

Portland Fire & Rescue's New Arson Detection Dog Receives Special Donation



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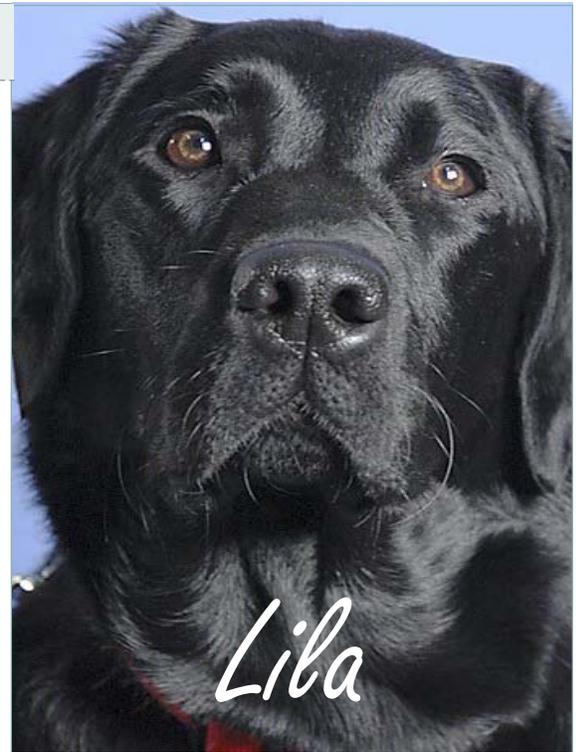
One of the newest members of Portland Fire & Rescue (PF&R) is also the shortest and youngest. At 2 years old and just less than 2 feet tall, Lila, a black Labrador retriever, recently joined PF&R and now works as a partner to an arson investigator.

PF&R obtained Lila through a partnership with the Department of Justice's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). As a part of the ATF's national response team, Lila and her handler can be deployed to major events anywhere in the country.

Since Lila came to work for PF&R, she and her handler have been quite active. Positive alerts from Lila are collected as evidence by the investigator and sent to the Oregon State Forensic lab chemist for confirmation. Lila has an extremely high percentage of alerts coming back as confirmed positive. She has responded to scenes where destructive devices such as Molotov cocktails were used on residences and motor vehicles, fire-related suicides, fatal fires, and intentional fires with the use of accelerants and initiators. Lila has also preformed vehicle and people searches.

USI Northwest and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company are teaming up to donate \$10,536 to PF&R to help fund the expenses needed to maintain the training and living expenses for Lila. The donation will be used to pay for Lila's vet bills, food, exercise equipment, ongoing training and certification, and general upkeep.

An ordinance will be on the City Council consent agenda next week to accept this generous donation.



where:

Double Tree Hotel -
Lloyd Center
3 Sisters Room
1000 NE Multnomah
Portland, Oregon

when:

October 14, 2009
1:30 pm

what:

Photo opportunities
Presentation of donation check
Demonstration of Lila's skills