

San Diego Police Department

Mobile Field Force

Emergency Planning Unit



The San Diego Police Department

supports all people's fundamental right to peaceably assemble and their right to freedom of speech and expression. The goal of police involvement at peaceful First Amendment Activities is to preserve the peace, prevent criminal activity, control traffic, and facilitate the safe exercise of an individual or group's First Amendment rights.

In furtherance of these rights, and to facilitate the safe and peaceful exercise of an individual or group's First Amendment rights, the Department will act swiftly and with resolve to protect human life, property, and maintain peace when confronted with violence, threats of violence, assaults, or other criminal acts.

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This Critical Incident / Mobile Field Force Guide is intended to provide all personnel of the San Diego Police Department with information that is easy to retrieve and would be valuable in any emergency. This guide is not a complete listing of all information or sources. Refer to Department Procedures for a complete listing of information.

Mobile Field Force deployments are utilized, at the discretion of the Incident Commander, to assemble a set number of officers in an expedited, organized manner. Examples are:

- Fire / Flood related evacuations and repopulation
- Mass casualty Incidents
- Protests and demonstrations / Civil Unrest
- Presidential visits

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FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCEMENT

"I am (*your name & rank*), a peace officer of the City of San Diego. I hereby declare this to be an unlawful assembly, and in the name of the People of the State of California, I order all those assembled at (*give specific location*) to immediately disperse, which means to break up this assembly. If you do not do so, you may be arrested.

You may also be subject to other police actions including the use of kinetic energy projectiles and chemical agents, which include CS Tear Gas, OC Pepper Spray, 40mm sponge rounds, irritant filled projectiles, and 12-gauge beanbag rounds. Use of these devices could result in serious injury.

Penal Code section 409 prohibits remaining present at an unlawful assembly, which means you must leave the area I just described. If you remain in the area just described, you will be in violation of Penal Code section 409. The following routes of dispersal are available (*provide evacuation routes*). It is approximately XX hours, and you have XX minutes to leave the area (*provide reasonable time*)."

"Yo Soy (*name and rank*) un official del departamento de policia de San Diego. Por la presente declare que esta es una asamblea ilegal y en el nombre del gobierno del estado de California, les ordeno a todos aquellos reunidos (*give specific location*) que se retiren inmediatamente. Usted puede moverse (*give specific locations and best route*). Si no hacen eso, ustedes seran arrestados.

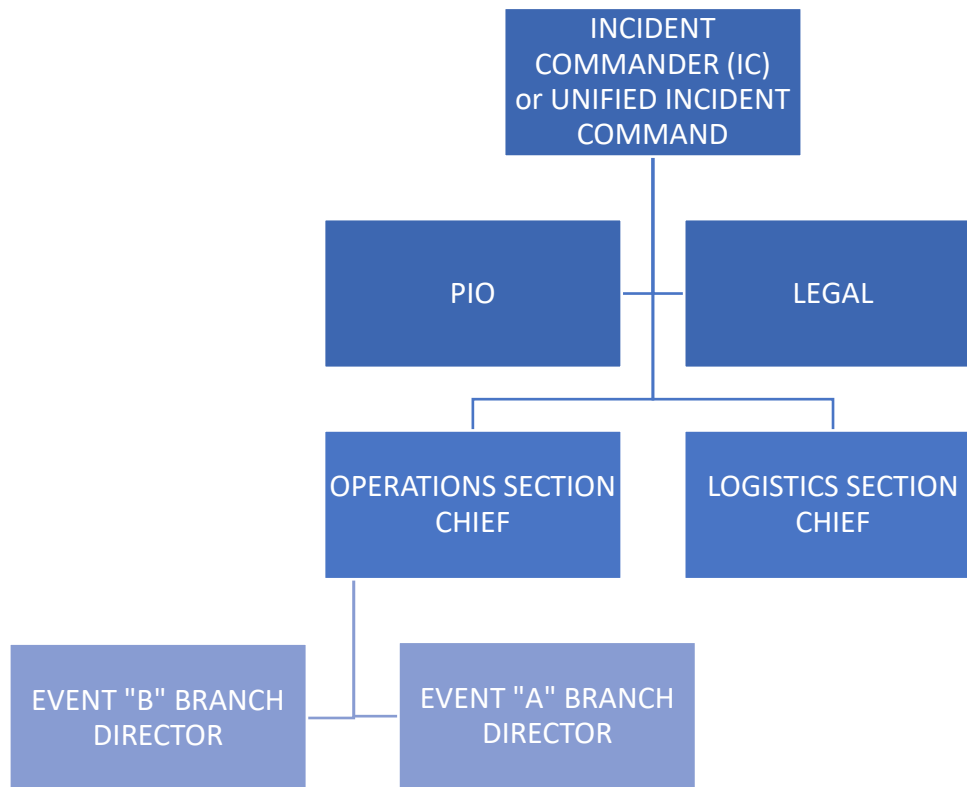
Otra accion del policia podria incluir el uso de fuerza que podria infligir dolor significativo o causar lesiones graves. Ejemplos de esta fuerza podrian incluir proyectiles de energia cinetica, agentes quimicos irritantes que incluyen, esparcidor lagrimiante, aerosol de pimienta, proyectiles llenos de irritante pimienta, y cartuchos calibre 12 llenos de sacos con proyectiles.

