ATTACHMENT A:
CHRONOLOGY OF CIVIL UNREST SUBSEQUENT
TO THE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD¹

NATIONALLY

May 25

- George Floyd dies in police custody in Minneapolis.

May 26th-May 27th

- The video of Floyd’s death is widely shared on social media and ultimately becomes a driving force for protests in Minneapolis.
- Protests in Minneapolis begin resulting in deployment of personnel and force.
- Officers are formally terminated from Minneapolis Police Department (MPD).
- That night, hundreds of protesters flood into the Minneapolis streets. Some demonstrators vandalize MPD vehicles with graffiti and target the precinct house where the four officers had been assigned.
- Protests also occur in the city over several days. Officers use tear gas and fired rubber bullets into crowds. Some businesses, including restaurants and an auto-parts store, are set on fire.
- Protests erupt in cities across the US.

May 28th-29th

- Mass protests occur or increase in intensity in several more cities including Phoenix, Denver, Louisville, Detroit, Memphis and Columbus.²
- The governors of Minnesota, Georgia, Ohio, Washington and Kentucky mobilize their state National Guards.
- In Columbus Ohio³:
  - Protests continue to grow; police use a loudspeaker to tell protesters that a state of emergency has been declared; multiple people are arrested and at least

¹ New York Times
² Columbus Dispatch, May 28, 2020
³ Cleveland.com May 29, 2020
one business, a convenience store, is looted; protesters begin breaking windows at the Statehouse downtown and enter the building. Bus stops and store windows also are damaged.

- The protests in Columbus reach the State House where protests damage property.

CITY OF CLEVELAND

Based on information available to the Monitoring Team, the following comprises an approximate chronology of the development of the CDP’s planning process including the ICS organizational structure in Cleveland between May 26 and June 12th 2020 with a focus on May 30th.

May 26th – May 29th

- Captain Michael Butler who is the assigned Special Events Coordinator (SEC) assigned to Field Operations and others are formally briefed on the Floyd incident and the ensuing protests that occur in Minnesota and elsewhere. He began informally developing plans for the response to possible protests, although none were specifically confirmed at the time. Over the following days, Captain Butler begins to develop Event Action Plans (EAP) based on the information that he receives from NEORFC and other sources.  

May 29th

- Based on intelligence and available information that is developed through NEORFC, internal sources and via social media, the CDP becomes aware of a protest that is planned for the Free Stamp (Willard Park) the following day. Captain Butler develops an initial EAP on the 29th based on the information received regarding the Free Stamp protest. According to Captain Butler, there was no specific information that indicated that the protest would be anything other than a peaceful protest similar to several others that had occurred at that location.

Note: According to Captain Butler, like most large agency structures, the CDP EOC is minimally staffed at all times to maintain the ICS functionality and interagency interoperability; however, the EOC and ICS organization scale up to meet the needs of the incident or anticipated occurrence. This is described in Cleveland as transitioning from ICS lite to fully operational.

Per the Cleveland EOC Situational Report:

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4 Interview with Captain Butler regarding the protests and ICS in Cleveland conducted on August 25, 2020
The Cleveland Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is activated at 1500 (May 30th) at a Partial Level Activation in order to conduct situation monitoring, information analysis, and resource coordination in support of the event.

May 30th

- A relatively small crowd gathers in the early afternoon at Willard Park; however, that group grows and moves towards the Justice Center. According to Captain Butler, CDP was not anticipating the large and violent crowd that manifested at the Justice Center. This was echoed by Cuyahoga County Sheriff Schilling, who stated in an interview with Cleveland.com:

  His office underestimated the number of protesters who eventually attended the event and the possibility that the protests could turn violent, as they had in other cities throughout the country. "Unfortunately, and I hate to say this, I think that initially we under planned," Schilling said. "And plus the feedback we're getting back from the fusion center and the police department, we kind of took this one that it was going to be one of the usual protests." Schilling said they had no extra deputies working and no advanced scheduling to deal with the protests. The sheriff’s department activated it SWAT team to help after the protest turned raucous. 

