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# SECTOR 6

CRIME BULLETIN FOR BACK COVE, EAST DEERING, NORTH DEERING AND RIVERTON NEIGHBORHOODS

## Texting and Driving

### Tips for Teens

Don't be tempted: turn off your cell phone. Let voicemail capture your voice and text messages.

If you have to call or text while driving, pull off the road safely and stop.

Recognize that text messaging can be a habit. Get support from your friends by letting them know you are working on breaking the texting habit.

If you think you will still be tempted to text and drive, put your phone somewhere you can't reach it, like the trunk.

Take control of your cell phone, don't let it control you. You are the only one who decides when and if you send and read a text message.

### Tips for Parents

Don't call/text your teen at times when you know they are likely to be driving.

Review your teen's cell phone bill with them to see if they are texting at times they are likely to be driving.

Share this information with your teen.

Establish family rules that prohibit texting while driving.

Set a good example, don't text and drive.

### Maine law on distracted driving

#### §2118. Failure to maintain control of a motor vehicle

*(REALLOCATED FROM TITLE 29-A, SECTION 2117)*

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Operation of a motor vehicle while distracted" means the operation of a motor vehicle by a person who, while operating the vehicle, is engaged in an activity:

(1) That is not necessary to the operation of the vehicle; and

(2) That actually impairs, or would reasonably be expected to impair, the ability of the person to safely operate the vehicle. [RR 2009, c. 1, §18 (RAL).]

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**2. Failure to maintain control of a motor vehicle.** A person commits the traffic infraction of failure to maintain control of a motor vehicle if the person:

A. Commits either a traffic infraction under this Title or commits the crime of driving to endanger under section 2413 and, at the time the traffic infraction or crime occurred, the person was engaged in the operation of a motor vehicle while distracted; or [RR 2009, c. 1, §1 (RAL) .]

B. Is determined to have been the operator of a motor vehicle that was involved in a reportable accident as defined in section 2251, subsection 1 that resulted in property damage and, at the time the reportable accident occurred, the person was engaged in the operation of a motor vehicle while distracted. [RR 2009, c. 1, §18 (RAL).]

A person may be issued a citation or summons for any other traffic infraction or crime that was committed by the person in relation to the person's commission of the traffic infraction of failure to maintain control of a motor vehicle.

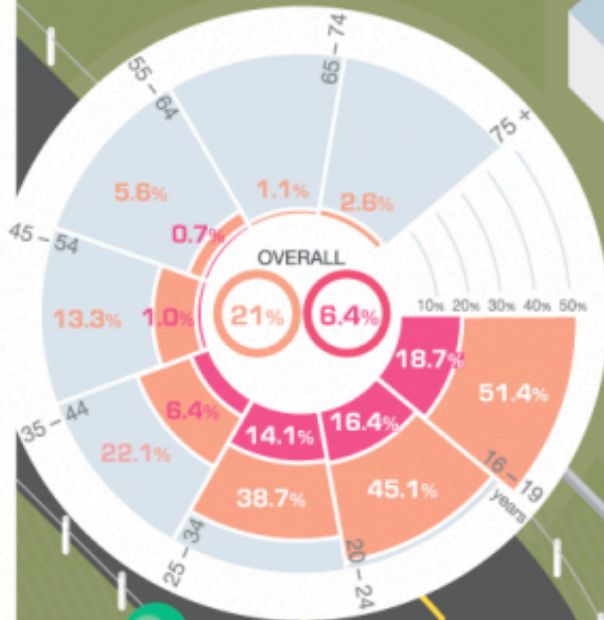
# Texting and Driving cont.

## Driving While Texting

### Who is Driving While Texting?

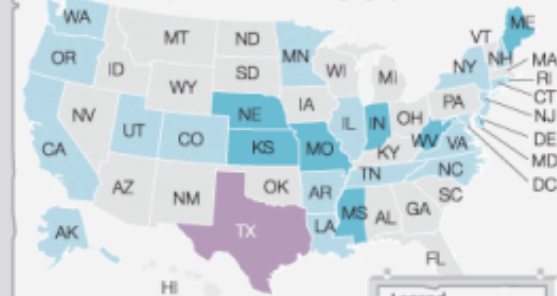
Over half of teenage drivers admit to texting or emailing while driving. But they're not alone...

