Rio Grande Valley SOD, Protest Response Force, June 5, 2020 through June 12, 2020

Executive Summary:
Ongoing protests across the country in response to Mr. George Floyd’s death have continued to escalate. Protests have erupted in over 75 major cities across the country with some of the demonstrations turning violent. Some states have activated their National Guard assets to assist with civil unrest while other mayors have issued curfews in an attempt to reduce violence and property damage. The City of Pearland Texas has been identified as the location of the internment service for Mr. Floyd. Pearland’s police department and a nearby school are located approximately 100 yards from the cemetery. Although there are no credible threats to the area, the Texas Department of Public Safety (TDPS) and Pearland Police Department are preparing for contingencies that range from peaceful protest to attacks to the nearby police station. In preparation for possible attacks to the police station and government facilities, the Pearland’s Police Chief has requested the Rio Grande Valley Sector (RGV) Special Operations Detachment (SOD) to augment tactical law enforcement operations.

Commander’s Intent:
Purpose: To assist the City of Pearland Police Department and TDPS tactical law enforcement capabilities to respond to civil unrest and secure city government facilities and infrastructure.
Method: The RGV SOD will pre-position personnel and equipment prepared to increase law enforcement presence, respond to crowd escalation or riot, and respond to emergency medical situations.
End State: If deployed, apply the lowest use of force possible to avert or deescalate any potential civil unrest situations that may develop.

Mission Statement:
On order, the RGV SOD will deploy a contingency force in support of the Pearland City Police Department and TDPS to respond to any civil unrest and provide security to the City of Pearland Police Department and surrounding area.

Execution:
In preparation for contingency operations in Pearland, Texas, RGV SOD will organize specialty trained teams and equipment to deploy upon notification SOD will deploy teams trained to conduct high risk LE operations, civil unrest and protest crowd control, medical treatment and evacuation, surveillance, and incident command. To accomplish this, SOD will employ a five phased operational approach.

Phase One: Notification. Once notified, all agents will report to the muster and accountability of personnel and equipment, and to prepare for movement.

Phase Two: Movement. Once the means of transportation have been determined, appropriate adjustments to the packing list and equipment will be made to prioritize mission essential equipment.

Phase Three: Integration. SOD management will coordinate with local jurisdiction or local incident command for threat assessments and operational tasks.

Phase Four: Operation. SOD will coordinate to provide continuous manpower and specialty capabilities in areas designated by the incident commander.

Phase Five: Redeployment. Upon relief-in-place or notification on or about June 10, 2020, SOD will return back to home station, additional details will be published in a re-deployment FRAGO.

Participating Agencies
Total: (b)(7)(E)
USBP, RGV Special Operations Detachment
BORTAC: (b)(7)(E)
BORSTAR: (b)(7)(E)
USBP, Special Operations Group
SOG BORSTAR and BORTAC: (b)(7)(E)

Legal Review/Opinion
Pending legal review.

Associated Costs
(b)(7)(E)

Risk Assessment:
Potential risks associated with crowd control and possible riot/civil unrest conditions. Risks will be mitigated through advanced tactics, techniques and procedures (TTP) and officer safety gear and equipment.
South Texas Field Intelligence Group (STXFIG)
Office of Intelligence (OI)
Funeral Services and Procession Route

POCs: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
LOC: (b) (7)(E)
Produced by: STXFIG
Funeral Procession Route

(b) (7)(E)
Area surrounding The Fountain of Praise

The Fountain of Praise
Address: 13950 Hillcroft Ave, Houston, TX 77085

- On 08JUN20 a public memorial will take place from 12:00-18:00. Only 500 people will be allowed in the church at any given time during the visitation. Those 500 people will be socially distanced and mourners will be asked to wear face coverings and gloves. The public will enter from two sides of the church in separate, socially distanced lines and, after viewing, exit the church. The public will not return to the lobby to leave. No bags will be allowed. Everyone will have to enter through metal detectors and each person’s temperature will be checked before they can get in. **The church says they plan to have people park remotely and shuttle in.**

- A private service will be held on 09JUN20 at 11:00. Guests will be invited by the Floyd family, and the church is expecting dignitaries and celebrities to attend. There are unconfirmed reports that former Vice President Joe Biden will be in attendance.
Area surrounding Houston Memorial Gardens Cemetery

(b) (7)(E)

Houston Memorial Gardens Cemetery
Address: 2426 Cullen Blvd, Pearland, TX 77581

(b) (7)(E)

- Following the private service at The Fountain of Praise on 09JUN20 at 1100, a private burial service will be held in Pearland, TX, approximately 11.9 miles driving distance from The Fountain of Praise.

