

I moved to Oregon 6 years ago and I'm lucky to be able to say that I've never been confronted by the PPB. There have been several instances where I have reached out to them and been terribly disappointed in their disinterest and refusal to help. From leads that were not followed up on to reprimanding me for confronting a thief when they wouldn't bother to stop them.

The job of the police is to protect and serve. I can't fathom a world in which a person can defend the actions of the PPB against peaceful protesters in recent weeks. Who are they protecting? Who are they serving? Tear-gassing and arresting folks for demanding the police stop murdering black and brown folks? They've gotten completely out of control. The lack of training a person gets before handing them a gun and a sense of authority is absurd.

The police MUST be held accountable. A person should NEVER have to fear repercussions for reporting injustice within their own ranks. The racism in PPB MUST be dealt with. If any of you or your constituents are still asking, 'who will we call when...', here is a thorough list of alternatives for nearly every situation, many of whom don't carry lethal weapons: [No Cops PDX](#)

I'm hoping you will all use the power granted to you to create the positive and necessary changes we need so badly.

Thank you for your time.

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