- As the protest grows and begins moving towards the Justice Center, the EOC becomes fully operational and Captain Butler’s EAP is scaled up. Captain Butler advised that many were involved in the operational response to the protest at the Justice Center; however, Commander Todd was the designated Incident Commander (IC).

- 1500 hours, the Cleveland EOC becomes activated at a Partial Level.

- In total, 15 EAPs are developed for protests that are planned or identified. Below are the other 14 EAPs developed by Captain Butler, who stated that there were no significant incidents or violence at any of the ensuing protests on subsequent days, based in part on the Mayor’s Curfew. Also, the Division adjusted its response to ensure they were fully prepared should similar violence occur:

  5-31 JusticeforGeorgeFloydProtestDay2
  6-1 JusticeforGeorgeFloydProtestDay3
  6-2 JusticeforGeorgeFloydProtestDay4
  6-3 JusticeforGeorgeFloydProtestDay5
  6-4 LatinMarch
  6-4 CivilUnrestandCurfewDay6
  6-4 StandinSolidarity

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6 EOC Situation Report Number 1
6-5 CivilUnrestandCurfewDay7
6-6 CivilUnrestPreventionDay1
6-6 Protest2ndDistrict
6-7 CivilUnrestPreventionDay2
6-8 CivilUnrestPreventionDay3
6-11 ProtestMayor’sHome
6-12 #ThisIsWhyWeMarch

MAY 30th JUSTICE CENTER TIMELINE

The following timeline is based on source documents, interviews, review of EAPs (IAPs) and other Division documents and review of media sources including Cleveland.com video recordings:

1330 Media\(^7\)

  The Free Stamp at 9th and Lakeside: A large group of demonstrators gathered peacefully around the iconic Free Stamp. Chants of “no justice, no peace” and other slogans ring through the park. The demonstrators hold signs and listen to speakers. A bus from the Black Man’s Army, a ubiquitous presence at the protests, parks just west of the intersection of 9th Street and Lakeside Avenue. There is no visible police presence, outside of a helicopter whirring above, and people on top of Cleveland City Hall watching the crowd.

1423 Media

  The first noticeable sign of police appear on the east side of the 9th and Lakeside intersection. The Cleveland police bike patrol, formed through a grant preceding the 2016 Republican National Convention, appear at the rear of the protests, as demonstrators prepare to march down Lakeside, past City Hall, to the Justice Center.

1459 Media

  The crowd moves in group on Lakeside towards the Justice Center.

1452 Media

  A small group splinters off and is seen one block south, walking east on St. Clair Avenue, in the opposite direction of the larger crowd.

1458 Media

  The demonstrators who continue west on Lakeside Avenue stop at the Ontario Street intersection, outside the Old Cuyahoga County Courthouse, across from the Justice Center. At roughly the same time, a smaller group of demonstrators walk to the glass doors of the Justice Center. Signs that read “I Can’t Breathe” and “Black Lives Matter” are taped on the doors. There are no court security deputies or any police presence at the entrance of the Justice Center as the speeches near the old courthouse continue and the crowd begins to trickle away.

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\(^7\) Including Cleveland.com, Plain Dealer or other sources
On May 30, EOC went from Lite to “Fully operational.”

COP Calvin Williams takes over as IC. Commander Todd assumes role as Incident Commander of Justice Center protest (see ICS).

...the crowd marches up to the Justice Center steps on Lakeside Avenue around 3 p.m. The videos show some people spray painting anti-police messages on the building’s walls and windows, and crowding the doors, where a line of Cleveland police bike unit officers stand.

Reports that protesters are “trying to enter revolving doors” of the Justice Center.

What is left of the crowd – still thousands of protesters at the entrance to the Justice Center -- got louder. Someone tries to calm the mass of people.

The first sign of police appear as the bicycle squad, also seen cutting down St. Clair Avenue to stay ahead of the front of the protests, carry their bikes up the steps to the Justice Center.

