

# MASS DEMONSTRATION REQUIREMENTS

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## I. GENERAL

When the department has advance knowledge of a planned mass demonstration, the department shall attempt in good faith to communicate with the organizers of the event to discuss logistical plans, strategies to avoid conflict and potential communication needs between police and event participants.

The department shall make plans to avoid and de-escalate potential conflicts and designate an officer-in-charge of de-escalation planning and communication about the plans within the department.

## II. PROCEDURES

A law enforcement officer SHALL NOT discharge or order the discharge of tear gas or any other chemical weapon, discharge or order the discharge of rubber pellets from a propulsion device or release or order the release of a dog to control a person's behavior unless:

1. De-escalation tactics have been attempted and failed or are not feasible based on the totality of the circumstances; and
2. The measure used are necessary to prevent harm and the foreseeable harm inflicted by the tear gas or other chemical weapon, rubber pellets or dog is proportionate to the threat of imminent harm.

### **III. REPORTING**

OFFICER REPORTING: If a law enforcement officer utilizes or orders the use of tear gas or any other chemical weapon, rubber pellets or a dog against a crowd, the officer will file a use of force report (using Blue Team). The officer will include the following:

1. Type of force used, and the events that led up to the requirement for the use of force; and
2. All de-escalation tactics and other measures that were taken at the time of the event to de-escalate tensions and avoid the necessity of using tear gas or other chemical weapon, rubber pellets or dog.

SUPERVISOR REPORTING: The Officer-in-Charge of the event will file a separate report (using Blue Team) and will include the following:

1. Measures taken in advance of the event to reduce the possibility of disorder; and
2. All de-escalation tactics and other measures that were taken at the time of the event to de-escalate tensions and avoid the necessity of using tear gas or other chemical weapon, rubber pellets or dog.

A copy of all use of force reports for the incident to the Commission, by the Chief of Police or his/her representative.