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Anti-Riot Operations Guide

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To all those brave women and men, Law Enforcement, Military and Security Personnel, who risk and lost their lives to protect others.
Law enforcement officials have a vital role in the protection of the right to life, liberty and security of the person, as guaranteed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and reaffirmed in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Preamble to the U. N. Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials
Student Riots in Paris, Mai 1968 (Painting by Georges Briata)
To my Father
To Smokey
Montréal Riots, April 1849 (Painting by Joseph Légaré)
My gratitude and love to my dear wife Serran, for being always on my side with her dedication, support, patience and encouragement and helping me to finish this project.
Birmingham Riots, July 1791 (Painting by anonymous British painter)
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Hep-Hep Riots in Frankfurt – Germany 1819 (contemporary etching)
A rioter with a Molotov cocktail in his hands is not fighting for civil rights any more than a Klansman with a sheet on his back and a mask on his face.

Lyndon B. Johnson
Clichy Riot, May 1891
If our colleges and universities do not breed men who riot, who rebel, who attack life with all the youthful vim and vigor, then there is something wrong with our colleges. The more riots that come on college campuses, the better world for tomorrow.

William Allen White, American Journalist (1868-1944)
The Gordon Riots, 1780
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Mr. Hunsicker is a Security Enforcement and Personal Protection Specialist with more than 20 years of professional experience in the fields of physical security and close protection; namely threat and risk management, dignitary protection, advisory and coordination for physical security.

He served as security coordinator and dignitary protection adviser in Asia, European and African countries and the United States. His assignments included clients of the private and corporate sector, celebrities, governmental entities and NGOs. He also frequently accepted pro bono assignments as consultant to educational and humanitarian entities.

His skills and knowledge gained from specialized military training, such as special operations, expert marksmanship, weapons and martial art instructor became enriched by a great field experience. Whether as a team member, team leader, coordinator, adviser for physical security and dignitary protection, his rich experience permitted him to instruct and to lecture security, intelligence and risk management related topics at several international institutions.

Over the years, Mr. Hunsicker played a role in the training, planning and organization of security enforcement units and training-facilities of international private and corporate clients.

He was the Founder and executive of an international security agency, which later expanded into an institute for international security studies, with a special department for counterterrorism studies.

He held membership of professional organizations, such as the Airborne Law Enforcement Association, International Counter Terrorism Officers Association. He is actively associated with the European Police Association, the International Association of Airport and Seaport Police, the Counter Terrorism Study Unit of ISIS, the German Military Police Association, and the Diplomatic and Executive Protection Officers Association. His affiliation extends to humanitarian organizations, such as UNICEF, UNDP, UNA, the Sovereign Military Hospital Order of Malta, the Hereditary Knights Templars of Britannia, and the Royal British Legion among others.

This manual contains information collected from training material, and results based on, and gained throughout the professional experience as Dignitary Protection Adviser, and Security Enforcement Expert.

All quoted and used reference material herein appears with its respective sources. A wide variety of references, sources, and contacts is also available for further reading.

Written material of this particular subject, law enforcement, and physical security in general has been published, and excellently carried out by many instructors, professionals, and governmental entities. However, none has offered to the public an in-depth look into the operational aspects of civil disturbance operations – Riot Control.

The number of incidents involving civil disturbances, public unrests, demonstrations, uprisings, and riots worldwide are increasing by the minute. Each incident presents an ever demanding challenge to the law enforcement, and security related professionals. A detailed and understandable manual for security enforcement, and riot control professionals is a priority, and answer to those challenging situations.

Information about every aspect of civil disturbance operations is not only an important part of the professional’s training curriculum, but plays also a vital role for those indirectly involved in it. This manual will provide a clear view of all aspects of crowd/ riot management and control. To make sure of this, all available training, and study material, individual case studies, and real scenarios, combined with professional experience, serving as a foundation for this manual.

Reasonable efforts are made to provide reliable data, and information, but one can only assume limited responsibility for any changes, or the validity of all material because of the rapid path, and ever changing patterns in this particular field of operation.

Techniques described in this publication can cause serious injury or death. The material herein is therefore for information, and study purposes only. A practical application and training of the described techniques is provided, and available through governmental institutions, accredited professional schools, and qualified training centers.
I do solemnly declare upon my honor and conscience that I will act at all times to the best of my abilities and knowledge in a manner befitting a Police Officer.

I will perform my duties in a firm, courteous and impartial manner, irrespective of a person's creed, color, race, religion, age, national origin or sex, promoting understanding and conciliation.

I will faithfully obey the orders of my superiors and will be ready to confront danger in the line of duty.

I will act with honesty, courtesy and regard for the welfare of others and will endeavor to develop the esprit de corps.

I will preserve the dignity and will respect the rights of all individuals.

I will exercise my authority as a Police Officer in the manner intended by the law.

I will act justly and impartially and with propriety towards my fellow officers.

I will constantly strive to honor this oath in my service as a Police Officer.

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