Bike officers remain with the crowd as they move towards the Justice Center and form the first skirmish line in front of the Lakeside doors to protect the facility.

The crowd chants, “No justice, no peace.” Someone throws a plastic water bottle at a Justice Center window. People begin coming down the stairs, saying “back up, back up” as police use their bikes as a barrier to push the crowd away from the building. A more sustained stream of plastic bottles flies through the air toward the building. While the front-line officers tell protesters to move, the police make no amplified order to disperse.

Unknown: “Just got a call from a member in the crowd who said they are discussing breaking windows”

Crowd is seen growing on Lakeside.

Unknown (various):
…we need help up here

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8 Interviews with CDP staff or members
9 CDP radio transmission either though media video recordings or member CWS video
10 Radio (audio) as heard in the Cleveland.com video of the Divisions Airship which Cleveland.com appears to have overlayed in sync with the Airship video
11 Video from the Helicopter which was provided to Cleveland.com
...what kind of gear do you want us in
...PPE Gear

1513
Airship video
Crowd runs from the door in the video, it appears OC or PB was used\(^\text{12}\)

Note: PepperBall® is the company that manufactures the launcher devices and OC powder (air pressure powered) projectiles. The Terms PepperBall and PB will be used interchangeably for simplicity.\(^\text{13}\)

1514
Airship video
Unknown: “We need help now”

1518-1523
Media
By this time, several of the demonstrators come down the steps saying that the bike officers sprayed them in the face with pepper spray. Demonstrators pour water and milk on their faces to help minimize the effect of the chemicals.

Within minutes, the first group of police officers in tactical riot gear arrives at the corner of Lakeside and West Third Street. Three officers step out of the van before they jump back in and drive north on Third.

1524
Airship Radio
Unknown: Requesting permission to “flash bomb” “if we need to”

1530
Media
The first significant show of officers in riot gear comes south on Third and make their way up the Justice Center lawn, on the northwest side of the building. They join the bike patrol between demonstrators and the building.

1530
Radio
Unknown: “Commander Todd go ahead and give the dispersal order, if they don’t disperse we have the grenadiers there … we have to target specifically throwing objects at officers as well as the building.”

1530
CWS\(^\text{14}\)
Commander Todd arrives at 3\(^{rd}\) Street and Lakeside, dons a helmet and prepares to give a dispersal order using a written form.

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\(^{12}\) Pepper spray, also known as oleoresin capsicum spray or OC. spray or capsaicin spray or capsicum spray, is a lachrymatory agent (a compound that irritates the eyes to cause a burning sensation, pain, and temporary blindness) used in policing, riot control, crowd control, and self-defense. Pepper

\(^{13}\) https://www.pepperball.com/

\(^{14}\) Commander Todd’s CWS video
...and the bike unit forms a line and uses their bikes to push the crowd back from the doors. At 3:51 p.m., officers fire canisters that fumed chemical gas and flash grenades that explode at protester's feet, pushing them out onto the street and onto the lawn in front of the building.

Unknown: “Commander Todd per the Chief, break out the grenadier bag…. Pepperballs; “use as necessary to push them back”

C21 (Captain Butler) “Squad 3 and 4 when you get up there use the PBs”

A second wave of police in riot gear emerge from two golf carts. One of the nine officers, at the rear of the line, point a pepper pellet gun at a group gathered on the corner of the street and say: “Move. Move. Disperse or you will be pepper sprayed.” They make their way up the stairs on the northwest side of the building.

An unattended police cruiser sits on the southwest corner of Lakeside and Third, next to a brick building that houses a law firm and other offices.

Unknown: “Tell the Sheriff’s Department to Use the PBs.”

Commander Todd walking towards front of Justice Center and begins reading dispersal order (from a written form) with a handheld megaphone.

At the Justice Center, protesters approach a line of police officers and Cuyahoga County sheriff’s deputies in riot gear.

