

City of La Mesa Police Department 05/30/20 Timeline of Events

On 5/28/2020, planning began for protests anticipated on 5/29 and 5/30. La Mesa Police Department (LMPD) informed the Sheriff's Emergency Service Unit on 5/28/20 of the potential protest. A La Mesa Police Captain shared the information with a Captain of the San Diego Sheriff's Office (SDSO) and discussed a potential plan. The SDSO Captain agreed to have SDSO platoons ready to deploy to the City of La Mesa, from a staging location in San Diego.

On 5/29/20, LMPD had a peaceful protest outside the PD lobby with approximately 200 protestors. LMPD had additional personnel in the station ready to respond if necessary. Since the protestors remained peaceful, there was no need for the officers to respond.

On 5/30/20, LMPD had additional information suggesting larger protests were planned for that day. At approximately 10:48 a.m., a La Mesa Police Lieutenant coordinated with a SDSO Lieutenant to have two SDSO squads (28 deputies) stage at the City of La Mesa's Public Works Department.

SDSO had 2 additional squads staged approximately 15 minutes outside of La Mesa. The La Mesa Police Lieutenant also coordinated with a CHP Lieutenant who was overseeing the available Mutual Aid CHP officers in the San Diego area. As the group of protestors arrived, the LMPD Lieutenant requested the additional 2 SDSO squads respond and also stage at the Public Works facility. The CHP Lieutenant brought CHP platoons (10 officers each) to stage along Interstate 8 in La Mesa, to prevent protestors from accessing the freeway.

On 5/30/2020 at 12 PM- Command Post opened at La Mesa Police Department (LMPD) and included Lieutenants from SDSO and CHP.

The following times and events were captured in the La Mesa Police Department's Computer Automated Dispatch system (CAD). These details were entered into CAD by LMPD Communications Center personnel, based on radio transmissions from Officers & Deputies and on reports from people calling into 9-1-1 or LMPD's non-emergency line. These details do not fully reflect all communications between LMPD and other entities regarding requests for other resources.

***NOTE:** This timeline is limited to depict an understanding of the incident. It only includes information available from LMPD sources and does not include San Diego County Sheriff's incident reports. A comprehensive after-action report will be completed when all of the information becomes available.*

2:07:34 PM Over 200 subjects outside LMPD

2:27:12 PM 2 San Diego Sheriff's (SDSO) squads (approximately 14 officers/deputies per squad) responded to assist

3:20:36 PM Group heading onto eastbound Interstate 8 (I-8)

3:30:54 PM Storming the freeway now

3:41:02 PM California Highway Patrol (CHP)- Entire I-8 shut down

3:44:38 PM CHP requesting mutual aid for the freeway
(asking for all available police personnel to respond)

3:59:15 PM From CHP: Throwing bottles at the officers on the westbound side of I-8

4:00:00 PM (*Approximately*)- Requests were made to other surrounding agencies for additional mutual aid to respond to assist La Mesa Police. Requests were continual throughout the evening.

4:00:17 PM Info from Instagram Live: A female from the protest just said they were going to raid the
Walmart and get “free shit”

4:03:05 PM CHP broadcasting group is aggressive eastbound I-8 East, off SR-125

4:03:58 PM Group jumping the wall behind GameStop at the mall

4:08:05 PM Westbound on Murray from Grossmont Center taking over

4:08:15 PM Approximately 1,000 people on Murray Drive

4:10:17 PM 3 additional SDSO squads requested to respond

4:11:10 PM Large crowd in front of LMPD

4:28:36 PM 200 people in front of LMPD

4:33:09 PM Subjects have taken over the intersection of University/Baltimore blocking traffic.
Continuing towards El Cajon Boulevard

4:42:09 PM Caller states they were struck in face by a protestor, while at Olive Garden parking lot

4:44:51 PM Large crowd made its way back to LMPD

4:47:30 PM Order given to begin dispersal announcements (did not begin immediately)

4:47:37 PM Vandalism to flag in front of LMPD, subject lighting fire to flag in front of LMPD

