

Police Department Manual (PDP)

PDP 102–02: Civil Disorder

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Purpose

To assist personnel in dealing with civil disorder or with a disturbance that would endanger life, cause damage to property, or otherwise disrupt the operations of the university

Source

Arizona State University Emergency Operations Manual

Background

Civil disorder or a civil disturbance may take several forms, including pickets, marches, rallies, parades, sit-ins, trespassing, riots, sabotage, and criminal damage to property. In all cases of civil disorder, no matter how minor, there is always the potential for escalation into a full-scale emergency.

Policy

The primary consideration in any event is the protection of the life; protection of property and return to orderly conduct for the institution is secondary. Civil disorders may require the implementation of other emergency operation plans (i.e., evacuation or relocation plans, mass arrests, etc.).

Procedure

Instructions for immediate actions will be given by the ASU Police Department (ASU PD) or the responding agency if the campus is not patrolled by the ASU Police Department. Personnel will receive instructions concerning evacuated areas or buildings and restriction of movements. Notifications can be made using one or more means listed in the notification plan (i.e., public address system, pull station, in person, alert messaging system, etc.). University personnel should not interfere with police or emergency responder actions, nor should they interfere with the demonstrators.

If the event is causing a major disruption or may have a long-term impact on the university, the emergency operation center may be activated and the emergency operation plan followed.

Cross-Reference

For more information, see the following:

1. [PDP 101–01](#), “Reporting an Emergency.”
2. ABOR 5-301- 5-307, “Jurisdiction, Philosophy, Purpose, and Limitations upon Code of Conduct Coverage and Violations of Law and code of Conduct Regulations”
3. ABOR 5-308, “Student Code of Conduct” and

4. [FAC-115](#), "Use of University Property and Facilities"