

The Federal police were - also - a major source of harm during Portland's protest summer of 2020. Yet the Federal militarized forces which were sent to harm residents of Portland on Portland city streets will be mentioned neither by those who represent the US Department of Justice nor by those who represent the City of Portland.

Night after night city police welcomed and supported indiscriminate Federal gassing of our people.
According to local researchers, chemical weapons were used in Portland at least 20 times. (Data from PRADA to go here)

How did this escalation of force on our streets affect people with mental illness and trauma who live in our downtown area, people who are homeless, people who have nowhere to shelter from weeks of chemical gas and flashbang grenades? How was their trauma magnified and aggravated by witnessing hysteria, helicopters overhead, and deafening acoustical weapons? And most damaging, and most absurd of all, the ever-present threat of losing everything, perhaps even their lives, in what is euphemistically called a "sweep" of encampments.

There is no one to testify for the harm the Federal police caused the city of Portland, most of all our most fragile neighbors - people who are homeless, unheard, traumatized.

No investigation will be done of this harm.
No Federal police officer will be held to account.
No Portland police authority will be investigated for aiding and abetting.
No reparations will be made.
There is no recourse in the civil courts.
There is no political price to pay.
There is no accountability - again - for police violence.
There is only silence.
There is only betrayal of those innocently caught up in attacks by Federal forces on our city.