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**To:** Watch Report  
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In response to protests across the country related to the death of George Floyd, the following guidance is intended to assist Watch commanders in responding appropriately to similar protest activity within the City. In all cases, Watch Commanders will be proactive in protecting First Amendment rights and life safety.

Watch Commanders will:

- Maintain up to date departmental staffing that will be organized in predetermined squads and forward to Patrol Bureau.
- Identify ACT members and organize them into a squad and appoint an ACT Team Leader.
- Ensure that officers deploy with MFF gear.
- Respond to any reported protest and assess.
  - Determine appropriate staffing, staging areas, and Command Post location
- Make initial Command Staff notifications as to the crowd size and type of activity occurring.
- Determine if activity is:
  - Lawful First Amendment activity
  - There is isolated unlawful activity
  - Unlawful assembly or riot
- Provide factually correct updates

Consider:

- Tactical Alerts
- Force Protection for Fire Department response
- Mutual Aid
  - Determine mission, staging area, and route as well as appoint a staging area manager
- SWAT Callout (for rapid MFF response)
  - Determine mission, staging area, and how they should respond (ie. PD uniform, Patrol Vehicles)