



# Seminole County's Response To Trayvon Martin Event



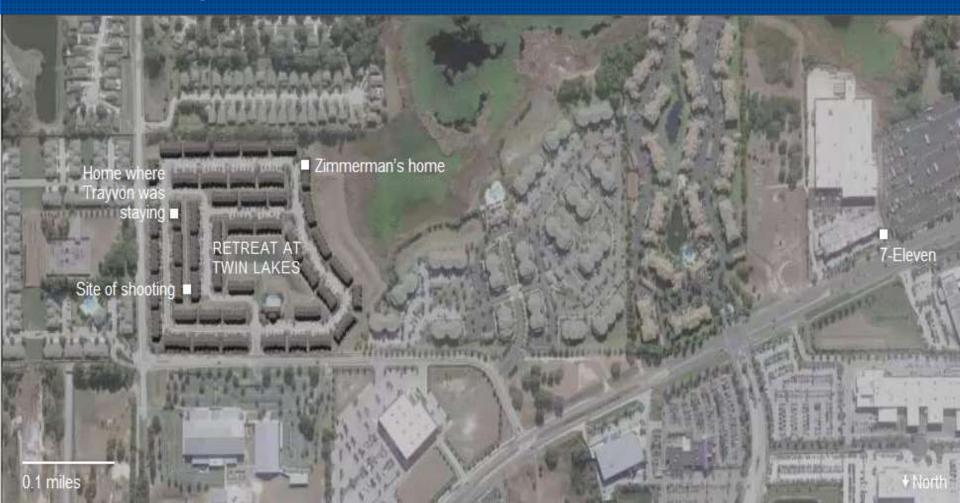
#### History of OEM Activations

- Tornadoes of 1998
- Wildfires of 1998
- Mass Casualty Incident / Bus Crash 2002
- Hurricanes of 2004
- Flood Event of 2005
- 2006 Agriculture Drought
- Tropical Storm Fay 2008
- 2010:
  - Cold Weather Event (Agriculture)
  - Operation Haiti Relief
- 2011 Casey Anthony Trial (Orange County)
- 2012 Trayvon Martin Protests / Rallies
- 2013 State of Florida vs. George Zimmerman
- 2014 O.M.G. Trial
- 2016 Pulse Mass Shooting (Orlando)
- 2016 Hurricane Matthew



## Trayvon Martin Shooting

- Date February 26, 2012
- Time 7:09 PM
- Location The Retreat at Twin Lakes, Sanford
- Shooter: George Zimmerman



- Trayvon leaves 7-11 convenience store
- Walks to Father's girlfriends home in same neighborhood as George Zimmerman
- Carrying Skittles and Iced Tea



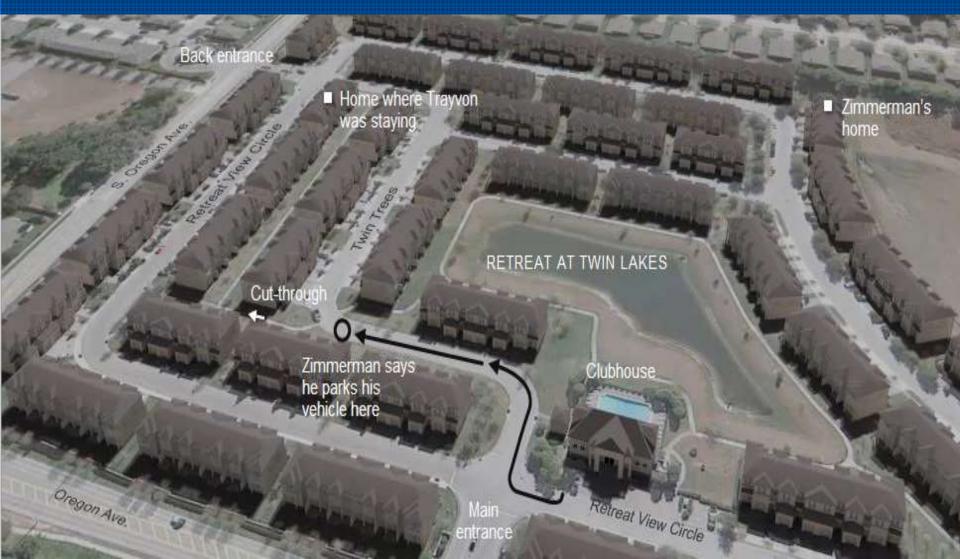
- Trayvon is seen entering the complex
- George Zimmerman (neighborhood watch coordinator) spots
   Trayvon
- Zimmerman states "Trayvon was staring and looking around"



