

# "Portland Must Make Public Safety a Priority by Supporting Law Enforcement" says Dr. Bud Pierce

*Republican gubernatorial candidate Dr. Bud Pierce releases a statement on Portland violence and lack of support for law enforcement.*

SALEM, OREGON, USA, September 23, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In the first nine months of the year, Portland, Oregon, has seen over [eight hundred shooting incidents](#). Portland is on pace to have 1,070 shootings in 2021.

When nine-year-old [Hadar Kedem](#) testified before the Portland City Council that she had to hide from gunfire in a Portland park, Republican gubernatorial candidate Dr. Bud Pierce called out the city for its lack of support for law enforcement.



Bud Pierce for Governor Logo

"What has Portland become when a nine-year-old has to run from gunfire in a public park? The city has made no apparent progress on its \$6 million plan to curtail gun violence," Dr. Pierce said.

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*Dr. Bud Pierce, Oncologist and  
Candidate for Oregon  
Governor*

The city is struggling to fill the jobs in their specialty gun violence unit. Earlier this summer, fifty police officers, who volunteered to serve on Portland's specialized crowd control unit, resigned from the rapid response team. Officers said they didn't receive support from city leaders.

Pierce noted that even Portland's Community Safety Director Mike Myers said that the city has failed to address

public safety issues. In a council work session, Myers is quoted [by KATU](#) news saying the city has not been managing the violence and that the police are overwhelmed with call volume.

"Portland's crime wave is a direct result of its cutting back on law enforcement last summer. Some of the city's leadership can't seem to make that connection. Law enforcement must have the proper resources and training necessary to combat this surge of violence. They also must have a government that supports them, not demonizes them. You don't have a civilization when you don't have public safety," Pierce's statement concluded.



Bud Pierce, MD, Candidate for Oregon Governor

Dr. Bud Pierce has placed public safety at the forefront of his campaign agenda. He has committed to strengthening law enforcement's role and providing citizens with the protections they need to live without fear of violence.

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Bud Pierce, M.D, Ph.D. is a business owner and senior partner of Oregon Oncology Specialists, one of the last physician-owned practices on the West Coast. He announced his candidacy for governor on the Republican ticket in April 2021. Approved photos and biography can be found at [www.BudPierce.org/newsroom](http://www.BudPierce.org/newsroom). To arrange an interview with Dr. Pierce, email [news@budpierce.org](mailto:news@budpierce.org).

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