4:47:48 PM Throwing rocks at LMPD

4:48:16 PM Vandalism by the east gate at LMPD

4:48:58 PM All mobile units to deploy and take over the front plaza

4:49:30 PM Vandalism- Spray painting LMPD at the east gate entry, black ski mask

4:50:19 PM Attacking a PD vehicle at Baltimore/University

4:54:09 PM LMPD Special Response Team (SRT) reinforcing front doors

5:00:23 PM Black male adult dressed in all black clothing attempting to jump the wall into the

Dispatch area dispatch break room area—Tagged the wall

5:00:38 PM SDSO Platoon (approximately 28 deputies per platoon) arriving

5:07:14 PM Water bottle thrown at deputies

5:08:31 PM SDSO Deputy hit by a rock

5:09:00 PM First dispersal orders given

5:09:54 PM Expedite the additional squads (“Expedite” means they should respond with lights and sirens)

5:10:53 PM Subject climbing up and appearing on the south side wall of Police Department (PD)

5:13:52 PM Subjects throwing rocks and bottles

5:21:53 PM Dispersal orders given

5:22:52 PM Taking bottles on the balcony

5:23:53 PM Continuing dispersal orders

5:27:27 PM Announcements being made from the front lobby

5:28:34 PM Fight behind the fire station (Engine 11)

5:29:49 PM Giving a 5 minute order

5:30:58 PM Continue to give unlawful assembly orders with bullhorn, Bearcat (armored personnel carrier) to give unlawful assembly orders

5:34:21 PM Dispersal orders given. Was it heard? Negative.

5:35:15 PM Group in front of the station moving towards the Bearcat

5:37:19 PM Subjects are on top of the Bearcat

5:38:37 PM Rocks and water bottles being thrown at occupied police vehicles

5:38:58 PM They are trying to break the windows on the west side of the LMPD

5:40:58 PM Multiple bottles and spray paint on the Bearcat

5:41:09 PM Windows on the Bearcat are broken

5:41:13 PM Officers are taking rocks

5:42:48 PM Pepperball deployed from Bearcat

5:43:25 PM Bearcat is free w/broken windows

5:51:43 PM Subject is sitting on the pillar on dispatch patio

5:55:47 PM Starting gas soon, sheriffs will push out

6:02:22 PM People going down the east garage ramp

6:02:47 PM First gas deployment – deployed by SDSO on the front plaza

6:04:10 PM Subject wearing a red shirt in east lot throwing rocks

6:04:36 PM Still taking rocks on all sides

6:04:58 PM SRT deploying additional gas from up second level of police station

6:05:11 PM Deploy another round

6:05:34 PM Throwing rocks onto balcony

6:05:44 PM Throwing rocks into sally port

6:05:53 PM Pepperball deployed in sally port

6:05:58 PM Throwing rocks at Dispatch Center

6:06:21 PM Southside taking a lot of rocks and bottles

6:06:54 PM Taking rocks on the west side

6:08:17 PM Throwing items from Fire station

6:09:50 PM Rocks being thrown on the west side

6:10:17 PM Balcony and east side still taking rocks

6:10:31 PM Subjects have broken windows to the Bearcat area (sally port garage)

6:10:59 PM Sergeant down, hit by rocks

6:11:22 PM Window broken in Dispatch

6:12:35 PM Rocks hitting the rooftop

6:14:19 PM Gas deployed again

6:15:53 PM Taking rocks on the west side

6:16:16 PM Taking rocks on the east side

6:16:37 PM Need shields and less lethal in front of the station

6:17:32 PM Taking rocks on the east side

6:20:27 PM Taking rocks on the east side

6:20:39 PM Also taking rocks on the south side

6:22:00 PM Need more shields in front

6:23:24 PM Taking bottles and rocks on northwest corner

6:24:38 PM Heartland: Per Battalion Chief, they will not be responding to any calls unless PD can provide safe escort