■ SOME TEXTING ■ FAIRLY OFTEN/ Regularly



### Laws state by state

Nineteen states and the District of Columbia now ban text messaging for all drivers. Another nine prohibit text messaging by novice drivers.



Source: Governors' Highway Safety Association

Texting  
8X

### Is That Driver Drunk or Texting?

You are 4 times more likely to cause an accident while driving drunk or talking on a cell phone. You are 8 times more likely to cause an accident while texting!

Drunk  
(.08 BAC)\*  
4X

Talking on  
Phone\*\*  
4X

\* Most states consider a person legally intoxicated if his or her Blood Alcohol Content is .08 or greater

\*\* Hand-Held OR Hands-Free

Source: The University of Utah

## **Scams and Frauds**

Here are some tips you can use to avoid becoming a victim of cyber fraud:

- Do not respond to unsolicited (spam) e-mail.
- Do not click on links contained within an unsolicited e-mail.
- Be cautious of e-mail claiming to contain pictures in attached files, as the files may contain viruses. Only open attachments from known senders. Scan the attachments for viruses if possible.
- Avoid filling out forms contained in e-mail messages that ask for personal information.
- Always compare the link in the e-mail with the link to which you are directed and determine if they match and will lead you to a legitimate site.
- Log directly onto the official website for the business identified in the e-mail, instead of "linking" to it from an unsolicited e-mail. If the e-mail appears to be from your bank, credit card issuer, or other company you deal with frequently, your statements or official correspondence from the business will provide the proper contact information.
- Contact the actual business that supposedly sent the e-mail to verify if the e-mail is genuine.
- If you are asked to act quickly, or there is an emergency, it may be a scam. Fraudsters create a sense of urgency to get you to act quickly.
- Verify any requests for personal information from any business or financial institution by contacting them using the main contact information.
- **Jamaican Lottery Scam**- Scam artists are calling with a thick Jamaican accent from a 876 area code. The caller states that you've won a large sum of money from an international lottery, but you need to wire a few hundred dollars for the taxes before you can receive the prize. If you send the money it just leads to sending more money for other reasons. These scammers are also pretending to be police and asking you for money to help investigate "the scam". These Jamaican scams are preying on the elderly in the United States and have taken over \$30 million from Americans in 2010. There has been a rise of enforcement on drug trafficking so the gangs are looking for new ways to come up with the money. Other countries involved with these types of scams are Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, the Netherlands, Nigeria, and Spain.
- **Fake Facebook Profiles**- Spammers are setting up fake facebook profiles and either requesting you to be their friend or sending a personal message. When the facebook user goes to the spammer's fake profile they're redirected to malicious software. Facebook is also a favorite for fraudsters who are looking to steal your identity. Most challenge questions for online banking are things like where you went to high school, birthplace, and your pet's name which most people post on their profile. This makes it very easy for someone to hack into your bank account. To prevent this make sure you're using your privacy settings properly. Don't leave any private information to be seen by the public and don't allow anyone you don't know to become your friend online.
- **Nigerian Letter or "419" Fraud**- A false Nigerian official will send a letter through the mail or e-mail telling you they want to transfer millions of dollars out of Nigeria. In return you will get a percentage of the money. The fake government official will ask for some money upfront for things like bribing government officials, legal fees, taxes and they promise that all your money will be returned to you once the funds are transferred out of the country. They sound very convincing and go into grave detail about the process. In reality there is no money and you will end up losing all the money you have sent out. There's a number of ways this Nigerian scam works, but they all come from a postmarked Nigerian letter or e-mail asking for your help in transferring large sums of money.
- **Telemarketing Fraud**- An unknown caller telling you to act now this deal is too good to pass up, send money, asking for credit card numbers, bank account numbers, no need to check out the company's legitimacy and so on.



