RISK MANAGEMENT USE OF FORCE FOR CROWD CONTROL REPORT

DATE OF INCIDENT: 05/01/2024  
TIME OF INCIDENT: 1900  
LOCATION CODE: 502

CITY OF OCCURRENCE: Los Angeles  
COUNTY OF OCCURRENCE: Los Angeles

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ASSEMBLY, PROTEST, DEMONSTRATION, OR INCIDENT

On May 2, 2024, at approximately 0230 hours, California Highway Patrol Southern Division Special Response Team (SRT), Border Division SRT and Inland Division SRT, responded to the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) campus, located within the city limit of Los Angeles and the county of Los Angeles, in response to a Mutual Aid request involving an unlawful "Pro Palestine" protest. SRT personnel were dressed in the blue utility uniform and civil disturbance/riot gear.

At approximately 0300 hours, SRT members were met with assaultive resistance, which included multiple protesters throwing items, such as frozen water bottles, bottles containing urine and other unknown fluids, full 12 oz soda cans, pieces of plywood, wooden poles, and various sized fire extinguishers (full and emptied). Protesters used various wooden objects to assault SRT personnel. SRT personnel were also sprayed with fire extinguishers and other unknown chemical irritants, causing temporary blindness and difficulty breathing.

SRT grenadiers utilized 40 mm Foam Baton's and 12-Gauge Shotgun with Kinetic Energy Bean Bag Rounds when they identified specific subjects assaulting officers. At no point were kinetic energy projectiles fired indiscriminately in the crowd of protesters.

This incident lasted for approximately 5-6 hours.

APPROXIMATE CROWD SIZE: 800  
NUMBER OF OFFICERS INVOLVED: 240  
NUMBER OF DOCUMENTED INJURIES AT THE TIME THE REPORT WAS GENERATED: 0

DE-ESCALATION TECHNIQUE USED: YES

DE-ESCALATION TECHNIQUE TYPE (Check all that apply): □ ADVISED/WARNED  □ ISSUED VERBAL COMMANDS  □ ATTEMPTED TO GAIN VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE

REQUESTED ADDITIONAL OFFICERS: Yes  
REQUESTED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: No  
OTHER DE-ESCALATION TECHNIQUES OR OTHER ALTERNATIVES TO FORCE ATTEMPTED:  

The following orders were broadcasted in English, both prior to and continuously throughout the operation, utilizing UCLA’s public address system: "I am Captain Gawin Gibson, a police captain for the University of California, Los Angeles. I hereby declare this to be an unlawful assembly and in the name of the people of California, command all those assembled in the area inside of Dickson Plaza to immediately disperse, which means break up this assembly. If you do not do so, you may be arrested or subject to other police action. Other police action may include the use of less lethal munitions, which can cause significant risk of serious injury to those who remain. Section 409 of the Penal Code prohibits remaining present at an unlawful assembly. If you remain in the area, which was described regardless of your purpose in remaining, you will be in violation of section 409 of the Penal Code. The dispersal route is a walkway between Powell Library and Kaplan Hall, southbound." These orders began to be announced starting May 01, 2024, at approximately 1821 hours, and continued until May 02, 2024, at approximately 0639 hours. The dispersal orders were announced a total of 29 times.

Throughout the arrest operation, SRT personnel gave protesters continuous orders to leave the area. The orders included notice of proper direction of exit, along with advisements that if protesters left the area, they would not be subject to arrest.

DISPERAL ORDERS GIVEN: Yes  
USE OF FORCE ANNOUNCEMENTS GIVEN: Yes

JUSTIFICATION FOR USE

Defense Against a Threat to Life or Serious Bodily Injury to Any Peace Officer

TYPE OF KINETIC ENERGY PROJECTILES OR CHEMICAL AGENTS DEPLOYED

☐ 12-GAUGE SHOTGUN WITH KINETIC MUNITIONS  
ROUND DEPLOYED: 33

☐ 40MM DIRECT IMPACT SPONGE ROUND  
ROUND DEPLOYED: 24