Codigo Penal, seccion 409 prohíbe permanecer en una asamblea ilegal. Si permanecen en la zona que acabamos de describir, independientemente de su proposito, usted estara en violacion del Codigo Penal 409. Las siguientes rutas de dispersion estan disponibles (*provide routes*). Tiene (*reasonable time*) minutos para dispersar."

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SAMPLE MOBILE FILED FORCE ICS ORANIZATIONAL CHART



RESOURCES AVAIABLE TO OPERATIONS SECTION CHIEF FOR ASSIGNMENT:



THIS ORGANIZATIONAL CHART IS AN EXAMPLE ONLY. IT CAN GROW OR SHRINK AS THE INCIDENT DICTATES

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Incident Commanders or designated personnel planning for or responding to a Mobile Field Force activation, should create a communications plan.

The communications plan should take into consideration:

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- Consider the need for multiple frequencies in case there are multiple events throughout the region.
- Ensure clear dialogue with Communications Division regarding Unit assignments and appropriate Unit Designators.
 - *It is very important to evaluate having officers re-log with appropriate unit designators based on event type. Failing to do so creates confusion between command staff, officers, and dispatchers. Properly assigned unit designators allows for easier tracking of resources.*
- Outside of an officer safety / emergency situation, squad sergeants and platoon commanders should be the only personnel speaking on the radio.
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MOBILE FIELD FORCE UNIT DESIGNATORS

WAVE DEPLOYMENT:

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FULL DEPLOYMENT:

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PRE-PLANNED EVENTS

ALPHA PLATOON BY SQUAD:

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BRAVO PLATOON BY SQUAD:

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LOG INTO MPS



ENSURE SELECTED SERVER IS SPECIAL EVENTS

Once logged off from previous unit designator, the MFF units will log back on by selecting (**Deleted – records of security**) from the “Select Division” drop down menu.

LOG BACK ON WITH
APPROPRIATE UNIT
DESIGNATOR

ADD REMAINING OFFICERS BY
NAME IN THE "USERS IN UNIT"
FIELD

SELECT OFFICER'S NAME

ONCE ALL FOUR OFFICERS
ARE ENTERED, SELECT
“SUBMIT FORM”
FUNCTION.

WHEN COMPLETE, EACH
VEHICLE SHOULD APPEAR
SIMILAR TO THIS EXAMPLE.

MOBILE FIELD FORCE COMPOSITIONS

WAVE DEPLOYMENT

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ALPHA PLATOON

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MOBILE FIELD FORCE COMPOSITIONS

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BRAVO PLATOON

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SERGEANT'S ACTIVATION CHECKLIST

1. Upon a Mobile Field Force **WAVE Activation**, respond to the designated staging location (unless otherwise directed). All predesignated MFF personnel shall advise Communications Division when they are enroute to the staging location.
2. **DO NOT** respond Code 3 unless specifically directed to do so by the MFF Lieutenant / Field Lt. / Incident Commander.
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9. **(Deleted – records of security)**
10. Meet with MFF Lt. / Field Lt. / Incident Commander to get mission information.
11. Use a loud, clear voice to issue commands to your squad.
12. Know and support the constitutional right to peaceably assemble and demonstrate.
13. Know that media has a right to enter disaster / riot scenes per 409.5(d) PC. Per 409.7 PC, media may be present behind police MFF lines.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR ARE UNCLEAR ABOUT YOUR MISSION, ASK!

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CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

1. Account for all personnel and equipment.
2. Turn in all reports to command post or prisoner processing.
3. Submit yellow copies of OT slips to command post, if necessary.
4. Have units log off of their MFF unit designator and re-log as their previously assigned unit designator.

NOTES:

OFFICER AND DETECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Advise Communications Division that you are enroute to the MFF staging location.
2. **DO NOT** respond Code 3 unless specifically directed to do so by the MFF Lieutenant / Field Lt. / Incident Commander.
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5. **(Deleted – records of security)**
6. Remain disciplined at all times.
7. **(Deleted – records of security)**
8. Know and support the constitutional right to peaceably assemble and demonstrate.
9. Know that media has a right to enter disaster / riot scenes per 409.5(d) PC.

NOTES:

FIELD COMMANDER MFF ACTIVATION CHECKLIST

1. Establish a staging location or command post.
2. Confirm squad officers and sergeants are enroute to the staging area via radio.
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5. Ensure sufficient personnel are requested to the staging location / command post.
6. Contact protest / demonstration leader(s) if possible.
7. Identify your mission.
8. Brief MFF officers and sergeants on the mission and keep them updated.
9. Plan for shift change or to hold over personnel if necessary.
10. Plan for food / water for personnel.
11. Plan for rest / relief of line personnel.

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