A Cleveland patrolman is the subject of a second lawsuit that accuses him of using excessive force during the George Floyd protests at the Justice Center on May 30. The lawsuit filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Cleveland says officer John Kazimer fired a blast of pepper spray in Jaleesa Bennett's face about 30 minutes after he beat another protester with a baton.

The first signs of tear gas emerge from the steps of the Justice Center as several demonstrators leave the protest. As the police presence increases, another wave of demonstrators make their way up the stairs.

Commander Todd reads second dispersal order while still walking towards front doors.

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15 Captain Butler had transitioned to his role as MFF (coordinator) Leader
16 Most of the remaining timeline regarding Lakeside is based on Commander Todd’s CWS
Commander Todd reads final dispersal order from in front of Justice Center and states to the crowd they have “one minute” to disperse.

With seconds of the final order, Commander Todd directs a CCSO sergeant standing nearby to; “disperse the Pepperballs.”

Commander Todd yells to supervisors, “Move them back!”

(sound of compressed weapon/PB discharges)

On the radio an officer is heard stating that he is sitting in a van in front of JC and a crowd is gathering around the van.

Members report to Commander Todd that the PB guns do not work as a result of air canisters that are not charged.

An unknown supervisor suggests, “how about Blast Balls?”

Note: Blast balls are a hand dispersed ball that explodes and (generally) disperses OC powder universally or may be inert.

(Unknown if there was a response)

Unknown: “Squad 3 and 4 did you hear the order? Gas up put your masks on.”

Officers douse the crowd with pepper spray.

An order from Captain Butler (C21) to move officers to the Ontario side to help officers on that side as the crowd is growing.

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17 Commander Todd CWS video
Commander Todd advises on radio that PBs have been deployed but adds, “…it seems to be agitating some of them.”

Unknown: “We need another squad over here; they are inching their way up to the building and we have no gear to push them back.”

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<td>People in Fort Huntington Park, a small park across the street from the Justice Center that includes monuments to law enforcement and famous</td>
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track-and-field icon Jesse Owens, throw what appear to be water bottles into the crowd, which now push down the stairs by the police in riot gear. Police continue to set off flash grenades in an attempt to push the crowd off the stairs. Prisoners in the Cuyahoga County Jail, part of the Justice Center, pound on the windows of their cells.

Police launch several canisters of tear gas into the park. The gas sends the protesters scrambling, igniting a sustained back-and-forth between demonstrators who grab the tear gas canisters and throw them back at police.

A handful of protesters pick up stones off the ground and throw them into the crowd. A blast on the northwest side of the jail knock one demonstrator to the ground.

The barrage of gas pushes most demonstrators onto the northeast lawn of the Justice Center and the sidewalk beyond. In the back-and-forth between protesters and police, a police van parked in the middle gets smashed, and one demonstrator claimed that some of the protesters grabbed a riot shield. Police have not confirmed whether that happened.

After 25 minutes of back-and-forth, continued flash grenades and more tear gas, demonstrators start to advance again toward the police. The white van appears again and drives on the northwest lawn of the Justice Center, where more officers get out.

A flash grenade that bounces across the street strikes a woman in the back just before it explodes. The impact knocks her to the ground as several medics scurry to help.

Four officers above the lobby of the Justice Center appear. At least one has a pepper pellet gun trained on the crowd below.

Officer comes into Justice Center blinded by PB/agent; states, “I can’t see”. He is taken into Justice Center.

Few officers in crowd wearing face shields or masks. Bike officers on-line have no visible equipment other than bike helmet and face shield.

C21; “everything in downtown should be shut down.”
Commander Todd talking to various personnel, giving direction.

An unknown sergeant approaches Commander Todd states, “I did what I had to do.”

Commander Todd replies, “yeah that’s fine.”

Commander Todd states to officers on-line, “If they are not doing anything, I don’t want to do anything.”

Unknown supervisor approaches Commander Todd and asks, “Do you want them to move?”

Commander Todd replies, “Do you want them back, that’s fine.”

Todd states to officers that she wants the crowd moved to “the street.”

