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## NEWS RELEASE

### **POLICE COMMISSIONER DAN SALTZMAN AND CHIEF ROSANNE SIZER ISSUE STATEMENT**

“We have made the decision to place Officer Chris Humphreys in an off-street administrative assignment upon his return to duty and pending the outcome of the investigation into the use of force incident that occurred on the 148<sup>th</sup> Street MAX Platform. The investigation will include a review of police policy and training as it examines the individual actions of the officers involved.

“Over the course of the last week, doubts have been raised in the media about the state of the Portland Police Bureau. We think it is important to express that the Portland Police Bureau and public safety in the City of Portland are in sound condition, when measured by a variety of performance indicators. Crime is down in Portland 11% year to date and was down 10% for 2008. In fact, when measured on a per capita basis, crime is at historic lows. The Portland Police Bureau has worked hard on the use of force issue over several years. Consequently, use of force and officer-involved shootings are down and injuries to officers and suspects are down. Additionally, use of force complaints are down almost 60% in the last four years. Overall, Internal Affairs complaints are down 40% during the same period.

“The Portland Police Bureau has sought creative ways to develop and improve our relationship with our community. We are assigning new recruits to assist with social service providers and learn more about people who suffer disadvantage. We are actively engaged in inter-group dialogue with the Human Rights Commission and its Police/Community Relations subcommittee. In addition, we are involved with the Z-Man Scholarship Foundation, which provides opportunities to young people and looks for innovative ways to bring the community and the Police Bureau closer together.

“Emotions have run high over the last ten days. We met with the leadership of the Portland Police Association today to discuss recent events and how to best move forward from here. We are confident that we are moving in the right direction for the long-term interests of both the community and the Police Bureau.”

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