## HELP SOLVE A CRIME



**Attempt to ID burglary suspect attempting to sell stolen items at Guitar Grave.**

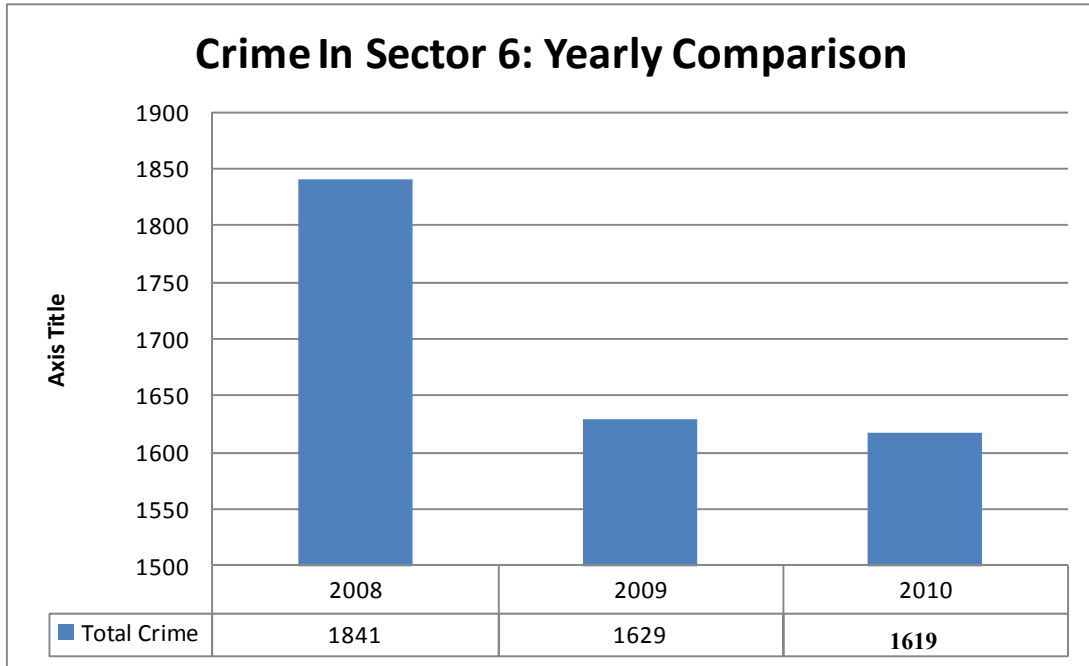
**Attempt to ID robbery suspect from Subway on Saint John Street. The suspect is described as 6'2, heavy built, wearing a half black ski mask, a navy blue pull over sweatshirt and brown pants.**



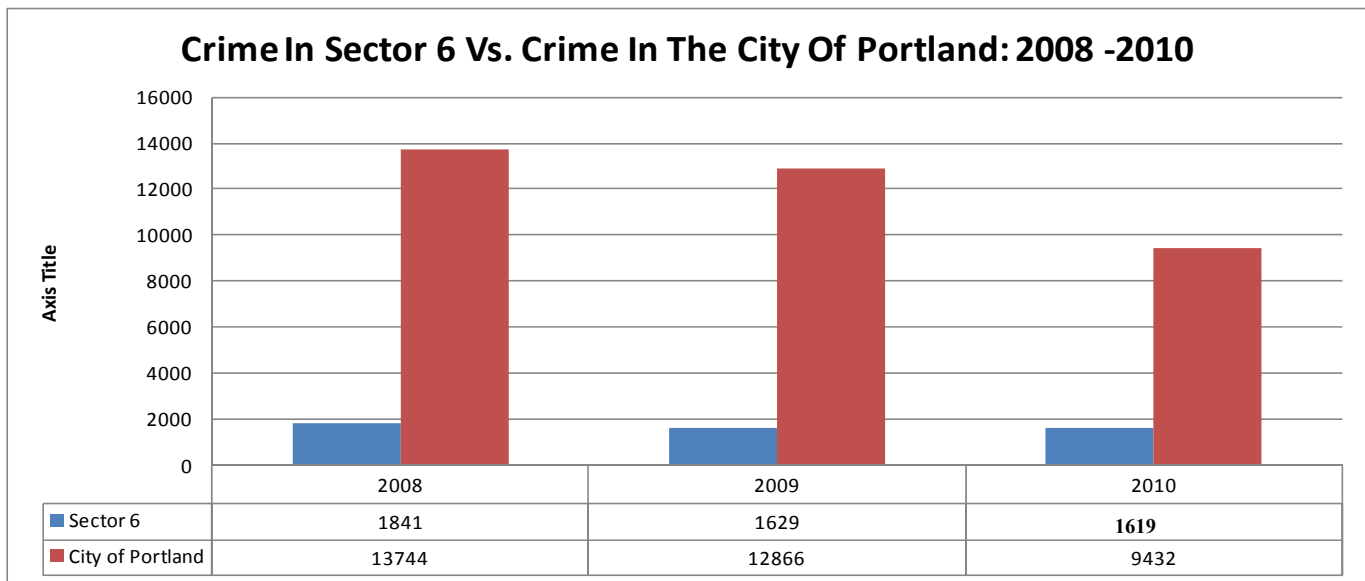
**Attempt to ID suspects cashing a stolen check.**