6:26:12 PM Need pepperball 2nd level east side

6:27:43 PM Breaking more windows on Bearcat garage

6:28:00 PM Rocks thrown on east side

6:31:41 PM Rocks through the window at Allison and University

6:32:00 PM Took more rocks

6:32:06 PM Deploy chemicals

6:34:22 PM Still taking rocks

6:33:56 PM Taking rocks on the east

6:39:18 PM Need Public Address (PA) to give dispersal order. Need San Diego Police Department (SDPD) helicopter Air Borne Law Enforcement (ABLE) to give dispersal order

6:39:33 PM Give dispersal orders at all crowd locations

6:40:49 PM Still taking rocks on the north side

6:43:51 PM Dispersal order behind the red curb line

6:46:44 PM ABLE giving the dispersal order on the freeway. They will be moving to Baltimore/El Cajon Blvd.

6:47:40 PM Deploying more gas on east side, taking heavy rocks

6:47:49 PM ABLE has made several dispersal announcements

6:56:32 PM: Group on Allison coming up the breezeway past the city council chambers

6:59:11 PM Taking rocks at front of PD, gas deployed again

7:00:47 PM Subjects behind the red car in the front lot throwing rocks

7:01:52 PM Subject with an American flag in the crowd has some sort of weapon

7:03:15 PM More gas deployed on the east side

7:08:38 PM White T-shirt, black hat, red bandana throwing rocks into the sally port

7:11:25 PM ABLE—they are using the white Prius in front of the station as cover

7:12:28 PM Another dispersal order given

7:12:58 PM Taking rocks

7:13:26 PM Dispersal order followed by more gas

7:13:33 PM Subject on the roof of City Hall

7:15:51 PM Taking rocks on the front of PD

7:16:32 PM Deputy injured

7:19:14 PM Announcements are loud and clear

7:19:43 PM Out of pepperball air on 2nd level of north side

7:21:06 PM ABLE made several rounds of announcements

7:22:02 PM Subjects made access into City Hall, also opened exterior fire line on the Allison side
and flooding.

7:25:01 PM Taking rocks from the library

7:26:38 PM Taking rocks on the front side and west side

7:27:13 PM Rocks thrown by a white male, in his 20s, shattered the windshield on Vehicle 15

7:27:24 PM Two subjects on City Hall

7:27:54 PM Taking rocks again

7:29:04 PM Taking rocks from City Hall into patio

7:29:59 PM More subjects into City Hall

7:30:37 PM Need more beanbag rounds into the front lobby

7:32:47 PM Subject at the American Legion 8118 University Ave. (VFW) possibly lighting a spray
can on fire

7:33:27 PM Subject threw something into the window and ran off towards the trolley

7:33:27 PM Giving additional dispersal orders

7:33:47 PM Taking rocks on the east side

7:34:23 PM Something smoldering in the VFW per ABLE

7:34:52 PM On the east side of the VFW, subjects throwing rocks at it

7:35:38 PM Deployed L Rad (long range acoustic device), loud & clear, continuous dispersal orders

7:36:14 PM Taking rocks

7:37:00 PM ABLE— Looks like they tried to start a fire but just residual heat

7:43:08 PM Subject with a dog refusing to leave

7:45:11 PM Taking rocks

7:45:48 PM Subject with the cowboy hat on roof of city hall throwing rocks

7:48:59 PM Subject with a cowboy hat walked over to University/Nebo

7:49:36 PM Brown and black paintball gun. Subject with the American flag.

7:49:55 PM Launched golf balls 2nd level above the Sally Port

7:52:20 PM Announcements loud and clear at front of station

7:52:52 PM Ready to deploy. Smoke coming from city hall per ABLE

7:53:57 PM Deploy teams

7:54:36 PM Subjects starting a fire inside Annex, east side

7:58:30 PM City hall door is open near annex

8:00:46 PM All units deploy gas

8:02:46 PM Taking rocks on University

8:10:04 PM Will start pushing forward. Taking rocks on the 1 side.

