

MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL ORDER



BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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MP-8806

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 7-805 of the MPD Policy and Procedure Manual shall be amended as follows:

7-805 CIVIL DISTURBANCES
(04/20/01) (06/16/20)

(B-C)

- A.** MPD personnel will not interfere with lawful protests ~~and/or~~ demonstrations.
1. Unless a crime has been committed, officers are responsible only for keeping the peace at civil disturbances.
 2. If a citizen's arrest is made, officers are required to accept the prisoner unless it appears that the arrest is unlawful.
- B.** Officers responding to large-scale disturbances, or those that are likely to become violent, shall notify their supervisor. The responding supervisor shall assume incident command and determine the need for additional assistance, equipment, and tactics to be used.
1. The responding supervisor will inform the Watch Commander, who shall contact MECC with information of the situation. MECC shall contact the Chief of Police and the appropriate Bureau Head, with information of the situation.
 2. The first level of additional assistance shall be precinct officers and designated response cars. The supervisor or on-scene incident commander shall establish a field command post with a designated staging area. The incident commander shall designate officers for security details for police vehicles and equipment.
 3. The incident commander may activate the Emergency Response Unit (ERU) in order to provide additional demonstration management resources, ~~or to deploy chemical/less~~

~~lethal munitions as necessary and in accordance with MPD policies for its use.~~ Upon activation, the ERU will be deployed/ and directed by the ERU commander in consultation with the incident commander.

4. The incident commander shall be in charge of the incident as a whole, however, the ERU commander shall direct the specific actions of ERU members once they have been activated, consistent with the mission outlined by the incident commander.

C. During protests and demonstrations, use of all crowd control weapons must be authorized only by the Chief of Police, or if the Chief is unavailable, the Chief's designee at the rank of Deputy Chief or above (in accordance with P&P 5-312).