

CIVIL UNREST / RIOT CONTROL PREPARATION & TRAINING

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PURPOSE / BACKGROUND

- Current trend in civil unrest represents a realistic threat to DOE Facilities, Property & Employees
- PF & LE Training & equipping has decreased over the last few decades
- During the same period, Civil Unrest has increased and become more violent
- Emergent tactics pose a legitimate threat to DOE



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1ST AMENDMENT TO THE US 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.



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RECENT HISTORY CIVIL UNREST

- More & more frequently, legitimately peaceful protests are hijacked by violent opportunist
- Typically occur in major metropolitan areas
- Each DOE/NNSA Site has unique challenges (for example):
 - Hanford
 - The proximity of Portland and Seattle; ~200 miles
 - The high number of government (DOE) facilities in the area;
 - The relatively small LEA presence in the Tri-Cities;

Awareness and preparation are our best defense

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HOW A DOE FACILITY COULD BE TARGETED

- Part of a Planned Protest Against the Federal, State or Local Government
 - For some perceived “wrong doing”
- As a result of DOE / SPO Action
 - Example: 2018 SPO – Officer Involved Shooting
- As a Coordinated/Comprehensive Anti-Government attack
 - Activist use of Social Media can quickly bring orchestrate crowds & chaos



DOE ORDER 473.3A

[“This Order establishes requirements for the physical protection of interests under DOE’s purview ranging from facilities, buildings, property, and employees to national security interests such as classified information, special nuclear material (SNM), and nuclear weapons.”]

[“Departmental interests MUST BE PROTECTED from MALEVOLENT acts such as theft, diversion, and sabotage and events such as natural disasters and CIVIL DISORDER by considering site and regional threats, protection planning strategies, and protection measures.”]



LAW ENFORCEMENT / DOE RESPONSIBILITIES

- If your site planning relies on LLEA Intervention via Contract or MOU...
 - Many Law Enforcement Agencies Do Not have the personnel & equipment to counter concurrent threats
 - LLEA may quickly become overwhelmed
 - Focus on protecting their primary interests
 - ❑ Businesses / Local Government Offices / Schools / Infrastructure
 - **DOE assets quickly fall to lower-priority status**



LAW ENFORCEMENT / DOE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Even if MOU or contracted LE is overwhelmed, DOE's expectation remains the "[protection of DOE Facilities, Buildings, Property, and Employees](#)"
 - Local DOE Offices can request FPS or National Guard Support
 - Could still take a few days before they arrive

Fail to Plan...Plan to Fail

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SPO AUTHORITY

- Often questions as to DOE SPO authority
- 10CFR1047 provides the legal authority to defend DOE assets
 1. **18USC111 ASSAULTING**
 2. **42USC2278a TRESPASSING**
 3. **18USC1361** Government Property or Contracts (e.g. VANDALISM AND MALICIOUS MISCHIEF)
 4. **18USC371 CONSPIRACY**
 5. **18USC844 Explosives (including MOLOTOV COCKTAILS)**
 6. **18USC81 ARSON**
 7. **18USC231 CIVIL DISORDER**
 8. **18USC1363** Buildings or Property within Special Maritime and territorial jurisdiction
(E.G. MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY)
 9. **18USC33 DESTRUCTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES**
 10. **8USC2151, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156 SABOTAGE**



USE OF FORCE

- Protective Force planning & training should consider the basic law enforcement mission template:
 - Protection of life & property
- Use the minimum force necessary
- Understanding that rioters frequently seek to agitate LE to create overreaction

RESTRAINT Must be our Mantra!



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Active Patrolling & Intel Gathering

- Activists & Anarchist conduct pre-operational surveillance & planning
 - Reconnaissance of planned routes & targeted facilities
 - Anarchists may stockpile improvised weapons caches
 - Often use U-Haul or other rental trucks
- SPOs should
 - Actively patrol areas of responsibility looking for pre-operational indicators
 - Unusual type or number of vehicles, people or materials
- DOE Protective Forces & Security Offices Should
 - Team with LLEA, Counter Intelligence, Joint Terrorism Task Force, etc



THREATS TO PROTECTIVE FORCE & LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Goals of Rioters & Anarchist:
 - Embarrassment through agitation in view of media
 - Incite turnout via inflammatory social media postings
 - Destroy representations of governance & order (police vehicles/buildings)
 - Looting to include LE equipment from vehicles
 - Envelope & overwhelm officers (US Capitol Riot)
 - **SEIZING AND HOLDING BUILDINGS OR AREAS**



ANARCHIST/RIOTER TACTICS

- Methodical Escalation:
 - Verbal / written abuse - Signage
 - Noise attacks (Loud Speakers, Whistles, Drums)
 - Attacks on equipment / Vandalism
 - Throwing objects (rocks, bricks, bottles, Molotov Cocktails)
 - Block intersections via rolling vehicles or dumpsters
 - Set on fire
 - Use of hand weapons Clubs, Knives
 - Guns, commercial fireworks (mortars), explosives

ATTEMPT TO ISOLATE INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS OR COUNTER-PROTESTERS



CIVIL DISTURBANCE CONTROL TEAM & TRAINING

- ~6 hours initial training
- ~2 hours annual refresher
- Several elements of training satisfy current requirements for defensive tactics, small team tactics, cuffing & searching, etc.

Civil Disturbance Control Team Equipment (~\$200 per SPO)

- Riot Shield & Protective Visor
- Helmet (already issued & carried)
- Chest & Shoulder & Shin Protectors
- Baton
- Gas Mask (already issued & carried)



SHIELD TEAM

Comprised of 4 SPOs and 1 Team Leader

- Besides standard equipment –
 - Riot Shield
 - Helmet with Protective Visor
 - Chest and Shin Protectors
 - Short or long Baton
 - Gas Mask

Typical deployment three teams (15 personnel)



ARREST, CONTROL AND RESCUE TEAM

Comprised of 4 SPOs and 1 Team Leader

- Besides standard equipment –
 - Helmet with Protective Visor
 - Riot Baton
 - Numerous Flex-Cuffs
- Works in connection with all elements
 - May enter crowd to:
 - ✓ Arrest mob leaders; or
 - ✓ Rescue officers or civilians



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LESS LETHAL TEAM

Comprised of 4 SPOs and 1 Team Leader

- Besides standard equipment –
 - Less Lethal Shotgun
 - CS Gas Canisters
 - Flash Bangs
 - Fire Suppression
 - Medical Equipment



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OVERWATCH TEAM

Comprised of 4 SRT and 1 SRT Team Leader

The Overwatch Team is just that:

- Equipped with full Tactical Kit
 - Provides security for lethal encounters
 - Acts as a Quick Reaction Force (QRF)
 - Respond to lethal threats such as gunfire



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