Sergeant (9151) states to Commander Todd, “Only thing that moved anyone was blast balls.”

(Several heard going off/ observed used on CWS)

1600 Media

*Cameras mounted outside a guard shack on West Third Street that may have shown the incidents were broken by a bandana-clad man wielding a dolly shortly after 4 p.m., the videos show.*

1600 Todd CWS

Sergeant (9151) tells Commander Todd, …we have a van full of munitions at 3rd / Lakeside unprotected.

Cop in van in front of Justice Center states he now needs help as the protesters are attacking the van.
1602 Media  
an officer fires a canister of tear gas at a small group, including three people with cameras taking pictures. A second and third canister are fired within a matter of two minutes.

1606 Media  
Video from security kiosk shows group attack unmanned kiosk and smoke/gas nearby.

1609 Todd CWS  
Todd yells officers to, “get in a line” and help the officer in the van.

Note: Yellow smoke deployed in front on Lakeside.

1610 Media  
Police said the crowd ignored a commander’s repeated warnings to disperse prior to the unleashing of tear gas canisters, flash grenades and rubber and wooden bullets on the crowd.

1611 Todd CWS  
Commander Todd to officers, “We need to clear them out.”

Crowd is reduced and pushed forward away from building.

1611-1615 Todd CWS  
Commander Todd (walking the line on Lakeside checking on officers): few donning helmets or shields.

Officer on ground apparently injured.

Commander Todd, “Are you ok?”

Officer “…A cinder block is not going to stop me?”

1617 Todd CWS  
Unknown Officer from the van parked in front comes out and tells Commander Todd his equipment bag was stolen from the van. (unknown contents)
The police and the protesters remain at loggerheads on the northeast side of the Justice Center. An unattended squad car catches on fire, and the fire soon spreads to a second, as well as to a telephone pole that cracks. Someone else sets fire to another Cleveland police car on the other side of the Justice Center.

**Tweet**

*Cory Shaffer*  
@cory_shaffer

Replying to @cory_shaffer

Small fire set inside PNC Bank at Euclid and East 9th Street. Two @CLEpolice officers extinguished, while pointing what appears to be pepper ball gun at demonstrators. https://pic.twitter.com/iewuozileX

...4:48 p.m, more than an hour after police and Sheriff’s deputies first begin firing pepper balls, flash grenades and canisters of tear gas into the crowd that had thrown water bottles and other items at officers at the doors of the Justice Center.

Commander Todd advises Sheriff’s personnel that Ohio State Patrol is en route.

Commander Todd turns off her CWS camera in JC lobby while talking to CCSO personnel.

The group splinters off into smaller factions that then spreads across downtown from Public Square down Euclid Avenue. Some people continue demonstrating. Some smash windows, tag buildings with graffiti and loot stores. Among the hardest hit are Geiger’s, a sporting goods store with multiple locations, the Heinen’s grocery store and the CVS Pharmacy at East 9th Street and Euclid Avenue.

Emily Forsee and Ryan Jones, say they were also shot in the street about 5:30 p.m. that day. The county did not provide the video or have an
explanation on Friday as to why video from those cameras was not released.

1743
Social Media

Cory Shaffer
@cory_shaffer

Replying to @cory_shaffer

This appears to be set for a confrontation
https://pic.twitter.com/Qja0Xfq9Z4

5:43 PM · May 30, 2020

1756
Media

The first footage of a window breaking, in the Cuyahoga County Clerk of Court's office on the first floor along Ontario Street, comes at the 5:56 p.m. mark in the video.

A deputy in a green uniform comes to the open window and starts to fire munition rounds within minutes. The deputy remains posted by the open window for hours, firing through the shattered window.

The video camera does not depict anyone trying to enter the building.

1800
Media

6 p.m. when a group of people smashes the front doors of the public defender's office and sets fire to a Cleveland housing court bailiff's car that was parked in the lot beside the public defender's office. The fire then spreads to four more cars.

