Civil Unrest in Annapolis

Maryland Municipal League
June 13, 2018
ANNAPOLIS PROTESTS
THE U.S. WAS BUILT ON PROTESTS

Boston Tea Party

Civil War

Right to Life

Women's Suffrage

Civil Rights Movement
WHY PROTEST?

- Most demonstrations are for the purpose of influencing government policies or legislation
- Voices of the non-influential can be heard
- Power of the protest
- Creation of a new normal
- Not all protests are a negative movement
**Civil Protest**

- An organized public demonstration of disapproval with a particular action, idea or incident
  - Civil protest often takes place after a significant and/or controversial event.

- Common protest locations:
  - Scene of the event
  - Most media coverage available
  - Disruption of a government function
  - Important landmarks

**Civil Disobedience**

- The active, professed refusal to obey certain laws, demands, or commands of a government, or of an occupying international power.
  - Civil disobedience is sometimes, though not always, defined as being nonviolent resistance.

- Examples of nonviolent resistance: Martin Luther King, Jr. and Gandhi
WHO PROTESTS?

• Protesters are:
  • Passionate citizens that want their voices heard

• People in your community
  • Neighbors
  • Employees
  • Customers
  • Friends
  • Family
RECENT EVENTS
ANNAPOLIS

Not My President

Dakota Pipeline

March for Life
The first trial is likely to end tomorrow! Be ready to take to the streets regardless of the ruling! Justice for Freddie Grey!
TYPES OF PROTESTS
Peaceful protesters gather all over following the decision not to indict officers in Ferguson, Missouri
Peaceful protesters blocking traffic
#3 VIOLENT AND DISRUPTIVE

Riots in Baltimore following the death of Freddie Gray, Ferguson, MO riots, and riots in Los Angeles following the arrest of Rodney King
TRAINING
Lessons Learned from Civil Protests: A Seminar
Annapolis City Council Work Session
City Council Chambers
June 11, 2015
1:30 PM

Mayor’s Public Safety Initiative for Annapolis Businesses
Protecting Your Business: Civil Unrest

Police Chief Mike Pristoop
Fire Chief David Mosker
Deputy Fire Chief Kevin J. Simmons

CIVIL DISTURBANCE
TABLE TOP EXERCISE 2016
City of Annapolis, Maryland

6/11/15: Council Work Session
6/12/15: Fire and Police

10/20/15:
City Business Owners

November 2016:
Public Safety TTX
The Unified Command organization consists of the Incident Commanders from the various jurisdictions or agencies operating together to form a single command structure.

- Establishes a common set of incident objectives and strategies
- Allows Incident Commanders to make joint decisions by establishing a single command structure
- Maintains unity of command supporting the Annapolis Police Department as the lead agency
- Each employee only reports to ONE supervisor.
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

ANAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT
OPERATIONS DIVISION

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: Mobile Field Force Operations

DATE: DRAFT/DRAFT/DRAFT

DATE REVISED: S.O.P. No.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Standard Operating Procedure (S.O.P.) is to provide a procedural policy for the mobilization and deployment of the Annapolis Police Department’s Field Force. The Mobile Field Force (MFF) is designed to provide speed of response to manage large crowds and/or riotous behavior.

POLICY

The Annapolis Police Department shall maintain a specially trained and equipped Mobile Field Force (MFF) to effectively manage large crowds and/or riotous behavior, in order to:

1. Preserve Life
2. Protect property
3. Allow safe ingress and egress throughout the City
4. Restore normal operations

Annapolis Fire Department Operating Policy Manual

Chapter 7: Operations

7.4 Civil Disorder and Armed Attack Procedures

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7.4.1 Introduction

Responding and operating in areas of civil disorder, riots and protest can jeopardize the safety of fire department personnel and resources. Naturally, firefighters and paramedics have been injured during these situations. The safety of all employees of the Annapolis Fire Department is of the utmost importance when responding or operating in civil disorder situations. This policy is intended to provide our supervisors and employees with guidance in making prudent decisions that safeguard our personnel and resources.

7.4.3 Notification and seating Procedures

A. Fire Alarm and the Duty Officer shall inform responding fire companies if a reported incident is known or suspected to be in areas of civil disorder or armed attack. If it is confirmed that a scene of civil disorder or armed attack exists, Fire Alarm and the Duty Officer shall notify:

1. Fire Chief
2. Deputy Chief of Operations
3. Director of Annapolis Emergency Management
4. EMS Officer
5. Fire Investigation
6. Public Information Officer

B. Personnel on duty may have family members living or working in the area of civil unrest. To assist them in securing their family and their concerns, the Department will share information with our members as security limitations permit.

C. The Fire Chief in conjunction with the Deputy Chief of Operations shall review the threat to our personnel and if warranted, upgrade staffing to four (4) on each suppression unit and three (3) on each medic unit.

EOP Incident Specific Annex J – Civil Protest/Unrest

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Annex is to establish planning and response procedures for Civil Protest events. The planning and response efforts will focus on working with Civil Protest leadership and allowing for the event to be conducted in a safe and acceptable way.

The City of Annapolis recognizes the citizens right to assemble, protest, and rally in a lawful manner. The City of Annapolis and its Departments realize that Civil Protest may bring the risk of Civil Disobedience acts or Civil Disorder. All plans and response strategy should be aimed to minimize the risk of Civil Disobedience/Disorder, and keep the citizens and property of Annapolis safe.
SOCIAL MEDIA

• Social network and information sharing
• Replacing traditional news for “first alert”
• Everyone is adapting
  − Government, businesses, media outlets, schools, celebrities, personal branding and identity
SOCIAL MEDIA & INTELLIGENCE

- Utilize Open Source Dashboard Manager (Hootsuite)
- Share Information with Public
- Work with Partners
- Threat Assessment
- Monitor Known Sites & Groups

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GATHERING INFORMATION

We can find *more* information:

- Search group/individual hosting
- Find related events nearby
- See event’s discussion, comments and updates
Using social media can be useful:

- Early warning
- You are confirmed as the official source
- Rumor control
- Provide situational updates as they pertain to public safety
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