



BRIEFING MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING SECRETARY/SENIOR OFFICIAL PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF DEPUTY SECRETARY

EVENT: Drive by viewing of Mark O. Hatfield U.S. Courthouse/ Federal Partners Roundtable Meeting

DATE: Thursday, July 16, 2020 from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

LOC: Mark O. Hatfield U.S. Courthouse, 1000 SW 3rd Ave, Portland, OR
Edith Green – Wendell Wyatt Federal Building – 1220 SW 3rd Ave, Portland, OR

PRESS: Closed

APPROVED: Name, Title (Component Deputy Chief of Staff or higher)

BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT

As a result of the June 26, 2020 Presidential Executive Order: Protecting American Monuments, memorials, and Statues and Combating Recent Criminal Activity, and your directive to DHS law enforcement components, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) mobilized tactical teams to provide support to the Federal Protective Service (FPS) in protecting federal buildings and assets within the greater Portland, Oregon area. The U.S. Marshals Service deployed their Special Operations Group (USMS/SOG) to further assist FPS in the protection of the Mark O. Hatfield Federal Courthouse in Portland. The U.S. Secret Service, ICE Homeland Security Investigations (ICE/HSI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) have also provided investigative support to FPS.

Since the deployment of personnel by the various agencies, there have been nightly coordinated attacks against Federal Property and assaults on Federal Law Enforcement Officers. Approximately fourteen (14) individuals have been arrested on varying charges to include, 18USC111 (Assault on a Federal Officer) and 18USC1361 (Malicious Mischief) and seven (7) individuals detained, cited and released pursuant to a Central Violation Bureau tickets issued by FPS. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Oregon is reviewing each case to determine appropriate federal charges for each arrest.

You will drive by the Federal Courthouse to witness the damage done to the building and meet with Federal leadership in Portland to discuss the ongoing FPS operations.

KEY POINTS AND PRIORITIES

A. Following are the multiple federal facilities that have been targeted during the recent civil unrest in Portland, Oregon:

- Mark O. Hatfield Federal Courthouse – 1000 SW 3rd Ave, Portland, OR – Has been the epicenter for targeted vandalism since early June 2020

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- Edith Green – Wendell Wyatt Federal Building – 1220 SW 3rd Ave, Portland, OR. – Target of vandalism
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Building – 4310 S. Macadam Ave, Portland, OR – Target of a Molotov Cocktail in late May 2020, regular target for coordinated protest events, occupation of building in June 2018.
- Pioneer Courthouse – 700 SW 6th Avenue, Portland, OR. – Houses the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Building has been a target of vandalism.
- Gus J. Solomon Courthouse – 620 SW Main Street, Portland, Oregon – Target of vandalism

B. AS1 should seek clarification from the U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon about the posture and stance of the U.S. Attorney's Office for prosecuting individuals arrested for assault, destructive behavior or other Federal violations related to joint operations in support of FPS. The U.S. Attorney's Office appears to be aggressively charging individuals, but clarification by the U.S. Attorney for DHS agency leadership would be beneficial.

C. The highly skilled tactical teams assigned to support the civil unrest and riots do not specifically have training in riot control or mass demonstrations. Moving forward, if this type of response is going to be the norm, specialized training and standardized equipment should be deployed to responding agencies.

D. Online social media accounts continue to Dox law enforcement on twitter and other social media platforms. These targeted online attacks often release the home addresses of law enforcement personnel and there have been instances of law enforcement personnel being followed from federal facilities [REDACTED]

BACKGROUND

A. The current civil unrest in Portland has occurred nightly since George Floyd died on May 25, 2020. The riots that have ensued have wreaked havoc on local businesses as a result of looting and damage as well as to federal, state and local buildings. The Mark O. Hatfield Federal Courthouse has been the main building targeted along with the Multnomah County Regional Justice Center and Portland Police Bureau (PPB) Central Precinct. However, additional buildings have been impacted as well, to include the ICE building, Edith Green-Wendell Wyatt Federal Building and PPB's North Precinct. The joint DHS operations involving targeted arrests on violent opportunists has led to a decrease in attacks against federal facilities. Social Media accounts have highlighted numerous times that destruction and defacing of federal facilities should be avoided due to the rapid response by federal officers to arrest violators.