- If the number of attendees is remotely close (estimated to between 40 – 60k people) the possibility that hidden rioters, looters and or bad actors is extremely high.

- The proximity of both the Pearland Police Department, Drug store and other small business in the immediate area, the highlighted (red box) area is a potential hot spot for looting and possible riots.

- While it is unlikely that rioting or looting may occur during the funeral services, the possibility of such events unfolding will begin to significantly increase near and at the end of the services. It is likely that protesting will occur at or near the Pearland Police Department prior to, during and after the memorial services.
Team,

We have a support request here from the Chief of Police in Pearland, TX. Pearland is the incorporated city, within the larger Houston area, where the funeral of Mr. George Floyd will actually take place.

It appears Chief was presented with a list of capabilities our SOD can provide. Please engage to determine what the his requirement actually is, how much we can support and then prepare the quad for HQ consideration.

Please keep the Chief and I very aware of the status and requirements associated with this one.

Austin L. Skero II
Deputy Chief Patrol Agent
United States Border Patrol
Rio Grande Valley Sector

Chief Hastings,

After meeting with local DPS officials we have identified several possible contingencies and available regional resources that could support our protest response capabilities. Your Special Operations operators were identified by the Texas Rangers as having the capabilities that could support our current requirements. Those capabilities include: tactical support with armored vehicles, equipped with mobile field force equipment/riot control, less lethal force options, tactical medics, drone surveillance, etc. Your assistance with these resources would greatly help us in our response needs for this upcoming high profile event.
Thank you in advance.

Chief of Police | Police
City of Pearland | 2555 Cullen Parkway | Pearland, TX 77581
P: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

pearlandtx.gov

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IMAT:

See APPROVED Support Request

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Assistant Chief
LEOD Ops Cell
Desk: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Mobile: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

This looks good to go, have them deploy as planned and if priorities change we can adjust.

Tony Porvaznik
Acting Chief
USBP/HQ/LEOD
desk

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Deputy/Chief:
See attached and below Support request

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RGV and SOG Support to Pearlman City PD and Texas DPS – June 5 through 12, 2020

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Please see below. GTG.

Let me know what time folks are leaving.

Verbal Confirmation by Chief Porvaznik

Operation is APPROVED

Be safe

Regards,

Assistant Chief
LEOD Ops Cell
Desk: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Mobile: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
To: ORTIZ, RAUL L ; PORVAZNIK, ANTHONY J
Cc: SCUDDER, KATHLEEN

Subject: FW: RGV and SOG Support to Pearlman City PD and Texas DPS – June 5 through 12, 2020
Importance: High

Deputy/Chief:

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Deploy to Pearland, TX and support the Pearland Police Department with a contingency force to react to possible civil unrest during the memorial and interment services of Mr. George Floyd.

   a. **Mission Statement:** From June 5, 2020 to June 11, 2020, RGV SOD deployed a contingency force in support of the Pearland City Police Department and TX-DPS to respond to any civil unrest and provide security to the City of Pearland Police Department and the surrounding area.

   b. **Location:** Pearland, TX.

   c. **Date:** 06/05/2020 thru 6/11/2020

2. **COMMAND**

   a. **Mission Commander/Chain of Command:**
      
      DPAIC (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Mission Commander

   b. **Team Leaders/Unit Command:**
      
      SOS (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) BORTAC Team Leader
      SOS (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) BORSTAR Team Leader
      SOS (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) SOG Team Leader

   c. **Additional Law Enforcement Unit Command:**
      
      Chief of Police (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Pearland Police Department

3. **DESCRIPTION**

   a. **Mission Description:** RGV SOD deployed in response to the City of Pearland Police Department’s request for assistance during Mr. George Floyd’s funeral procession and related activities. SOD deployed a contingent capable to conduct high risk tactical law
enforcement operations aimed at suppressing any civil unrest or threats to the general public or government infrastructure.

