Portland Mayor Boosts Gang Enforcement

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Portland Police Chief Mike Reese announced that the Bureau will significantly strengthen the Gang Enforcement Team beginning next week as part of Operation Safe Summer. 14 police officers, two detectives, one sergeant, and one lieutenant will be added. They will boost uniform gang enforcement, add to the Gun Task Force, and the added detectives will be able to assist the current unit with case investigations. They will remain in place until September 21, 2012.

As of June 8, 2012, the Gang Enforcement Team has responded to 57 gang-related shootings in the City of Portland. Last year at the same time, there had been 36 gang-related shootings in the City. This rising trend started in 2006 and each year the number of shootings has continued to rise.

Mayor Sam Adams at Operation Safe Summer Press Conference

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Again! Every summer the mayor "gets tough" on gang crime, and every year we get the same results. Al Einstein teaches us; "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." Unless increased police enforcement is backed up by adequate jail space, little will change. Until the spineless politicians focus on the root causes of the problem, it will not go away.

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