**WARNING**

**You should not try to apprehend or confront any person shown on this page!**



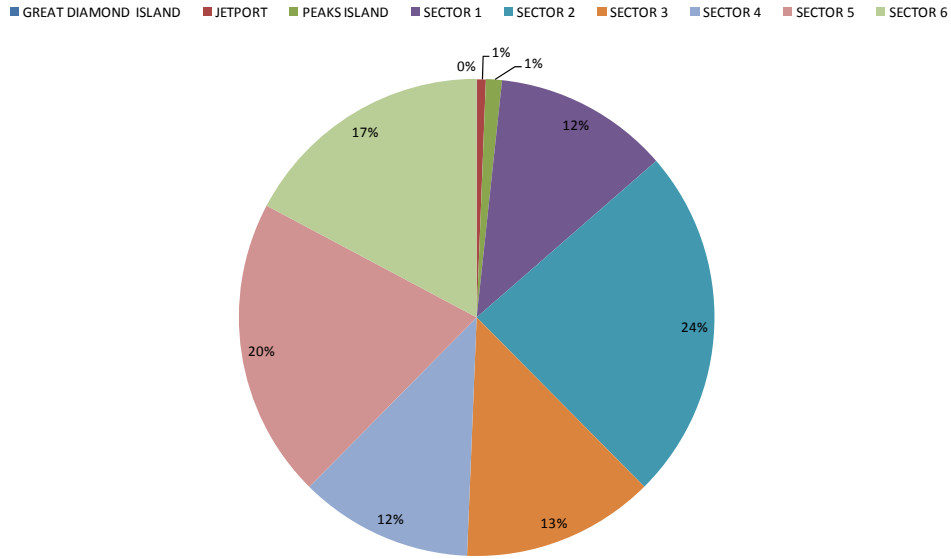
	Percentage Change
2008 Vs. 2010	-12%
2009 Vs. 2010	-0.73%