Equipment Utilized:
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  - Tactical Equipment (Firearms, Less Lethal Munitions)
  - Mobile Field Force Equipment (Protective Gear, Shields, Gas Masks, Batons)
  - Medical Equipment (Medic Bags)
  - Communications Equipment (government cell phones/service radios)
  
4. ACCOMPLISHMENTS
   a. Statistics:
      - N/A (Protests turned out peaceful and no Use of Force or Medical Assistance was rendered during this event).
   b. Mission Essential Tasks Conducted:
      Integrated into a Multi-Agency Incident Command System (ICS) at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) inside the Pearland Police Department. Stood up and took lead in running a secondary Incident Command System at the Glenda Dawson High School in Pearland, TX. Other agencies involved included personnel from the Texas Department of Public Safety, National Guard, Pearland Police Department, and the regional Combined Agency Response Team. SOD and SOG personnel provided Incident Command and Control, Mobile Field Force (MFF), Quick Reaction Force (QRF), Medical Response Force, and SUAS (small unmanned aerial surveillance) duties during this operation.

5. STRENGTH
   a. Authorized Strength of Mission: Total SOD/SOG
   b. Personnel:
      
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)
6. **COMMENTS**

   a. **Comments/ Recommendations:**

   RGV SOD deployed equipped and prepared to respond to high-risk law enforcement operations that include ICS, MFF, Tactical, QRF, Medical, [REDACTED] and SUAS capabilities. Maintaining and enhancing our capabilities in these areas will provide CBP and our other agency partnerships with valuable support and assistance as needed.

   b. **Noteworthy Items:** N/A

7. **PHOTOS**

   (See Below)
(b) (7)(E)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)
ALCON,

See below ESR (Final) regarding RGV SOD AO support for Pearland, Texas reported by RGV SOD.

Regards,

RGV OPCEN

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**Evolving Situation Report**

**RGV SOD AO Support Request Pearland, TX**

**June 5, 2020, 10:00 a.m.**

**Final**

**SITUATION:**

On June 4, 2020, RGV SOD received a request from the Pearland, Texas Police Department to provide support as a Quick Reaction Force (QRF) to possible civil unrest situations resulting from the death of Mr. George Floyd. This support request includes providing security to the police station and any other city government infrastructure. RGV SOD initialized mobilization of RGV personnel and SOG personnel trained to conduct high risk LE operations, civil unrest/protest crowd control, medical emergency treatment and evacuation, drone surveillance, and incident command to the city of Pearland, TX. DPAIC has been assigned as the mission commander for this deployment and can be contacted at .

**Final:**

- **June 11, 2020**
  7:35 p.m. All RGV SOD/SOG personnel have arrived safely at McAllen, TX.

**TIMELINE:**

**June 4, 2020**
RGV SOD received a request to support for planned protests in Pearland, Texas from the Pearland Police Department.

**June 5, 2020**

03:00 a.m. With Sector Command concurrence/approval, SOD initialized mobilization of RGV/ SOG personnel to Pearland, TX.

10:50 a.m. Departed to Pearland, Texas.

7:11 p.m. DPAIC advised SOD personnel arrived at Pearland, Texas and secured armored vehicle and equipment at the Pearland Police Department, 2555 Cullen Parkway, Pearland, Texas. All SOD personnel are safe and accounted for and (b) (7)(E) RGV SOD is scheduled to meet with Pearland Police Department Leadership at 9:00 am on Saturday, June 6, 2020.

**June 6, 2020**

10:55 a.m. DPAIC advised SOD personnel concluded their meeting with Pearland Police SWAT leadership scheduled at 0900 hours this morning. SOD personnel is currently integrated with Pearland SWAT finalizing their planning and coordination efforts. SOD and Pearland SWAT will be conducting reconnaissance of the areas of interest and assigned areas of responsibilities. ALL SOD personnel are in good health and are currently on a ready posture to provide support regarding any potential uprising.

5:47 p.m. After assessing the areas of interest and delineating responsibilities, SOD organized (b) (7)(E) teams providing 24 hour QRF coverage. In addition to QRF responsibilities, SOD tactical teams will continue to integrate with the Pearland Police Department SWAT team to rehearse several possible contingencies for the day of the funeral procession. There are two scheduled meetings with the Incident Command Operations Chief and later with Pearland Police Department Police Chief on June 7th to provide an operational update on preparations for Tuesday’s event.

**June 7, 2020**

10:31 a.m. RGV SOD will continue with less lethal equipment, munitions inventories and distributions. The team will review the CBP Use of Force Policy and carry on with Mobile Field Force rehearsals. RGV SOD Team will meet with the Pearland Incident Command Staff today to discuss COAs and responsibilities for each I.C. agency.

