



# COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

*"Policing Excellence through Community Partnerships"*

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Civil disorders may occur as the result of social and political upheavals, unrest, or disagreements that escalate to uncontrollable behavior and possibly riots resulting in the destruction of property and loss of lives.

## 2.0 PRE-PLANNED CIVIL DISTURBANCES

In the event of a pre-planned civil disturbance, the Special Events Unit will be responsible for coordinating the efforts of all outside police agencies and support agencies and for outlining the part each of these agencies will play.

The Special Events Coordinator will be responsible for creating an Operations Plan that includes:

- Designation of the officer in charge
- Location of the Command Post
- Supporting agencies (if any)
- Designated radio frequency, to allow communication between responding agencies.
- Security plans for public buildings, facilities or utilities that may become involved in the disturbance.
- Staging area (if necessary)
- Traffic Control
- Contingency plan for the arrest and transportation of prisoners

## 3.0 SPONTANEOUS CIVIL DISTURBANCES

In the event of a spontaneous civil disturbance, the Watch Commander will assume responsibilities for police activities and will be responsible for the notifying (or requesting that the Communications Center notify) the Chief of Police and the Police Department Command Staff of the incident.

## 4.0 INCIDENT COMMAND POST

An Incident Command Post will be established in proximity to the incident location. The location of the Command Post must be easily accessible and in a safe location with adequate parking, lighting, water, electricity, and toilet facilities. Parking areas of shopping centers, churches or schools should be considered as possible locations.

The Police Department's Mobile Communications Center may serve as the Incident Command Post.

#### **5.0 SECURITY OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

In the event that vital public facilities are threatened, the Incident Commander shall assign the necessary manpower needed to adequately secure the location based on the threat level.

#### **6.0 TRAFFIC CONTROL**

Traffic control points may be established to assist in controlling access to the incident location. If necessary, assistance from the Richland County Sheriff's Department and the South Carolina Highway Patrol may be requested.