A Unified Command Approach to Prevention and Response

OPERATION: SAFETY NET

The Mission

1. **Preserve and protect** lawful First Amendment non-violent protests and demonstrations.

2. **Prevent** large scale violent civil disturbances, assaultive actions, property damage, fires, and looting to government buildings, businesses, and critical infrastructure.

Keeping People Safe and Protecting Property

Encouraged Activity

- Peaceful assembly
- Marching (not on a freeway)
- Making your voice heard
- Exercising constitutional rights
- Presence in public areas
- Signs and other peaceful expressions
- Assembling in designated areas

Unlawful Activity

- Protesting on or entering a freeway as a pedestrian
- Throwing objects
- Setting a fire of any kind
- Damaging property or graffiti
- Use of illegal fireworks
- Display or use of illegal weapons
- Reckless driving, especially near pedestrians
- Assaultive or riotous actions towards anyone

Prevention Resources

- **Property Protection Detail**
  - Protecting key business corridors throughout the city.
- **Critical Infrastructure Protection Detail**
  - Protecting key government buildings and infrastructure.
- **Fire/EMS Security**
  - Assuring that Fire and EMS crews can quickly and safely respond to emergency calls.
- **Police Precinct Security Detail**
  - Protecting our police precincts.
- **Tactical Traffic Control**
  - Assuring safety for pedestrians and officers.

Response Resources

- Mobile Field Forces
- Quick Reaction Teams
- Bicycle Rapid Response Teams
- Booking/Processing Teams
- SWAT Tactical Teams
- Bomb/EOD Response

Phases

- Planning and Preparation
- Jury Selection and Trial
- Closing Arguments and Verdict
- Demobilization and Reduction

Full deployment of law enforcement and National Guard begins

State Capitol

- Staffing
  - State Patrol, DNR, and Minnesota National Guard.
    - Supported by East Metro Law Enforcement Agencies
- Environmental Design
- Weekly Briefings of Security Stakeholders w/Captain Roeske
- Weekly planning meetings with Minnesota National Guard, DNR Enforcement and Department of Administration.
- Table top exercises specific to the State Capitol
- Cognizant of Legislative Session
- Prepositioning of material and equipment for damage repair

East Metro Civil Disturbance Readiness

- Chief Todd Axtell, Saint Paul Police Department

State Capitol Temporary Fence

- State Capitol was closed to the public due to COVID-19 pandemic in March 27, 2020
- Fence was installed on May 31, 2020
- Creates a demarcation line for First Amendment activities with distance from the building
- State Capitol to remain closed to public events at least until June 30
  - Ensures COVID protocols can be followed
  - Conforms to State's Work From Home policy

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Preparation by Other States

- Several states installed fences or other protective measures after events of January 6 in anticipation for continued civil unrest.
- Of responding states, about half chose to leave additional protective measures (fencing and barricades) in place.
- Most have additional personnel or contingency plans for quick deployment of protective measures and additional personnel.