- 7:11 PM George Zimmerman calls 9-1-1
- Reports suspicious person in neighborhood



- Zimmerman continues to follow Trayvon
- Parks vehicle near "cut-through"



- Zimmerman leaves vehicle to follow Trayvon
- States to 911 operator he is looking for street sign
- 911 operator states Zimmerman does not need to follow suspect



- 7:16pm 911 calls report screams
- 7:17pm Sanford Police Department arrive
- 7:30pm Trayvon Martin declared dead



# Investigation / Discovery

- Police Report
  - Zimmerman red jacket and blue jeans ripped
  - Back appeared to be wet and covered in grass
  - Bleeding from the nose and back of head.

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- Police Surveillance Video
  - Zimmerman led out of a police cruiser
  - Hands cuffed behind his back
  - Clothes appear intact
  - Does not appear to be badly injured
  - No signs of blood not visible



#### Social Media / Protests

- Twitter and Facebook Erupt
- High profile leaders make comments
- "I am Trayvon" campaign begins
- "Justice for Trayvon" campaign
- Protests scheduled in Sanford
- Rallies in multiple cities across Nation







Activation of Emergency Operations Center





- Agencies:
  - Sanford Fire Department
  - Sanford Police Department
  - State Attorney's Office
  - Seminole County Sheriff's Office
  - Seminole County Fire Rescue
  - Florida Department of Law Enforcement
  - Department of Justice
  - Florida Highway Patrol
  - Seminole County School Board

- Additional Agencies:
  - Central Florida Regional Hospital
  - South Seminole Hospital
  - Florida Hospital
  - Progress Energy
  - Florida Power and Light
  - Department of Transportation
  - Central Florida Rail Corridor
  - Polk Jail Facility
  - Seminole County Criminal
     Justice Center

- Activation of a Joint Information Center
- Designated Public Information Officer
- Regularly scheduled press conferences
- Regular press releases to all media



Activation of Business Information Hotline









- Monitor Social Media
- Contingency Planning
- Screen Packages/Letters
- Special Event Management



Use of Technology





#### Protests / Rallies End

 State Attorney Angela Corey announces George Zimmerman will be tried.

George Zimmerman turns





#### Lessons Learned

- Location of Emergency Operations Center, Joint Information Center, Forward Operations and Staging?
- Activation timing of Joint Information Center (JIC)
- Who should be included in the JIC?
- Depth of media relations / public information staff
- Monitoring social media
- General E-mail / Voice Mail for PIO
- Business Hotline
- Use / Information sharing with PIOs
- Future planning for events









# State of Florida VS. George Zimmerman

#### Pre-Planning Phase

- Hospitals
- Business Outreach
- Utility providers
- Schools
- Faith Based Coordination
- Social Media
- Website







#### Pre-Planning Phase

- Parking, Traffic, and Security Planning
- Identified Staging Area
- Communications
- Tabletop and Functional Exercises
- Video Surveillance
- License Plate Readers
- Air Monitoring Devices
- Technology Enhancements
- Administrative Orders
- Jury Sequestration Plan
- Judicial Operation Plans





#### Traffic Control and Parking

- All employees provided video message explaining plan
- Issued rear view mirror hangars week prior
- Created public and employee entrances



