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

Phase 1
- Planning and Preparation

Phase 2
- Jury Selection and Trial

Phase 3
- Closing Arguments and Verdict

Phase 4
- 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.