

ILLINOIS STATE POLICE OPS-048, CIVIL DISTURBANCES

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I. POLICY

The Illinois State Police (ISP) will:

- I.A. Preserve peace and protect the lives and property of persons in Illinois.
- I.B. Employ only the degree of force necessary and reasonable to maintain law and order and overcome resistance to lawful authority during a civil disturbance (see ISP directive OPS-046, "Use of Force").
- I.C. Maintain a neutral position during a civil disturbance.

II. DEFINITIONS

- II.A. BOWMAC - a program taught by the ISP Academy on instructing the Incident Response System for responding to a critical incident.
- II.B. Civil Disturbance - an incident which disrupts a community sufficiently enough to require intervention by authorities to restore/maintain public safety.
- II.C. Region Crowd Control Teams - officers from work units within the Region. These officers have received specialized crowd control equipment and conduct training on a regular basis.

III. PROCEDURES

- III.A. A civil disturbance detail will use specific equipment. (See Addendum 1.)
- III.B. When a civil disturbance is reported to the ISP or the ISP is requested by another law enforcement agency to assist with a civil disturbance, the closest personnel and a supervisor (who will serve as the Officer in Charge (OIC) at the site of the disturbance) will be dispatched to the scene to make an initial assessment.

NOTE: Personnel serving as OIC can change as circumstances evolve at the scene of the civil disturbance.

- III.B.1. The first officer on the scene will notify their Shift Commander of the:

- III.B.1.a. Location of the incident
- III.B.1.b. Number of persons involved
- III.B.1.c. Nature of the situation

- III.B.2. The first responding supervisor (OIC) on the scene will apply the principles of BOWMAC:

- III.B.2.a. Securing communications
- III.B.2.b. Identifying a kill/unsafe zone
- III.B.2.c. Setting up inner and outer perimeters
- III.B.2.d. Setting up a staging area
- III.B.2.e. Establishing a command post
- III.B.2.f. Requesting additional resources (Special Weapons and Tactics Team, Region Crowd Control Teams, K-9, etc.)

- III.B.3. The Shift Commander will notify appropriate troop command personnel of the disturbance.

- III.B.4. Police officers will take no enforcement action at a civil disturbance unless directed by the OIC or if human life is endangered.

- III.B.5. The Troop Commander, upon notification of a civil disturbance, will notify the appropriate Region Crowd Control Team Leader and the Region Commander of the situation, and upon request of the OIC, will immediately mobilize the necessary personnel and equipment. (See ISP directive OPS-073, "Troop Contingency Planning.")
- III.C. As soon as adequate personnel arrive at the staging area, the OIC will:
 - III.C.1. Deploy officers in the appropriate formation to confine and isolate the civil disturbance within the affected area.
 - III.C.2. Issue orders to disperse the crowd in conjunction with an orderly display of strength while ensuring that:
 - III.C.2.a. Impact weapons are used properly
 - III.C.2.b. Conducted Electrical Weapons, if issued, are used properly when authorized by the OIC.
 - III.C.2.c. Chemical agents are used only when authorized by the OIC

NOTE: Remove all K-9 units prior to the use of chemical agents.
 - III.C.2.d. Officers use firearms only when deadly force is necessary. (See ISP directives OPS-002, "Weapons Discharge/Deadly Force Investigations," and OPS-046, "Use of Force.")
 - III.C.3. Termination Phase
 - III.C.3.a. Gradually remove the extra personnel and patrols from the area.
 - III.C.3.b. Remove shotguns, riot helmets, rifles, impact weapons, and other related civil disturbance equipment from view.
 - III.C.3.c. Inform the appropriate Region Commander that the situation has been resolved and deactivate the command post.
 - III.C.3.d. If ISP personnel have not videotaped the incident, ISP personnel will identify any video/photographs from media and request copies.

| Indicates new or revised items.

-End of Directive-

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ADDENDUM 1, REQUIRED ITEMS IN CIVIL DISBURBANCES**

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1. The following items are required, if issued, for uniformed personnel assigned to a civil disturbance detail:
 - a. Black boots (optional)
 - b. Black leather gloves
 - c. Flex cuffs
 - d. Groin protection (optional)
 - e. Gun belt and accessories
 - f. Impact weapons
 - g. Long sleeve uniform shirt without collar stays or tie
 - h. Gas mask and filters
 - i. Body armor vest
 - j. Rifle (if authorized) and minimum number of rounds issued
 - k. Riot helmet, with face shield and chin strap
 - l. Shotgun and minimum number of rounds issued
 - m. Uniform slacks
 - n. Conducted Electrical Weapon, if issued
 - o. Additional uniform items for three days

2. Personal items for at least three days will be necessary:
 - a. Undergarments
 - b. Toilet articles
 - c. Civilian attire
 - d. Needed prescription medication
 - e. Money/debit card(s)/credit card(s)
 - f. Food/water

-End of Addendum-