#### **EOC Activation Pre-Planning**

- Joint Information Center (JIC)
  - Centralized unified message in media releases
  - SC Court Administration for all Court related matters
  - SCSO for all event management related matters
  - Media Consortium met monthly prior to trial
- Intelligence EOC Function
  - SCSO Intel lead (Domestic Security Division)
  - SPD, SCSO, OEM, CFIX, FDLE, FBI, DOJ
  - Video monitoring (courtroom, parking, hotel, roads)
  - ALPR





#### **EOC Activation Criminal Trial**

#### Week 1

- Operation Period (0600-2000)
- Activation of EOC at Level 1
- 500 potential jurors first week
- Rapid Deployment Force (RDF)
- Public Assembly Area
- Security Detail
- Security of potential jury members







#### Criminal Trial Plan

- Unified Command concept
- Concept of Operations beginning on June 6, 2013
- Single Incident Action Plan (IAP)
  - Phase 1: Normal Operations for High Profile Court Proceedings
  - Phase 2: Response to
     Significant Civil Disturbance and
     Preparation for Public Response
     to Verdict



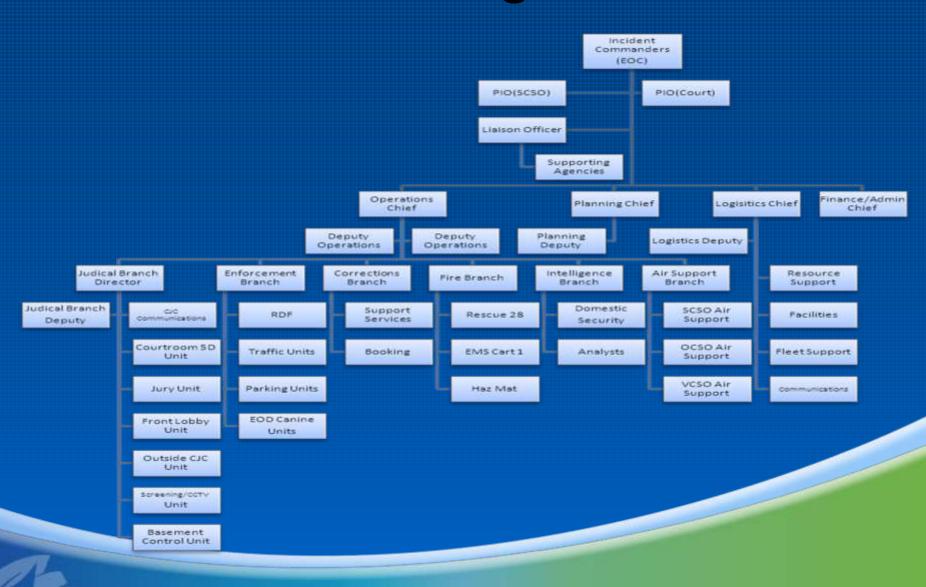
#### Phase 1 Incident Objectives

- Protect county infrastructure by providing safe egress and ingress for county employees and public.
- Maintain traffic order and control on Bush Loop Complex.
- Prevent and/or respond quickly to civil disorder
- Adapt to intelligence and/or on-scene assessment reports
- Provide controlled areas for the media.
- Provide interior and exterior law enforcement security during court proceedings.

