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Report

Accept the Portland Police Bureau report to City Council on the 2025 Portland Joint Terrorism Task Force

Accepted

Chief Robert Day will present the 2025 report on the Portland Police Bureau's (PPB) relationship with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Joint Terrorism Taskforce (FBI JTTF) as established by Portland City Council Resolution 37424.

This annual report to Council is a requirement of Resolution 37424. The report details the frequency of requested assignments and referrals between the agencies and the number and nature of cases referred. This is the fifth annual report to Council under the Resolution.

The full 2025 JTTF report is attached.

Exhibits and Attachments

[Report to City Council on the Portland Joint Terrorism Task Force - 2025](#)
841.77 KB

[Testimony](#) 710.51 KB

Impact Statement

Purpose of Proposed Legislation and Background Information

On May 8, 2019, the Portland City Council adopted Resolution 37424 (As Amended) (referred to herein as "resolution"), to establish parameters of cooperation between the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Joint Terrorism Task Force (FBI JTTF).

The resolution states, in part, that by the end of January, a report to City Council shall contain the following information:

The frequency with which the FBI's Special Agent in Charge requested the assignment of PPB CIU officers for an investigation;
The number of cases that were referred to the PPB by the FBI;
The number of cases that were referred to the FBI by the PPB; and,
The nature of closed cases referred to the PPB by the FBI, including the demographics of persons investigated; and, the disposition of those cases.

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Requested Agenda Type

Regular

Date and Time Information

Requested Council Date

February 19, 2025

Time Requested

1 hour

This report addresses those points and gives details about the assignments and referrals between the PPB and FBI JTTF.

This report is being presented in February due to government restructure and changes in Council availability in January.

Financial and Budgetary Impacts

Long-term financial impacts for the City are immaterial, as no resources are being dedicated to this reporting beyond normal staff functions.

Economic and Real Estate Development Impacts

Not applicable.

Community Impacts and Community Involvement

This report provides information to the Council and public on the cooperation between PPB and FBI JTTF. Please see the report for specifics.

100% Renewable Goal

Not applicable.

Financial and Budget Analysis

No fiscal impact.

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Agenda	Council action
February 19, 2025 Regular Agenda <div>City Council</div>	Accepted Motion to accept the report: Moved by Ryan and seconded by Smith. Aye (12): Avalos, Dunphy, Smith, Kanal, Ryan, Koyama Lane, Morillo, Novick, Clark, Green, Zimmerman, Pirtle-Guiney

**REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL ON THE PORTLAND
JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCE (JTTF) - 2025**

**PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU
CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT**

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Background

On May 8, 2019, the Portland City Council adopted Resolution 37424 (As Amended)¹ (referred to herein as “resolution”), Establish Parameters of Cooperation between Portland Police Bureau (PPB) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Joint Terrorism Task Force (FBI JTTF)².

The resolution states, in part, that by the end of January, a report to City Council shall contain the following information:

- The frequency with which the FBI’s Special Agent in Charge requested the assignment of PPB CIU officers for an investigation;
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- The nature of closed cases referred to the PPB by the FBI, including the demographics of persons investigated; and, the disposition of those cases.

Overview

The mission of the Portland Police Bureau is to reduce crime and the fear of crime. The PPB works with all community members to preserve life, maintain human rights, protect property and promote individual responsibility and community commitment³.

The parameters of cooperation between the PPB and the FBI JTTF, as defined in the resolution, are consistent with this mission statement.

After passage of the resolution and as required by the resolution, the PPB created Directive 750.00, Bureau Cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Joint Terrorism Task Force.⁴ This directive was initially made effective January 2, 2020, is consistent with the resolution; and all PPB officers are required to read and sign an acknowledgement of this directive. This directive is subject to bi-annual public review, with outreach to City Council offices to solicit additional feedback.

On January 21st, 2025, PPB CIU members attended annual refresher training with a member of the Portland City Attorney’s Office to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws. This training is required as part of the resolution. Additionally, the City Attorney’s Office will send a letter to the Oregon Department of Justice to confer on whether there were any legal issues with PPB officers working with the JTTF, based on changes to state or federal law.

The City Attorney’s Office has advised the PPB CIU that they are not aware of any changes in state or federal law that would preclude them from legally working with the JTTF in any capacity.

