STAND TOGETHER!

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DEESCALATE THE COPS

SAFER IN THE STREETS

VOLUME 02

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.

STAY OUT OF THE
VIEW OF THE
POLICE!

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!)

ART: CHELSEA SAUNFERS

TEXT: BREDAANE A. TYNES
COPS ARE PETTY!

They will remember you!

If you escape an arrest, you out individually.

Or see cops BBPD pointing, change your outfit/appearance.

We're gonna clear the camp and arrest everybody!


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

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

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

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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, KLICK!

AND DEFINITELY DON’T POST THEM ONLINE.

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.
**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 slowly.

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

Call to others to fill in! To secure the side.

**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.

Knot the sleeves behind your head.

Pull up and tuck the tag.
OOPS ARE COWARDS! NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF A CROWD CLOSING IN AROUND THEM WHILE THEY'RE DETAINING SOMEONE!

HEH! GET OVER HERE!!

WHOA WHOA, TAKE ONE step CLOSER AND YOU'LL REGRET IT... *

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

OPEN THEIR CAR DOORS AND LET PEOPLE OUT.

HURRY! WHILE THEY'RE BUSY!

THANKS!

WHAT THE HELL?!

FREEDOM!

CARRY SMALL BOLT CUTTERS/HANDCUFF KEYS...

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

GOT YOU AGAIN--GAAH!

AND BOBBY PINS FOR ZIP TIES.*


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

If the march is lopsided, yell, **FILL IN!**

And move to where there are fewer people.

**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 race, 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 batons or strikes, but not so extended that you're easily grabbed.

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 GASSED FLUSH YOUR EYES WITH CLEAN WATER.

HERE YOU GO THANKS.