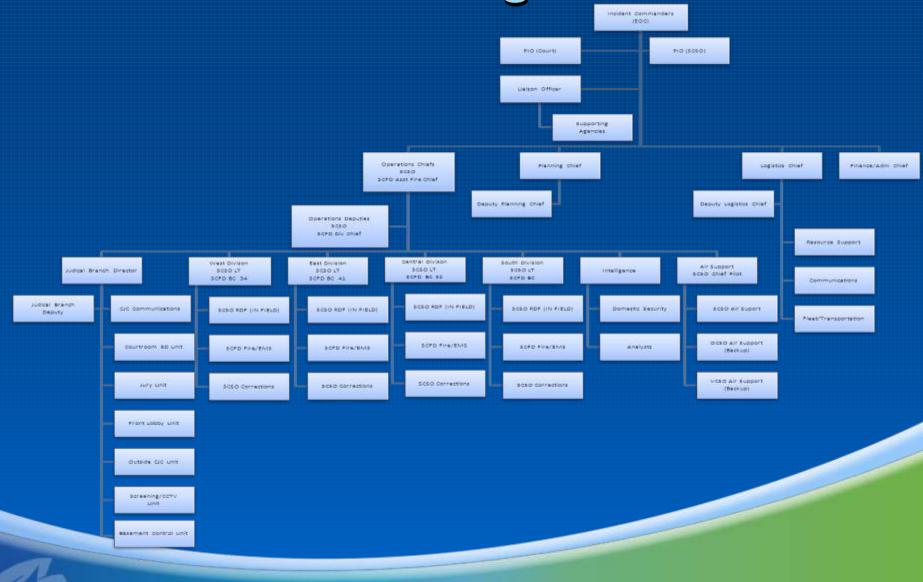
#### Phase 2 Incident Objectives

- Protect city and county infrastructure.
- Guard the safety of first responders and citizens.
- Maintain traffic order and control.
- Prevent and/or respond quickly to civil disorder in a coordinated effort between Law Enforcement, EMS, and Fire
- Adapt to intelligence and/or on-scene assessment reports.
- Provide public awareness to the citizens of Seminole County

### Phase 1 Org Chart



# Phase 2 Org Chart



#### Planning Section

- Published 37 Incident Action **Plans**
- 29 Situational Reports prepared
- Posted on a Virtual Command Center at www.leo.gov
- Addendums not distributed Jury Sequestration Plan, Protective Details, etc.
- Phase 2 IAP never released or published electronically

Seminole County, Florida

#### **INCIDENT ACTION PLAN #30**

Operation: Zimmerman Event - Phase 2



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#### SITUATION REPORT

PLORIDAS NATURAL CHOICE			
SEMINOLE COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER	STATE OF FLORIDA REGION V FEMA REGION IV	INCIDENT NAME: ZIMMERMAN TRIAL	
	GENERAL INFORMATION		
EOC Activation Level	Level 2 - Partial Activation	Level 2 - Partial Activation	
Executive Order: Public Assen	nbly Number: 13-14S	Dated: 05-May 2013	
Executive Order: Media Polis	Number: 12-35	Dated: 25-Oct. 2012	

#### EOC MANAGEMENT TEAM

Unified Command:	Capt. Ed Allen x1801 / Mark Oakes x5142	
EOC Manager:	Alan S. Harris x1870	-
OPS - Fire / Rescue	Jeff Ward x1864	_
OPS - Law Enforcement		Ī
Planning Section Chief:	Mary Fahlstrom / Shirley Exner! David Brown x1842	
	Bill Litton /Amy Curtis x1848	
PIO / Joint Information Center:	Heather Smith / Kim Cannaday x5189	
	Jim McAuliffe x1868 Senford Police Department Emile Armistead x1851 Rioride Sheriffi Association Josh Meed x1867 Florida Department of Law Enforcement Kristic Toward / Heather Social x1855 CFIX Flusion Center	

Seminale County Sheriff's Office. No one should discuss tactics, EDC activation levels, staffing, or any other incident related informatio

If 1800, Judge Debra Nelson announced the jury wanted to end deliberations for the day and resume on Saturday morning. Neither the resecution nor the defense appased the request, at which time Judge Nelson adjourned for the day and stated deliberations would resume

Late vesterday afternoon, protestors gathered in the public assembly area holding signs stating, "Creepy A.

