

Update on Recent Protest Activity in the Region and in Huntington Beach

Background

- George Floyd's death during arrest in Minneapolis on May 25, 2020
- Protests have since occurred in more than 140 cities in America
 - The National Guard has been activated in at least 21 states
- On May 27, protests started in Southern California
 - Violence and property damage occurred in several Southern CA cities on May 30
 - Governor declared a State of Emergency and the National Guard was deployed to LA on May 30

Background

- Widespread looting and violence occurred in Southern CA on May 31
 - Several cities in the region enact curfews
- HB had our first significant protest May 31
 - Multiple smaller scale protests in HB throughout the week of June 1
 - Violence and property damage lessened significantly in region as the week moved on
- Second significant protest in HB on June 6
- Protests in HB and region every day since

May 31st Protest in HB

- Overview of strategy
 - Pre event information
- Agitators/counter protestor challenges
- Peaceful protest turns into unlawful assembly
 - Attempts to disperse crowd
 - Repeat requests/warnings, projectiles thrown at officers
 - Tactics used to disperse crowd
- Enactment of curfew
- 25 total arrests
 - 5 assaults, 2 weapons violations, 1 assault on officer, remaining arrests were unlawful assembly or curfew



June 6th Protest in HB

- Overview of strategy
 - Pre event information
- Agitators/counter protestor challenges
- Protest lasted more than 8 hours, no unlawful assembly or curfew necessary
- 11 total arrests
 - 6 for assault related behavior, 5 other minor violations related to protest



Conclusion

- HB has and will always honor everyone's 1st Amendment Rights and the right to peacefully protest
- The situation has evolved across the Country and in HB
 - Police planning and tactics have also adapted to the changing situation
- Multiple criminal investigations are still underway on protest related activities
- Reviews of each major protest are underway and lessons learned will be implemented

Questions?