

## Portland Disturbances Week By Week

References at bottom. Weeks based on [Heptal Calendar](#).

Violent civilian actions in red, police interventions in blue.

### Spring 11

**Fri (5/29)** Large peaceful protest against police brutality, with smaller group committing vandalism, injuring 2 officers, and setting fire to the local jail; 13 arrested. [1]

### Spring 12

**Fri (6/5)** Most demonstrations peaceful, including 1000 protesters on Friday, but vandalism and looting Mon and Tue evening led to police dispersing crowds with pepper spray. Both protest organizers and city officials condemned violence, which police blamed on a small number of agitators. [2]

**Fri (6/5)** “After a week of widespread use of tear gas and impact munitions to disperse mostly nonviolent protesters,” federal judge limited use of tear gas by Portland Police, citing “strong likelihood” of violating 4<sup>th</sup> amendment rights to not be subject to excessive use of force. [3]

### Spring 13

#### Summer 1

**Mon (6/15)** Large rally in Pioneer Square followed by some vandalism and looting after 11pm, police say they did not use tear gas while dispersing crowds. [4]

**Thu (6/18)** Small crowd pulls down statue of George Washington, Juneteenth Eve. [5]

#### Summer 2

**Fri (6/26)** Police disbursed protesters [previous evening?]. Police say protesters tried to light precinct house on fire, others say a small group started a fire outside precinct and were stopped by other protesters. [6]

**Fri (6/26)** Trump executive order to combat “criminal violence” accompanying protests. [4]

#### Summer 3

**Tue (6/30)** Police use CS gas to disperse crowd, claiming attacks and fireworks from crowd. [4]

**Wed (7/1)** Federal forces from federal courthouse “fire pepper balls at demonstrators”. [4]

**Sat (7/4)** Protesters shoot fireworks at federal courthouse, eliciting response from US Marshals, Customs and Border Police, and others. [4]

#### Summer 4

**Wed (7/8)** Portland Deputy criticizes protester violence but says presence of Federal police “does complicate things for us.” [4]

**Sat (7/11)** US Marshals shoot nonviolent protester in the head. Projectile was not live ammunition but causes serious injury and prolonged hospitalization to protester. [7]

#### Summer 5

**Mon (7/13)** Trump on federal police: “We’ve done a great job in Portland.” [4]

**Wed (7/15)** Federal officers use unmarked vehicles to grab people off the street in Portland, as later confirmed by Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS). [8]

**Thu (7/16)** DHS Acting Secretary Chad Wolf visits Portland, mayor refuses to meet him, governor tells him “Please take your officers home. They are only escalating things here in the city.” [4]

**Thu (7/16)** Clashes between **protesters** and **police**. [9]

**Sat (7/18)** downtown: police declare late-night demonstration to be unlawful; federal officers used “**impact munitions, stun grenades, and some type of gas** to force people to leave. Journalists for The Oregonian/OregonLive did not see a precipitating event that prompted officers to deploy those tactics.” [10]

**Sat (7/18)** north Portland: Portland police **charged protesters** in front of the Portland Police Bureau’s union building, which several protesters **entered and set fire**. Fire was extinguished. [11]

**Sun (7/19)** Oregonian editorial: “federal intervention has only made things worse... while state and local officials are right to demand that federal officers stand down, they also must take responsibility for allowing turmoil in downtown Portland’s conflict zone to persist as long as it has.” [12]

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