AN INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION
OF THE
LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
2020 PROTEST RESPONSE

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METHODOLOGY

• Reviewed Department documents
• Reviewed Public documents & Media reports
• Reviewed Department & media video
• Interviewed Department employees
• Interviewed members of the public
• Interviewed plaintiff’s lawyers
• Interviewed City Attorney leadership
REPORT BREAKDOWN

1. Executive Summary
2. Introduction (includes history of civil unrest & settlement agreements)
3. Timeline Summary of Major Events
4. Observations & Findings
5. Conclusion
6. 67 Findings
7. 22 Recommendations
IV. OBSERVATIONS & FINDINGS

Seven Key Sections

1. Planning
2. Command and Control
3. Public Order Policing
4. Less Lethal Tools
5. Planning for Mass Arrests and Citation
6. Preparedness and Training
7. Wellness
PLANNING

• Command post
  • Lack of experienced and trained staff
  • Designating Central Bureau as command for the entire City

• Staging area
  • Lack of experienced and trained staff
  • Location of staging area and initial requirement of all officers having to report there before assignment

• Lack of executive level direction to prepare and plan

• Mass arrests
COMMAND AND CONTROL

- Lack of clear command and control
- Who was in command
- Failure to properly use the ICS structure
- Area command
- Lack of intelligence due to lack of resources
PUBLIC ORDER POLICING

- Lack of training and experience of command staff
- Department culture
- Shadow teams communication issues and crowd dynamics
- Mobile Field Forces: training, size, tactics
- Inability to isolate the criminal element
LESS LETHAL

- 40mm
  - Insufficient Training
  - Lack of expertise
  - Use in protests
  - Number expended

- Batons
MASS ARRESTS

- Use of LAMC Section 80.02
- Lack of buses
- Detention
  - Length of time
  - Conditions
- Field jails
  - Lack of trained and experienced personnel
  - Location
- Prior experience with mass arrests
PREPAREDNESS AND TRAINING

• Lack of training for command staff on ICS and crowd control
• Lack of mentoring program for command staff
• Insufficient Mobile Field Force training
• No consistent shadow team training
• Lessons learned and lost
WELLNESS

• Failure to ensure proper sleep and rest for officers and command staff
• Equipment
  • Safety equipment
  • PPE
QUESTIONS