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The LVMPD and Community Stakeholders Work Together to Ensure Peaceful Protest

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department hears the voice of our community and we are committed to working with all stake holders to implement meaningful reform, build trust, and improve as a police agency. During these difficult times emotions are high and many people have participated in protests to express their First Amendment Rights and to make their voices heard.

During the last few weeks we have been engaged in dialogue with representatives from groups that include but are not limited to, the ACLUNV, Black Lives Matter, National Lawyers Guild, PLAN, The Clark County Public Defender's Office, The Clark County Board of Commissioners, The Attorney General's Office, The Las Vegas City Council, and State Lawmakers. During these meetings, questions have been asked regarding LVMPD's role and response to protests.

The purpose of the attached documents is to answer some of these questions and provide guidance on how we can ensure our community can continue to exercise its First Amendment Rights in a safe and effective manner. In addition, we will address some areas where we have revised our response protocol.

Based on feedback we have received from our community partners, The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department is reviewing and revising our response protocols to include the following.

- LVMPD will attempt to communicate with legal observers prior to protests to establish a designated liaison. Requested information regarding arrests and police action will be communicated with the liaison when possible to reduce potential conflict.

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- If a protest becomes violent or illegal activity occurs and a dispersal order is given, officers will attempt to give the dispersal order from multiple directions to ensure it is easier for protestors to hear the order.
- If a dispersal order is given, officers will communicate a clear path for protestors to leave the area to avoid confusion and conflict.

Again, your safety and the protection of your rights is our top priority.

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