I. POLICY

A civil disturbance may take various forms and may vary in size and amount of danger and violence. Civil disturbances include riots, disorders, and violence arising from dissident gatherings, sports events, concerts, political gatherings, labor disputes, and student party events. The primary importance in any civil disturbance is police intervention to defuse the situation and restore order. It is the policy of the Charlottesville Police Department to be able to respond with trained police officers to any civil disturbance for the purpose of isolating the situation and bringing it under control.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this order is to establish procedures for the Charlottesville Police Department’s response to civil disturbances, mass arrests, and the rapid mobilization of Department personnel for these events and other emergency situations.

A limited number of the enclosed City of Charlottesville Police Department General Orders have been redacted. The redactions ensure that that Police Department’s operational and tactical responses are withheld for community and Officer Safety (e.g., bank alarm response, response to an active threat, and Tactical Operations).