

**CROWD CONTROL: KINETIC ENERGY PROJECTILE/CHEMICAL AGENT  
REPORT**INCIDENT NUMBER 25-020265

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

**INCIDENT INFORMATION**

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| DATE OF INCIDENT:<br><b>6-9-2025</b>    | TIME OF INCIDENT:<br><b>2200 hours</b> | LOCATION:<br><b>W. 4th Street / N. Broadway</b> |
| CITY OF OCCURRENCE:<br><b>Santa Ana</b> | COUNTY:<br><b>Orange</b>               | 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 responded to assist the Santa Ana Police Department with crowd control after SAPD declared the protest an unlawful assembly and gave multiple dispersal orders. The crowd was estimated between several hundred and approximately 1,000 people. OCSD formed skirmish lines with SAPD and worked to move the crowd east. During this effort, individuals in the crowd threw water bottles, rocks, and fireworks mortars/explosives at deputies. OCSD deployed kinetic energy projectiles and chemical agents in response to those specific threats. The deployment was based on observed assaults on deputies while they were assisting SAPD with dispersing the crowd.

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| APPROXIMATE CROWD SIZE:<br><b>1,000</b>    | NUMBER OF OFFICERS INVOLVED:<br><b>53</b> | NUMBER OF DOCUMENTED INJURIES AS A RESULT OF KINETIC ENERGY PROJECTILES OR CHEMICAL AGENTS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE INCIDENT:<br><b>0</b> |
| DISPERSAL ORDERS GIVEN (Y/N)<br><b>Yes</b> |   |   |

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

SAPD gave multiple dispersal orders prior to OCSD's arrival; the specific time of the orders were made is unknown.

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

**TYPE OF KINETIC ENERGY PROJECTILES OR CHEMICAL AGENTS DEPLOYED**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12-GAUGE SHOTGUN WITH KINETIC MUNITIONS (BEAN BAG SHOTGUN) | NUMBER OF ROUNDS DEPLOYED<br><b>1</b>  |                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 40MM LAUNCHER WITH DIRECT IMPACT SPONGE ROUND              | NUMBER OF ROUNDS DEPLOYED<br><b>4</b>  |                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PEPPERBALL LAUNCHER  | NUMBER OF ROUNDS DEPLOYED<br><b>23</b> |                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER   | TYPE OF ROUNDS                         | ROUNDS DEPLOYED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHEMICAL AGENT  | DESCRIBE                               | ROUNDS DEPLOYED |
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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.