rains wash litter and debris into storm drains and out to sea. Volunteers can find more than 100 projects, including 46 beach cleanups coastwide, at solveoregon.org or by calling (503) 844-9571 x 332.

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minorities, women and disadvantaged workers. In September 2012 the city council — after working with a coalition of labor, minority employers, pre-appren-

tablished an oversight committee to develop project-specific agreements and oversee implementation of CBAs for each pilot project. The resolution also asked city

article/589902, says the project has largely been successful in meeting its goals of increasing workforce diversity on minority contracting projects; holding contractors, subcontractors and stakeholders accountable; including key stakeholders in the project; and engaging unions in recruitment and training and placement of workers.

It includes the following recommendations:

- Consider combining the e Labor Management Community Oversight Committee and Compliance Subcommittee.
- Make improvements to technical assistance programs and services.
- Restructure administrative costs.
- Consider both project duration and hard construction costs when determining an appropriate administrative budget.

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procurement services and the Portland Water Bureau to evaluate the effectiveness of the CBAs to be piloted on the projects.

The report, which is available for download at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/>

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members and bringing in more Police Review Board panelists to round out a seven-member group.

Portland Auditor Mary Hull Caballero said the changes to the CRC were in response to the DOJ recommendation to reduce the rate of dismissals, investi-

“Let’s not rush, but seek to install a truly more simple accountability and review process’

gate more cases and to resolve appeals within 21 days.

Hull Caballero said appeals haven’t been resolved in that time frame, and the problem is getting worse: “We are experiencing an increase in appeal requests, and the current backlog extends to next June,” she said.

Hales and Fritz expressed hope that the community and city could come to consensus on the key issues outlined. Hales called for a stakeholder group to form and the session was adjourned.

Police accountability was also the topic of discussion at Portland City

Club last Friday. Jo Ann Hardesty, president of the Portland NAACP, moderated a discussion among Portland Police Chief Michael Marshman, former COAB Chair Kathleen Saadat and Dr. Rev. LeRoy Haynes, Jr. of the AMA.

When Saadat was asked what the big-

gest challenge was when she worked with the Community Oversight Advisory Board, she immediately responded: “institutional barriers.”

Saadat said changing police accountability is complex due to competing interests.

“We are working with several bureaucracies all of which have their own set of policies, their own individual goals,” Saadat said, adding that none of the current systems have a good way of incorporating community input.

Haynes said his ideal police accountability system would empower commu-

nity members with the ability to subpoena officers involved in excessive and deadly force cases and compel testimony. Haynes said that “trust is a two-way street,” where community members trust police to treat them fairly and without racial bias.

“If you are really going to be able to develop trust in the community, being able to hold officers accountable for the excessive force and deadly force is critically important,” Haynes said.

Marshman spoke optimistically about a cultural shift around police reform. He said that he believes the time for reform and community engagement is now — but not everyone in law enforcement agrees with him.



PHOTO FROM A YOUTUBE SCREENSHOT

Former COAB Chair Kathleen Saadat speaks at Portland City Club forum on Police Accountability. Saadat was joined by Portland Police Chief Michael Marshman, Albina Ministerial Alliance Chair Dr. Rev. LeRoy Haynes, Jr. and Portland NAACP President Jo Ann Hardesty.

“I think it is either the best time to be in policing or the worst time to be in policing, and people need to pick a lane, to be blunt,” Marshman said.

Marshman spoke of changing internal police culture and efforts to educate the police force on racial discrimination and racial bias.

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