

# **Dallas Police After Action Review**

## **Public Safety Committee**

### **August 18, 2020**

**Chief of Police Reneè Hall**  
**Major Jim Lewis**  
**Dallas Police Department**



# Presentation Overview

- Overview
- Friday May 29, 2020
- Saturday May 30, 2020
- Sunday May 31, 2020
- Monday June 1, 2020
- Lessons Learned
- Moving Forward

# Overview

- This presentation will be a thorough examination of departmental response to protest that occurred in the City of Dallas between May 29 – June 1, 2020
  - Key findings from the thorough examination
    - Command and Control
    - Communication
    - Staffing
    - Use of Force
    - Training

# Friday May 29, 2020

- Scheduled Events
  - Solidarity Rally/March for George Floyd
- Intelligence
  - Protests in other cities had become violent
  - No threats of violence locally
  - Positive interaction with event organizers
- Summary
  - Highly tense and physical encounters between individuals and police.
  - Protest escalated to rioting, looting, and destruction to private and public property.

# Saturday May 30, 2020

- Scheduled Events

- Justice for George Floyd and Atatiana Jefferson Car Rally @ City Hall
  - 1500 Marilla Street

- Intelligence

- Increased tensions due to previous day's riots and looting
- Violent rhetoric on social media
- Direct threats against police

- Summary

- Continued rioting, looting, and damage to property
- Planned and unplanned incidents occurred through out the downtown area all day and into night.

# Sunday May 31, 2020

- **Scheduled Events**

- Three protests occurred throughout the day at three locations.
  - Klyde Warren Park
  - Omni Hotel
  - Frank Crowley Courthouse

- **Intelligence**

- Curfew from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- Violent rhetoric on social media
- Direct threats against police

- **Summary**

- Only a few pop protests and were addressed by officers
- Change in tone of protestors

# Monday June 1, 2020

- Scheduled Events
  - Solidarity Rally/March for George Floyd and March for Justice
- Intelligence
  - Early that day, the event organizer provided a preliminary timeline of events and route
  - Numerous threats against police and local businesses
- Summary
  - Protestors deviated from planned route and entered highway
  - Multiple forms of less-than-lethal utilized
  - 674 protestors detained, transported off the highway, and field released

# Key Findings

- Use of Force
  - SWAT Less-than-Lethal
    - Hand deployed: 317
    - 40mm deployed: 335
  - Patrol Less-than-Lethal
    - Pepperball: 33
    - 40mm “Stinger”: 35
    - Taser: 3
    - OC Spray: 75
  - 50 Use of Force complaints received or initiated
  - After a review of the use of force the department made policy changes in general orders 902.02 (Pepperball) & 908.04 (40mm)



# Key Findings Cont.

- Command and Control
  - Quicker implementation of Incident Command System
  - Command structure must be clearly articulated in operational plans and pre-event briefings
- Communication
  - A clear communication structure
  - Communication processes between law enforcement partners must be established prior to a critical incident

# Key Findings Cont.

- Staffing

- Identify members of department for secondary responsibility of Mobile Field Force
- Ensure patrol stations identify response teams daily
- Resources requested by Tactical Planning will only be denied by an assistant chief rank or higher

- Training

- Expanded opportunities for large-scale training events
- Increased Incident Command System training
- Training team will investigate options for inter-jurisdictional collaboration

# Moving Forward

- R.E.A.L. Change
  - General Order Changes
    - 902.02 & 908.04- Restrict the use of Pepperball launchers and 40mm Less Lethal “Stinger” into a crowd
    - G.O. 901.02 Duty to Intervene
  - CS gas deployment requires authorization by the Chief of Police
  - Body Worn Cameras
    - 500 additional cameras for a total of 2000
    - Approximately 175 hours of video documented between May 29 and June 1
  - Completion of IAD investigations into use of force complaints.

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