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**IPR RELEASES POLICY REVIEW ON POLICE BUREAU RESPONSE TO 6/4/17  
PROTEST**

The [Independent Police Review](#) (IPR) has released its [policy review](#) of the Portland Police Bureau's response to the June 4, 2017, protests held in downtown Portland. Tensions among opposing groups escalated during the event leading the Police Bureau to close and clear Chapman Square. At SW 4<sup>th</sup> and Morrison, a group of nearly 400 counter-protestors were detained by members of the Police Bureau and the Oregon State Police. IPR found that the Police Bureau did not sufficiently document the legal justification for the mass detention.

The Police Bureau also photographed those detained and their identification without a clear policy on how those photos would be used, shared or retained. IPR found no evidence that the Police Bureau took photos for intelligence gathering purposes, but without clear guidelines, the Police Bureau cannot sufficiently address fears among some in the community that the tactic will be used to chill free speech and dissenting voices.

IPR recommends the Police Bureau should:

- Not use mass detentions or arrests absent a compelling governmental interest.
- Prohibit the detention of legal observers and members of the media.
- Have a transparent and comprehensive strategy to better communicate with the public prior to and during large crowd control events.
- Update intergovernmental agreements to require outside agencies to comply with the Portland Police Bureau's use of force policies during crowd control events and cooperate with the City's administrative investigation process.
- Better document its crowd control activities.
- Should not photograph individuals who have been detained but not charged with a crime absent a written policy governing the use of the photos.

The Independent Police Review was created in 2001 as the City of Portland's civilian oversight agency of the Portland Police Bureau. IPR is a division of the [City Auditor](#) and is authorized to take community member complaints or commendations about PPB officer behavior. Additionally, IPR is tasked by City Code with conducting reviews of Police Bureau policies and practices.

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