VOLUME 02

SAFER IN THE STREETS

A VISUAL GUIDE TO DEALING WITH POLICE AT PROTESTS

~ IMAGINE & PREPARE ~
DON'T GET ARRESTED!!!

TRY NOT TO GET ARRESTED! THE STAKES OF ARREST HAVE CHANGED, THE SPECTACLE OF ARREST ISN'T WORKING.

ARRESTS GIVE A MILITARIZED POLICE ACCESS TO YOUR BIOMETRIC DATA FOR ONGOING SURVEILLANCE AND WORSE.

POLICE TECHNOLOGY HAS EVOLVED FASTER THAN IT CAN BE REGULATED. OUR TACTICS MUST CHANGE.

"NON-LETHAL" BULLETS
(can still cause fatal and permanent injuries)

AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READERS

STINGRAYS OR CELL SITE SIMULATORS

STAY OUT OF THE VIEW OF THE POLICE!

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Panic spreading through a crowd can be really dangerous and lead to poor decision making.

**ASSESS, DON’T PANIC!**
Assess and verify threats before freaking out.

We’re gonna clear the camp and arrest everybody!

But do they have buses and cuffs and riot gear? Or could they be bluffing to scare you off?

Is it one fool? Or twenty masked men with sticks?

Having scouts, people listening to police radio and keeping an eye on things can help you make decisions.
YOUR PHONE IS A SPY!
LEAVE YOUR PHONE AT HOME.

IF YOU MUST BRING YOUR PHONE, MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A SECURE PASSCODE,
TURN OFF LOCATION BLUETOOTH,
AND USE ENCRYPTED APPS WITH DISAPPEARING MESSAGES.

NEVER!!! TAKE PHOTOS OF OTHER PROTESTORS,
AND DEFINITELY DON'T POST THEM ONLINE.
DON'T GET DOXXED IRL!

WHEN YOU'RE...
IN THE STREETS...
AT THE ENCAMPMENT...
AT A DISRUPTION...

COVER UP!

- Face
- Eyebrows
- Hair
- Tattoos
- Birthmarks

WEAR GENERIC CLOTHES
THAT ARE HARD TO TRACE
OR IDENTIFY!

USE A CODE NAME!
WHAT CAN YOU SHOUT AT YOUR
FRIENDS TO GET THEIR ATTENTION WITHOUT
GIVING AN ENEMY THEIR NAMES?

ACTIVITY TIME! TURN THAT T-SHIRT INTO A MASK:

Pull the shirt over your head, inside out

1. Knot the sleeves behind your head
2. Pull down
3. Pull up and tuck the tag
**DE-ARREST!**

By Nicole Pizarro

**DE-ARRESTING IS ILLEGAL! ASSESS YOUR RISK ACCORDINGLY.**

**HEY! GET OVER HERE!!**

**COPS ARE COWARDS! NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF A CROWD CLOSING IN AROUND THEM WHILE THEY'RE DETAINING SOMEONE!**

**WHOA WHOA, TAKE ONE STEP CLOSER AND YOU'LL REGRET IT--**

**USE A SECURE "GABLE GRIP" TO HUG THE PERSON BEING DETAINED AND PULL THEM OUT OF DANGER.**

**WHAT THE HELL?!**

**FREEDOM!**

**OPEN THEIR CAR DOORS AND LET PEOPLE OUT.**

**THANKS!**

**HURRY! WHILE THEY'RE BUSY!**

**CARRY SMALL BOLT CUTTERS/HANDCUFF KEYS...**

**SNAP!**

**...AND BOBBY PINS FOR ZIP TIES.***

**AS A LAST RESORT, BREAK THE OFFICER'S GRIP! USE A GABLE GRIP ON THE OFFICER AND ASSISTANCE FROM A FELLOW PROTECTOR**

**GOT YOU AGAIN--GAH!**

**OH NO YOU DON'T!!!**

*Break the tip of the bobby pin and wedge it between the ratchet and the "teeth" of the tie, then pull the tie apart.

*This method is the one most likely to carry "assault on an officer" charges!
SELF-DEFENSE AT THE DEMO

Before the demo talk about your level of comfort with conflict and check in during the demo as well.

A common police tactic is to use lines of officers to push protestors back, knocking people down and then arresting/brutalizing them.

Often police will use their bodies, shields, or even batons. (Things like mace, sound cannons, riot guns, etc require other skills not covered here.)

You always want to face the police and keep a strong stance. Feet shoulder-width apart.

Keep your hands up to guard against baton's or strikes, but not so extended that you're easily grabbed.

If you turn away or cross your legs you'll be easily toppled.

Shields, reinforced banners, etc can be used for added protection.

When the police push, lean into them and bend your knees to brace against forward pressure. Have friends behind you in the line to buttress you or pull you back if you're snatched by police.

Things to keep in mind:

- Fear is the mind killer. Breath deep and don't overthink.
- Don't be a peace police, don't de-escalate.
- Sometimes the best defense is offense.
- Practice makes perfect.
- Police are cowards and not creative, moving confidently will intimidate them. Be water.
- Officers with white shirts will often indicate police movement, keep a special eye out.
Keep your eyes safe: wear goggles not contacts.
IF YOU GET TEAR GASSES FLUSH YOUR EYES WITH CLEAN WATER

HERE YOU GO

THANKS.
KEEP IT TOGETHER!

It's important to keep a march together so you don't get split up or picked off.

If the front of the march is getting too far ahead, yell:

Slow down in front!

Whose streets? Our streets!

It's okay to wait in an intersection for the back to catch up.

If the march is lopsided, yell:

Fill in!

And move to where there are fewer people.
A normal march goes along a planned route.

A snake march...

...goes on smaller streets...

This way!

...turning a lot.

Try going against traffic so you can see what's coming.

*KRRRT* We don't know where they're heading!

If you see stuff dragged onto the street...

...don't move it. Keep going.
How to Stop a Bike Flank

Police will try to flank you with bikes, getting around the sides and narrowing the march.

When they flank, walk in front very slow!

It's harder to ride slow, and you'll push back the flank.

Call to others to fill in! To secure the side.
HOW TO SPOT A KETTLE

Police may try to surround the march on all sides in a "kettle."

If you're kettled, they might hold you there for hours...

[They often lie about when they're gonna let you go.]

...or even arrest everyone.

If you see a kettle coming, the safest exit is usually back the way you came.

Look out for a prisoner transport bus.
COPS ARE PETTY!

They will remember you!

IF YOU ESCAPE AN ARREST,

OR SEE COPS BBPD POINTING YOU OUT INDIVIDUALLY,

CHANGE YOUR OUTFIT/ APPEARANCE

OR GO HOME! DON'T GIVE THEM A TARGET!
HOW TO PROTECT YOUR FINGERS

WHEN YOU'RE FACING A LINE OF COPS ACROSS A METAL BARRICADE,

DON'T PUT YOUR HANDS ON IT

BECAUSE THEY WILL HIT THEM WITH THEIR BATONS.

WHEN YOU LOCK ARMS WITH OTHER PROTESTERS,

DON'T INTERLACE YOUR FINGERS OR YOUR THUMBS

USE A GABLE GRIP (PRETEND YOU HAVE PAWS!)
STAND TOGETHER!

IT'S NOT WORTH IT!

DEESCALATE THE COPS