8:13:12 PM Active fire on Nebo off east lot

8:14:50 PM Protestors put out the fire in the east lot off Nebo. The flag in front of VFW has been
burnt down

8:15:48 PM Some kind of fight near the city sign on University

8:16:10 PM One subject down (Leslie Furcron)

8:16:49 PM Crowd is carrying the downed female out to University

8:17:04 PM Possible bean bag hit her

8:17:22 PM Female loaded up into a white 4-door vehicle heading eastbound on University

8:17:27 PM CFS #635 (another call) for the female that was shot by possible bean bag

8:18:02 PM Fire in the Sally Port near the stairs

8:18:26 PM Fire in the sally port

8:18:47 PM Fire in the sally port is out

8:21:58 PM B squad still holding city hall. Taking rocks on the east side

8:25:45 PM Police Units on the line are almost out of Bean bags and pepperball, need a re-supply before
the next push

8:30:51 PM On Allison Ave. trying to overturn Fire Department (FD) truck

8:31:50 PM ABLE-They removed a lot of items from the fire truck on Allison but stopped trying to
push it over

8:33:34 PM Taking rocks near sally port

8:34:11 PM Taking rocks on the approach from University/Baltimore

8:34:19 PM Breaking windows on PD vehicles

8:35:22 PM Also taking rocks near the civic center kiosk, starting to spread down Allison

8:36:58 PM Taking rocks on Allison

8:37:25 PM Will deploy gas. Subjects are in the lot south of Allison

8:38:07 PM C squad (7 more officers) are en route for Allison

8:39:01 PM Windows were completely broken on patrol vehicles

8:40:12 PM FD truck was set on fire on Allison

8:40:39 PM Fire truck 43-1 was set on fire on Allison in front of City Hall

8:42:10 PM Large group is at El Capitan/University, fighting w/ bystanders

8:42:26 PM Approx 60 People

8:45:53 PM Still taking rocks

8:49:10 PM Taking multiple water bottles on Spring street side of the Civic Center

8:49:59 PM Taking massive rocks on Allison, breaking windows

8:50:38 PM ABLE-crowd on Civic Center is very large

8:56:42 PM Additional fire in the school district parking lot, delivery truck

8:58:58 PM Units en route to extract the FD Chief from near Fire Engine 11

9:01:20 PM Subject brought a canister of gasoline from USA Gas and is walking toward the PD

9:01:25 PM Subjects taking rocks on the street

9:01:44 PM Taking Rocks

9:02:58 PM Two fully engulfed vehicles on Allison. Fire truck and second vehicle

9:03:34 PM Taking rocks from both sides

9:06:14 PM Taking bottles on Allison

9:07:14 PM Dispersal orders were given, free to make arrests. Take prisoners to the Sally Port on
University

9:12:36 PM Looting at Vons, 8011 University

9:14:49 PM ABLE doesn't have other channel-people are looting at Vons

9:14:55 PM Approximately 100 people

9:15:51 PM Need beanbag ammunition

9:17:32 PM Squad B taking bottles between the fire station and post office

9:18:14 PM Loaded up rolling trashcans w/ rocks and are en route to LMPD

9:20:49 PM Still taking rocks and bottles

9:26:40 PM Deploying less lethal on the crowd at Allison and Date

9:37:29 PM Deputy injured by rocks at Date/Allison

9:51:43 PM Fire inside Play It Again Sports

9:52:46 PM Vehicle ran into the H&R building and subject ran from vehicle

10:02:30 PM Group trying to set a vehicle on fire, La Mesa Blvd./University

10:04:45 PM Vandalism and looting buildings across from 8141 La Mesa Blvd.

10:08:16 PM Looting Sally's Beauty Supply

10:08:38 PM 8 subjects throwing items at units

10:09:10 PM Trying to set fire to Sally's Beauty Supply

10:13:45 PM 150-200 people in front of Vons, still more the parking lot

10:18:20 PM Male dressed in all black on the east side of the library. Possibly has a weapon.