¹ <https://efiles.portlandoregon.gov/recordhtml/12946365/>

² <https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/portland/news/stories/portland-fbis-joint-terrorism-task-force-jttf-111318>

³ <https://www.portland.gov/police>

⁴ <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/article/785391>

2024 Statistical and Information Report to City Council

Below are the four areas required to be presented in this annual report:

1. The frequency with which the FBI's Special Agent in Charge (SAC) requested the assignment of PPB CIU officers for an investigation:

The FBI SAC requested the assignment of PPB CIU officers for criminal investigations three (3) times in 2024, covering a total of three (3) cases.

Consistent with previous City Council requests, PPB reports that no information shared with PPB was based off facial recognition technology.

2. The number of cases that were referred to the PPB by the FBI:

In 2024, the FBI JTTF did not refer any cases to the PPB CIU for investigation.

3. The number of cases that were referred to the FBI by the PPB:

In 2024, PPB CIU referred one (1) case to the FBI JTTF for review. The nature of this case involved two (2) individuals trespassing in a restricted area at the airport facility where PPB maintains its Air Support Unit aircraft. These individuals were identified as a white male adults.⁵

Per City Council request, PPB reports that no information shared with or requested by the FBI violates ORS 181A.250 (Specific information not to be collected or maintained).

4. Nature of Closed Cases Referred to the PPB from the FBI (including demographics of persons investigated; and the disposition of those cases):

2024 Case 1

- Online interstate threats to an elected official by an individual residing in Portland.
- White Female Adult (Identified).
- Case Closed – Referred to AUSA.

2024 Case 2

- This case remains an open active investigation and specific details cannot be divulged at this time.

2024 Case 3

- This case remains an open active investigation and specific details cannot be divulged at this time.

⁵ PPB Case 24-26595

Case(s) from Previous Year:

The PPB can now report on the nature of three (3) 2023 cases where the FBI SAC requested the assignment of PPB CIU officers for criminal investigations. At the time of the 2024 report, we were unable to provide specific information based on the open and active status of these related investigations:

2023 Case 1

- E-mailed threats of targeted violence made by an individual residing in Portland.
- White Male Adult (Identified)
- Case Closed – Arrest/Prosecution Completed.

2023 Case 2

- Online interstate threats to commit a crime of violence originating from Portland.
- White Male Adult (Identified)
- Case Closed.

2023 Case 3

- Threat of violence sent by mailed correspondence originating from Portland.
- Unknown Suspect (Unidentified)
- Case Closed.

PPB Oversight and Efforts to Improve Processes in 2024

The Chief of Police or the Deputy Chief serves as the liaison to the FBI JTTF and may be granted the appropriate security clearance by the FBI to allow for full oversight of any investigation and case review referred to or from the FBI. The CIU sergeant maintains a security clearance for full oversight. PPB CIU officers that could be assigned to an FBI investigation are subject to all relevant federal, state, and local laws; all PPB directives (policies); and relevant federal regulations. Violation of any of these could prompt an investigation resulting in discipline up to and including termination. Legal violations could also result in a criminal investigation and prosecution.

The Chief of Police regularly communicates with the CIU supervisor to review all information related to information referred to or from the FBI JTTF to ensure continued compliance with the spirit and letter of the resolution.

The PPB will also review all feedback after the delivery of this report and work to incorporate constructive changes where applicable and appropriate to the next annual report.

Conclusion

Protecting the City of Portland and those who live, work, pray, play, and visit is the responsibility of the PPB; however, the PPB cannot do it alone and works with other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to investigate threats to life, including hate crimes, and suspected cases of terrorism.

Threats to life, hate crimes, and terrorism (both domestic and international) are a national and global challenge that require coordination and information sharing between law enforcement agencies.

Identifying those planning to commit a criminal act, and more specifically an act of terrorism, and employing interdiction strategies to prevent an attack, is a top priority.

The PPB, and our law enforcement and community partners, must continue to work to assess and investigate these threats to life, hate crimes, and acts of terrorism, and work to interdict and prevent violence from occurring in our communities.

Members of the community may be the first line of defense against targeted violence, hate crimes, and acts of terrorism. The national “If You See Something, Say Something”⁶ effort by DHS helps guide community members about suspicious activity and how to report it. This guidance is readily available in many languages and provides community members with learning opportunities on how to recognize the signs of terrorism-related suspicious activity. Additionally, the DHS Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency’s (CISA) Hometown Security⁷ program provides access to tools and resources to support community security and resilience. Emergencies should always be immediately reported to 9-1-1, while non-emergency suspicious activity may be reported directly to the Portland Police Bureau.

⁶ <https://www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something>

⁷ <https://www.cisa.gov/hometown-security>