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The African People's Solidanty Committee from St. Petersburg railled with signs stating "AFRICAN PEOPLE MUST STAND OUR GROUND JUSTICE for TRAYVON http://apscuhuru.org/

The individual displaying a large cardboard sign, which reads, "STAND YOUR GROUND, Judge NELSON Lied! Equal Justice 4

#### Logistics Section

- Coordinated all resource requests
- Communications
- Food and beverages (Food Trucks)
- Lighting
- Fuel
- Barricades
- Signage
- Credentials



## **Operations Section**

- Led by LE and FD Command personnel
- Made over 2400 entries in daily log
- Tracked movement of all key players
- Monitored local and regional events and deployed resources as needed

## Operations Section

- Traffic Control and Parking
- Demonstration Area Security
- Interior CJC Security
- Protective Details
- Jury Sequestration
- Intelligence Collection and Dissemination
- Hazard and Threat Detection

### Hazard and Threat Detection

#### Law Enforcement

- Conducted security briefing for Media Consortium 30 days prior
- Mail screening process
- EOD Tech on site
- Daily bomb dog sweep of CJC

#### Fire/EMS

- FD SHOT and MAP on site
- Medic Team in CJC
- Modified fire alarm response and evacuation procedures
- Safe Site detection system installed







## Mail Screening

# Investigated 66 pieces of threat mail

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### **Bomb Threats**

 Phone threat received through hearing impaired relay service from hacked Wi-Fi IP in Miami

 Second threat led to hacked Wi-Fi IP in Sacramento

## Jury Sequestration

- Coordination with Hotel
- Security Detail
- Transportation Route
- Rules of Sequestration
- Logistics
  - Camera systems
  - Monitoring of communication
  - Family visits for jury members
  - Special activities during the trial period
  - Fire Rescue unmarked and plain clothes



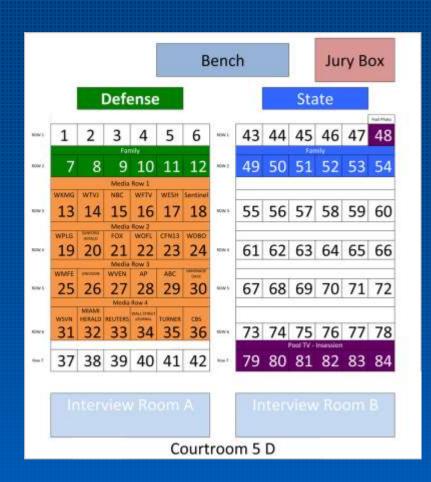
## Media Consortium

- Chaired by local station
- 85 pre-registered parking spaces for media organizations
- 200 media personnel on site daily once trial started
- Coordinated all communication to and from the media
- Provided deposit for damaged grass and landscaping
- Multiple planning meetings
- Provided clear expectations and rules regarding parking, security and communication
- Responded to 115 media requests regarding security / event management





## Media Consortium Court Seating

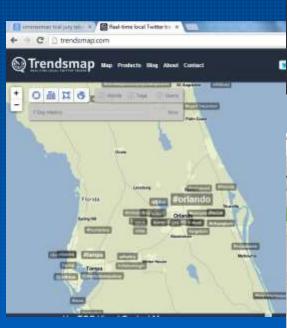






### Social Media

- Intelligence Gathering
- Open Source Sites
  - Twitter
  - Instagram
  - Facebook
  - Hootsuite
  - TweetDeck
  - Twitterfall
  - Trendsmap





## EOC Activation Partner Agencies

#### **Federal Agencies:**

- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Transportation Security Agency
- United States Department of Justice (USDOJ)

#### **State Agencies**

- Central Florida Intelligence Exchange (CFIX)
- Duke Energy
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)
- Florida Highway Patrol (FHP)
- Florida Power and Light
- Florida Division of Emergency Management
- Florida Fire Chief Association
- Florida Fusion Center
- Florida Sheriff's Association
- Florida Emergency Preparedness Association