10:20:05 PM Line pushing from Round Table toward Vons, units taking bottles

10:21:03 PM 100-200 people in front of Vons

10:29:59 PM Subjects with bats walking past the station on University

10:33:41 PM Someone is picking up rocks and walking towards the line at Date/Allison

10:37:13 PM Vons is secured

10:38:01 PM Group hiding behind a car in the Vons lot throwing rocks

10:41:47 PM Looting at Wal Mart

10:42:35 PM University/ La Mesa Blvd, active fire at the West Intersection

10:44:38 PM Multiple businesses being looted at Grossmont Center

10:48:03 PM Approximately 50 people at University/La Mesa Blvd. (west intersection)

10:52:04 PM Smoke coming from the roof at Vons

10:56:16 PM Multiple windows broken at Chase Bank, 200 people there

10:56:27 PM Dumpster on fire at Spring and Orange

11:00:37 PM Gun shop at 7885 University was burglarized

11:00:50 PM Subjects made entry to Chase Bank

11:04:37 PM Gun shop at 7885 University was burglarized

11:10:30 PM Chase Bank possibly on fire

11:11:15 PM Chase Bank is on fire

11:12:51 PM Broadcast: Target being looted

11:14:12 PM Allison/Spring St 200-300 people still there

11:14:25 PM Chase Bank on Spring is fully engulfed

11:23:45 PM Looting the lower level of Target

11:24:26 PM People tearing money out of the ATM at Union Bank

11:26:17 PM 20-30 subs in front of Union Bank

11:29:06 PM Union Bank fully engulfed as well

11:31:28 PM Several businesses being looted on La Mesa Blvd, east of Spring

11:38:38 PM Throwing things at units behind the bank

11:53:35 PM Taking rocks behind the bank

11:44:54 PM Broken glass door to the mayor's office

11:53:35 PM Taking rocks behind the bank

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12:06:17 AM Taking rocks at Spring/Allison

12:08:28 AM Units taking rocks at Spring/Allison station

12:13:29 AM Burglarizing vehicles in the Target parking structure

12:17:25 AM Rock thrown over the wall on the east side crossing University at Baltimore. Wearing a jersey with 15 on it

12:18:10 AM Group of people setting fires behind the Chase Bank

12:22:39 AM Subjects throwing rocks from behind the wall east of Spring/Allison

12:24:59 AM Munitions (less lethal) needed at Date and Allison

12:25:24 AM Protestor took beanbag round to the head

12:29:30 AM Subj lighting a tree on fire behind Union bank

12:40:45 AM Unable to clear crowd behind Union Bank, 300 people

12:43:31 AM Rocks being thrown at unit by the crowd behind Union Bank

12:48:34 AM Looting in the back side of Union Bank/Chase Bank

12:48:46 AM Approximately 100 subjects

12:49:06 AM Fires starting up again at the banks

12:49:36 AM Putting out fires at Sally Port ramp

12:49:46 AM Taking rocks at Allison/Spring

12:51:42 AM Deploy gas at Allison/Spring
12:52:15 AM Rocks being thrown at Allison/Spring
12:56:20 AM Male w/shotgun at Spring/La Mesa
12:57:19 AM Subj w/ gun wearing black sweatshirt w/ white lettering on the back
1:03:54 AM Fire at 4757 Palm Ave
1:04:25 AM Male firing shots into the air at Sprouts 4630 Palm
1:10:00 AM Director of Emergency and Disaster declared a curfew from 1:30 AM to 7:00 AM
1:12:13 AM Heartland staged for Randall Lamb
1:15:07 AM ABLE making the unlawful assembly announcements
1:30:00 AM Curfew goes into effect
1:39:08 AM 150 people at Lemon/Palm
1:46:55 AM Emergency curfew from 0130-0700
1:51:40 AM Deploying gas at Spring/Allison
1:57:34 AM On La Mesa just east of Palm, 100-150 people
2:00:56 AM Units taking projectiles at Palm/La Mesa Blvd
2:07:44 AM Units taking rocks
2:09:21 AM Units taking projectiles from the alley at 3rd/La Mesa Blvd
2:24:12 AM Some people are on the roof of Johnny B's
2:56:17 AM Flagdown of looting at Goodwill
3:26:15 AM Fireworks being set off near Union Bank