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Community member 20, Portland: I was present during the protests. Law enforcement used tear gas not to disperse, but aimed hot cans at thick pockets of the crowd completely uncaring of who they hit. I was not one of the folks breaking anything or setting anything on fire, but instead of trying to talk with the people present or even be human in their engagement with us - they painted us all with the same brush and openly used munitions. As an asthmatic, my breathing was ruined for hours and I had trouble afterward for days. My skin stung and I couldn't be in the sunlight for almost three days afterward without having a problem with physical sensation all around my head, face, neck, and hands.

Police should not be treating the people who pay their paychecks, their rent, their overtime, and for their mistakes this way. If they cannot disperse upset people - the response should *not* be attacking them as if we're criminals for wanting better treatment from the city.