#### **Local Agencies**

- Altamonte Police Department
- Brevard County Sheriff's Office
- Central Florida Regional Hospital
- Casselberry Police Department

- Florida Hospital Altamonte
- Lake Mary Police Department
- Longwood Police Department
- Orlando Sanford International Airport Police
- Orange County Sheriff's Office
- Orlando Police Department
- Oviedo Police Department
- Sanford Fire Department
- Sanford Police Department
- Seminole County Economic Development
- Seminole County Fire and Rescue
- Seminole County Leisure Services
- Seminole County Office of Emergency Management
- Seminole County Public Works
- Seminole County Public Schools
- Seminole County Sheriff's Office
- South Seminole Hospital
- University of Central Florida Police Department
- Volusia County Sheriff's Office
- Winter Springs Police Department

## Public Assembly Area

- Public Assembly Area
  - Various Groups (SYG, Assault Weapons, 2<sup>nd</sup>
     Amendment, Florida's 500<sup>th</sup> Birthday)



## Public Assembly Areas

Various Demonstrators were present



## Public Assembly Areas





### **EOC Activation Deliberation**

- Phase 2 (Started at Closing Arguments)
  - 24 hour operations
  - Development of Divisional Response Areas (LE/FD)
  - Activation of Staging Area
    - Deployment of RDF Teams
    - Increase Staffing of Fire Personnel in Designated Areas
    - Increase of Staffing in PSAP
    - Feeding of Personnel (RDF Teams)
  - Bomb Threat
    - Suspicious package by CJC

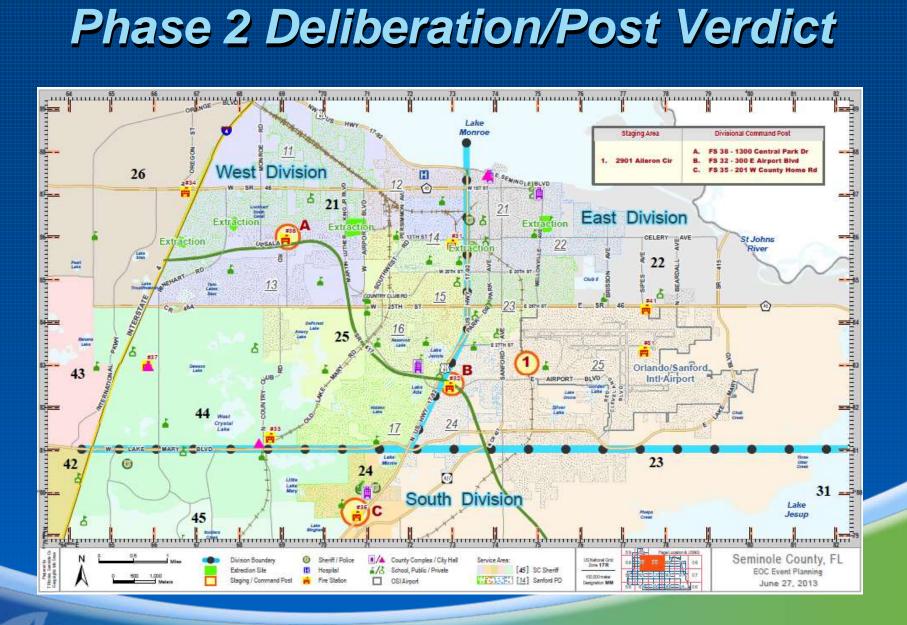
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#### Phase 2 Deliberation/Post Verdict



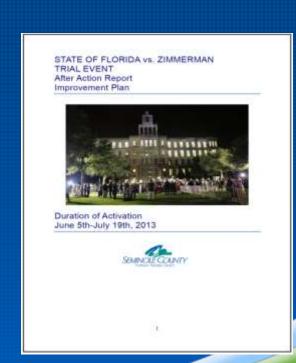
### **EOC Activation Verdict**

- Jury Release and Security
- Zimmerman Release and Security
- Judge Security Detail



