

**CROWD CONTROL: KINETIC ENERGY PROJECTILE/CHEMICAL AGENT
REPORT**INCIDENT NUMBER 25-020879

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS FURTHER INFORMATION IS OBTAINED.

INCIDENT INFORMATION

DATE OF INCIDENT: 6-15-2025	TIME OF INCIDENT: 0015 hours	LOCATION: 4th Street / Broadway
CITY OF OCCURRENCE: Santa Ana	COUNTY: Orange	OTHER:

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ASSEMBLY, PROTEST, DEMONSTRATION, OR INCIDENT / CROWD BEHAVIOR JUSTIFYING THE USE OF KINETIC ENERGY PROJECTILES OR CHEMICAL AGENTS
(NOTE: THIS BOX MAY BE USED TO PROVIDE A RATIONALE FOR AN UPDATE ON A PRIOR REPORT.)

OCSD deployed a six-person React Team to assist the Santa Ana Police Department's Mobile Field Force during a protest near 4th Street and Broadway. SAPD declared the gathering an unlawful assembly after individuals in the crowd began throwing dangerous projectiles at law enforcement. OCSD deputies observed and were targeted with glass bottles containing unknown liquids and mortar-style aerial fireworks. These actions posed a significant threat of serious injury or death. Dispersal orders were broadcast over a public address system from a Bearcat vehicle positioned behind the skirmish line. After multiple de-escalation attempts, OCSD deputies deployed approximately 55 pepperball rounds in response to the ongoing assaults.

APPROXIMATE CROWD SIZE: 500	NUMBER OF OFFICERS INVOLVED: 6	NUMBER OF DOCUMENTED INJURIES AS A RESULT OF KINETIC ENERGY PROJECTILES OR CHEMICAL AGENTS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE INCIDENT: 0
DISPERSAL ORDERS GIVEN (Y/N) Yes		

DE-ESCALATION TECHNIQUES OR OTHER ALTERNATIVES TO
FORCE ATTEMPTED TO GAIN VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE:

- ☐ ADVISED/WARNED
- ☒ ISSUED VERBAL COMMANDS
- ☐ DEPLOYED ADDITIONAL OFFICERS
- ☐ DEPLOYED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
- ☒ OTHER

DESCRIBE

Issued via PA system from Bearcat

OTHER DE-ESCALATION TECHNIQUES OR OTHER ALTERNATIVES TO FORCE ATTEMPTED:

TYPE OF KINETIC ENERGY PROJECTILES OR CHEMICAL AGENTS DEPLOYED

<input type="checkbox"/> 12-GAUGE SHOTGUN WITH KINETIC MUNITIONS (BEAN BAG SHOTGUN)	NUMBER OF ROUNDS DEPLOYED	
<input type="checkbox"/> 40MM LAUNCHER WITH DIRECT IMPACT SPONGE ROUND	NUMBER OF ROUNDS DEPLOYED	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PEPPERBALL LAUNCHER	NUMBER OF ROUNDS DEPLOYED 55	
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	TYPE OF ROUNDS	ROUNDS DEPLOYED
<input type="checkbox"/> CHEMICAL AGENT	DESCRIBE	ROUNDS DEPLOYED

Under AB 48, Penal Code 13652 was amended to limit the use of kinetic energy projectiles and chemical agents by law enforcement. These tools may only be used by properly trained officers to protect lives, prevent serious bodily injury (including to peace officers), or to safely resolve situations that present an objectively dangerous and unlawful threat.

As part of these measures, the Orange County Sheriff's Department is required to publicly release a report on each such incident within 60 days. This commitment to timely reporting helps foster trust and keeps our community informed about how force is applied during these critical events.