

MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL ORDER



BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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Introduction: This policy is being updated to require the Chief's authorization for crowd control weapons during protests or demonstrations.

Effective with the issuance of this Special Order, Section 5-312 of the MPD Policy and Procedure Manual shall be amended as follows:

5-312 FORCE DURING CIVIL DISTURBANCES
(08/17/07) (06/16/20)

- A.** Civil disturbances are unique situations that often require special planning and tactics to best bring an unlawful situation under effective control. ~~The on-scene incident commander shall evaluate the overall situation and determine if it would be a reasonable force option to use less lethal or non-lethal weapons to best accomplish that objective.~~ Crowd control weapons include, but are not limited to, chemical agents, rubber bullets, flash-bangs, **batons**, riot sticks, and marking rounds.
- B.** During protests and demonstrations, authorization for crowd control weapons shall only come from the Chief of Police, or if the Chief is unavailable, the Chief's designee at the rank of Deputy Chief or above.
- C.** In civil disturbances that are not protests or demonstrations, sworn MPD employees shall not deploy crowd-control weapons until they have been authorized by the on-scene incident commander or Unless there is an immediate need to protect oneself or another from apparent physical harm, sworn MPD employees shall refrain from deploying any less lethal or non-lethal weapons upon any individuals involved in a civil disturbance until it has been authorized by the on-scene incident commander.
- D.** The incident commander shall ensure that any authorization for crowd control weapons is documented in the incident report, including the person who authorized the use of crowd control weapons. MPD shall retain such documentation for a period of not less than seven years.

~~The riot baton is a less-lethal weapon that shall only be deployed for carry or use during, or in anticipation to, a civil disturbance.~~