### **EOC Activation Post Verdict**

- Intelligence of protests around the nation and world
  - Distributed to FFCA, FEPA, FSA, and SWO
- Demobilization Plan
  - Release of Staff
  - Return to daytime operations
  - Closed staging
  - Return of mutual aid resources
- Cost Analysis
- Hot wash
- After Action Report / Improvement Plan



## Post Verdict











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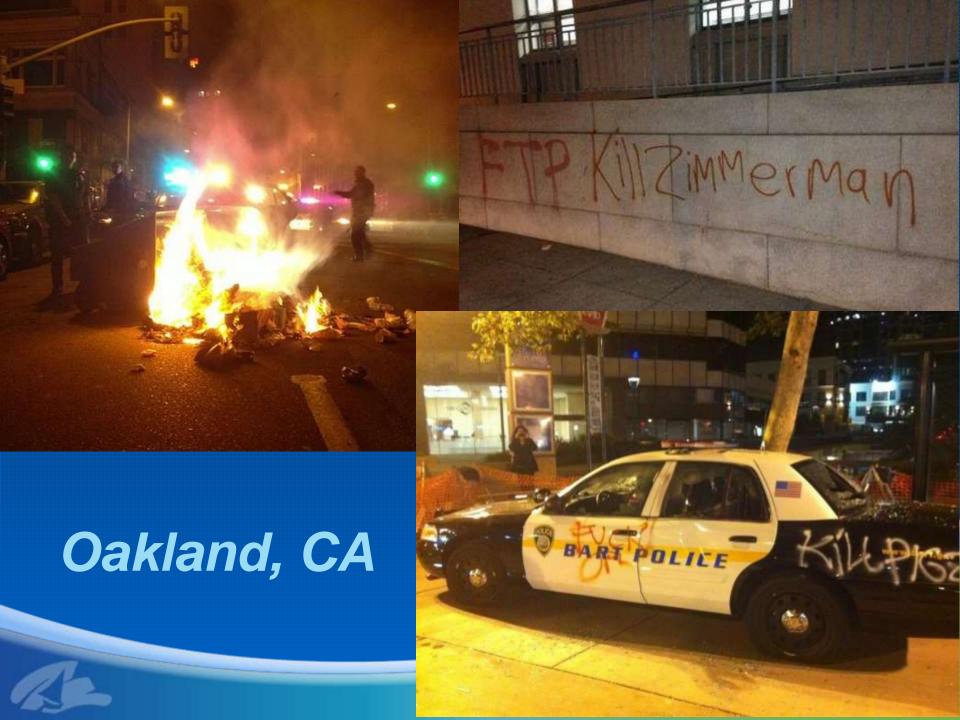


### Post Verdict Nationwide Event



## Los Angeles, CA







#### International Reaction













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#### HOMS-up-to-date-News

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Like . Comment . Share . 14 hours ago

27 people like this.

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#### Demobilization Plan

- Monitor current protests/events: (Local, Region, Nation)
- DOJ Media Release on Civil Rights violation
- Maintain mail screening
- Jury Transition from sequestration to security
- Breakdown of media and demonstration areas
- Reduce staffing levels incrementally

## Cost Analysis

- Rotation of Personnel
- Threat Level Staff Management
- Technology Enhancements
  - License Plate Readers
  - Fiber Optics Cable
- Ancillary Costs Nation Wide
  - Personnel and Equipment



## Strengths/ Lessons Learned

- Lessons Learned
  - Depth in Staffing
  - Social Media
  - Notification
  - Facility Operations
  - Information Sharing
  - Contact Lists

- Strengths
  - Partnerships
  - Use of Technology
  - Maps
  - Staging Selection
  - Planning/ Preparation
  - Community Involvement
  - Media Coordination
  - Intelligence Gathering



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