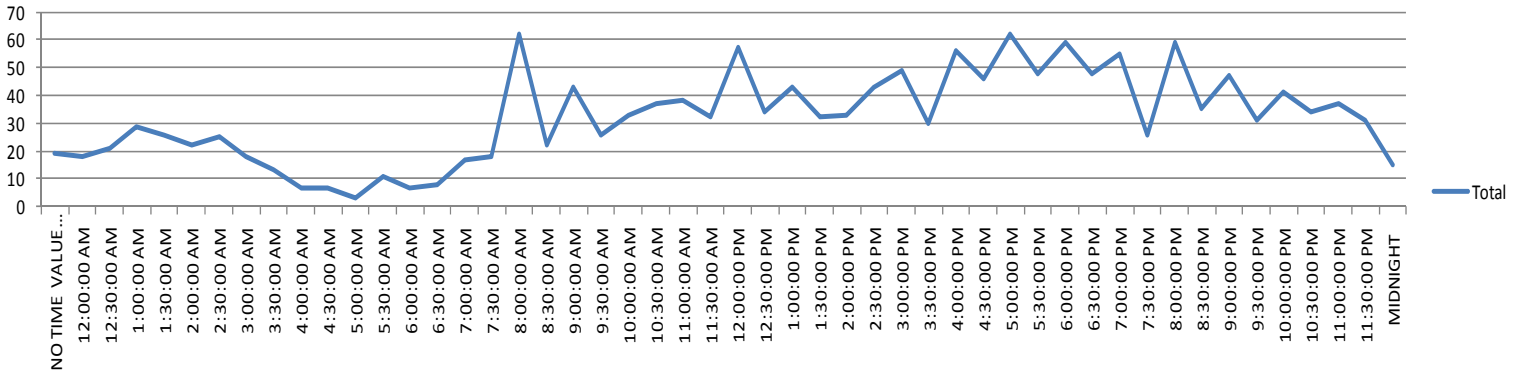
*Analysts Note:*

In 2008 13% of the crime in the city of Portland occurred in Sector 6. This percentage rate is to be expected for the size of Sector 6.  
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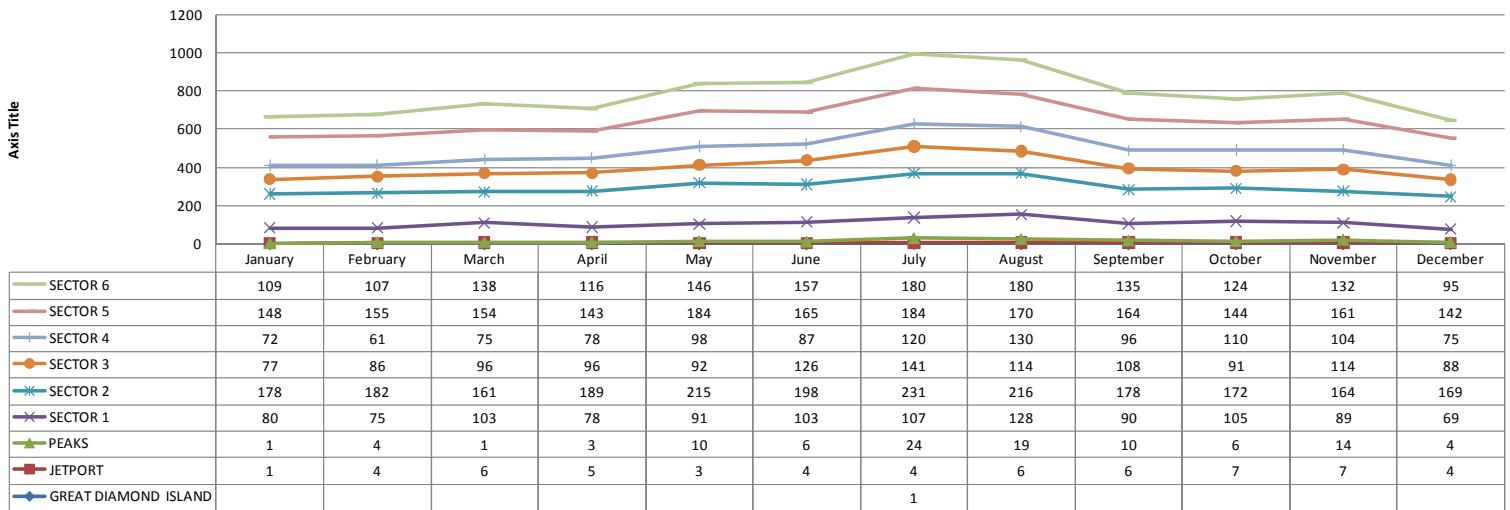
Percentage of Crime In Each Sector For the City of Portland



Time Frequency of Crime In Sector 6



CRIME COUNT PER SECTOR: 2010



2010 SECTOR 6 REPORT: CRIME TYPE TOTALS