7:14 p.m. SOD concluded coordination meetings with the Pearland Police Department Incident Command Staff. SOD will continue with preparations and rehearsals and is currently on a ready posture for possible response.

**June 8, 2020**

08:04 a.m. No incidents to report. RGV SOD continues to be on a ready posture for possible response to civil unrest in the Pearland, TX AOR.

7:00 p.m. RGV SOD conducted final coordination with the Pearland Police Department. The communication infrastructure between CBP radios and the local ICS
system was established to facilitate communication between SOD and the EOC. SOD mobile field force deployment criteria was established for the Pearland Police Department and the surrounding area. SOD is currently on call for any potential counter protest this evening. Tomorrow, the procession is scheduled to begin at 2 P.M.

June 9, 2020

11:48 a.m. SOG & SOD personnel are staged at location. The mission is to maintain the security of locations and provide QRF support. Furthermore, is equipped with MFF kits and have assigned paramedics. Pearland PD has a surgeon standing by on site. All tactical personnel are to maintain a low profile until a situation arises that requires an escalation of use of force.

1:22 p.m. One female observed wearing a white ANTIFA shirt carrying a megaphone east of the Pearland Police Department Station.

3:20 p.m. Pearland PD was unable to locate the female wearing ANTIFA shirt. The Church service is about to conclude in Houston. Traffic flow is normal, pedestrian traffic on the sidewalks by the cemetery is increasing to include media presence. Heat Index temperature is currently 105 degrees. The Pearland PD Chief will be addressing the spectators and will have a dignitary protection detail assigned to him. During this event, RGV SOD personnel will be on standby as a QRF. Motorcade will move in approximately one hour.

3:56 p.m. The Pearland Police Department Chief has returned from addressing the spectators without incident. Church services concluded, standing by for the procession.

4:35 p.m. The procession arrived at the Silverlake Church where the casket will be transferred from a motorized hearse to a horse draw hearse/carriage. The horse draw hearse will transport the casket to the cemetery. The procession consists of cars and buses. Spectators have been arriving peacefully and filling the sidewalks, there have been no signs of agitators among the crowds. A total of 4 Fire/EMS calls due to heat related medical issues have occurred as of this update.

4:55 p.m. A subject was observed running out of the mausoleum after dropping off a suspicious package. The EOC dispatched a Pearland PD officer to clear the mausoleum of any packages. The subject was detained and questioned by Pearland PD with no further incident. The mausoleum was cleared of any packages. The procession has arrived at the cemetery. The situation is currently calm without any incident. There has been a total of 6 EMS call for heat related issues.

8:09 p.m. The funeral procession concluded without incident. SOD is standing down as QRF for the event, but will remain on call to respond to any civil unrest situation in Pearland and the surrounding area.
8:59 p.m. RGV SOD will be on a ready posture thru the evening and into tomorrow morning. Tomorrow, RGV SOD in conjunction with the Pearland Police Department will reassess possible threats and contingencies to determine SOD redeployment and demobilization timeline.

**June 10, 2020**

7:45 a.m. At approximately 04:00 a.m., RGV SOD was notified by hotel staff that several vehicles in the hotel parking lot had been damaged in an apparent burglary attempt. RGV SOD personnel conducted a walk thru of the hotel parking lot and discovered a total of three vehicles that had sustained damage to their windows. Multiple windows were shattered or sustained damage consistent with an apparent attempt to shatter them. An inspection of those vehicles revealed nothing missing and window damage being the only damage sustained. Pearland Police Department arrived on scene to document the incident. Pearland Police Crime Scene Unit arrived on scene and processed the vehicles for any evidence/fingerprints and will follow up with hotel staff for a review of security camera video footage. Officer provided case for the incident report. The vehicles damaged are listed as follow:

1. driver rear window shattered and pried out.
2. driver rear window shattered and pried out, both front windows sustained multiple window-punch tool markings.
3. driver rear window shattered but remained intact.

5:58 p.m. SOD leadership met with the Pearland Police Department command staff to determine follow on requirements. The Pearland Police Department assessed that funeral procession and related activities concluded without incident. SOD inventoried and accounted for all equipment.

**June 11, 2020**

9:10 a.m. All RGV SOD personnel are safe and accounted for. They have departed Houston, TX in route to.

7:35 p.m. All RGV SOD/SOG personnel have arrived safely at.

No further updates to follow.