1800
Media

Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson asks Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine to activate the National Guard and deploy soldiers to Cleveland. DeWine says in a news release that Jackson expressed “serious concerns about the safety of Cleveland residents and peace officers following violent demonstrations there this afternoon. As is the case in Columbus, it is believed to be a relatively small group of violent individuals who are drowning out the voices of the many citizens who are peacefully expressing their desire for justice and change.”
Another crowd assembles at East 9th and Euclid Avenue, in the plaza in front of the PNC Center. The windows of the bank branch on the skyscraper’s first floor are smashed and someone sets a fire on a desk inside the building. Police fire flash-bang grenades into the crowd, and two officers extinguish the fire. One officer is seen aiming a pepper ball gun on the crowd. Officers then fire a tear-gas canister toward a small group of people on Euclid Avenue. The crowd breaks up again.

The City of Cleveland announces in a news release that Mayor Frank Jackson declared a state of civil emergency due to the unrest and instituted an 8 p.m. curfew. The city announces the curfew in messages posted on Twitter at 7:49 p.m., and on Facebook at 7:57 p.m.19

Jackson calls some of the scenes coming out of downtown “outright lawlessness” in a statement.

DeWine’s office announces that the National Guard has been deployed to Cleveland.

A few hundred people reassemble at East 9th and Euclid. An SUV is parked in the middle of the intersection and a woman gets out of it, climbs to its roof and hoists a poster with “I can’t breathe” written on one side, and “no justice, no peace” on the other. Demonstrators walk openly throughout the intersection as cars drive gingerly around the crowds. Many of the people in the cars hold out fists in solidarity with the crowd. Others hold cellphones out of the windows to record the spectacle.

Some people continue breaking windows, including at the Huntington Bank building. One woman takes a baseball bat to the revolving glass doors, while others throw trash cans and wine bottles through windows.

19 Mayor announces curfew
The police presence is sparse.

An emergency alert goes out to people’s cellphones to announce the curfew order that has already been in effect for half an hour. Some people gather at the intersection who check their phones and can be heard reading the message aloud to one another in disbelief.

A Cuyahoga County Sheriff’s Department bus used mainly to transport prisoners to and from the county jail rolls up to the scene and police officers in riot gear get out and begin to line up. Some demonstrators grab metal fencing from Heinen’s and drag it to block the northbound lanes on East 9th Street.

Police march to the intersection with their riot shields up, chanting “move.” Officers make no announcement about the curfew or order the crowd to disperse. A handful of people throw plastic water bottles and other items at them. A woman gets down on her knees as the officers turn east onto Euclid Avenue and the police arrest her. The officers form lines on Euclid Avenue blocking people from coming into the intersection.

Police on scene confirm they used tear gas and made arrests on East 9th Street south of Euclid Avenue.

The line of police continues south along East Ninth Street past the Cuyahoga County government building. The group rushes West onto Prospect Avenue, where officers fire at least two flash grenades into a small crowd gathered near the Winking Lizard Saloon. Someone shoots off a firecracker at the Sheriff’s Department bus that trails the officers in riot gear.

A group of police officers inside a white City of Cleveland van that had been vandalized earlier and spray-painted with the anti-cop message “f- - - 12” fires another flash grenade into a group of people gathered near the windows of the Panini’s Bar and Grille at Huron and East Ninth before they drive away.

May 30 at a family cookout in Mayfield Heights and did not attend that day’s protest, returns home about and is walking from the parking garage to the Residences at 1717 when the officers come around the corner at East 9th Street and Superior Avenue.

Security video that Lerz provided to cleveland.com shows the 27-year-old has his back to the police and is facing the building’s door, with one hand in the air and his other holding his electronic key fob at his side when the first officer fires a round at his feet. Lerz, who said he was shouting that he lived in the building, turns his head just as a ball strikes his left temple,
than an inch from his eye, and bursts into a cloud of chemical dust. His backward Cleveland Indians cap absorbs the impact.

Note: This was determined to be an outside agency, the incident is under investigation.