Civil Disturbance TEMS

Lt. Damon Simmons
Morgan West
Impetus...
Team History

- January, 2017
- Six original members
- Now 12 members
- Approximately 52 callouts
Team Composition

- Professional Firefighters
- All EMT
- HazMat Contingent
- Tech Rescue Contingent
Selection

- EMT
- Competitive application
- Can’t have a history of voicing controversial viewpoints publically
- Need to have good political and situational awareness
- Need to overcome a different kind of fear and discomfort
MayDay 2017
Equipment

- Unarmed
- Premium equipment
- “Ruck, truck” model
  - MAR off the body
  - CH in the truck
- Vehicles
  - Near-BLS MEDEVAC
  - Diagnostic equipment
- Radio templates
  - Communications templates
Training

- TECC familiarization via Target Solutions
- RRT Basic Course
- Tactical medical training
  - Crisis Medicine
  - DHS/FLETC
- Outside agencies and military
Good TEMS Medics=Good EMTs

- Importance of constant training, especially fundamental medical skills
- Difficulty maintaining these skills in Portland/PF&R
  - Numerous hospitals
  - Paramedic on every apparatus
  - Non-transporting agency
Notable Hazards

- Sticks and stones
- Elevated threat
- Contaminated environment
- Access/Delayed evacuation
- Inability to evacuate
- Direct action devices
- HF exposure
- Molotov cocktails
Cache of guns? Police clarify 3 rifles in cases found atop downtown garage before protest

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WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED.
GLUED
ON.
DON'T TRY TO
MOVE
Hydrofluoric Acid: The Burn that keeps on Burning

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Unexpected Hazards

- Sport Concussion Assessment Tool (SCAT3)
- Rehabilitation
  - Environmental illness
  - Fatigue
- Lack of medical screening/monitoring of LEOs
Medical Threat Assessment & Planning

- Team embraced role in event planning
- Advocated for medical intelligence reports
- Significant appreciation from LE and political leadership
Weapons Turn Scared and/or Angry into Deadly
Boundaries of TECC

- There’s no ‘shoot, move, tourniquet’ if you can’t move
Civil Unrest TECC

- All-hazards approach
- Tire fire
- Tree lighting
- Festival patrols
- Natural disasters
PROTECT OUR YOUTH!

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NO JUSTICE NO PEACE

MY SKIN PEACE COLOR IS NOT A CRIME

BLACK LIVES MATTER

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