

## PEACEKEEPER QUICK REFERENCE

PEACEKEEPER CARRY LIST: Carry these items in a day pack, pockets, or attached to belts, shoulder straps, etc. Keep hands free.

- Canteens
- Band-aids
- Bandana or scarf
- Small notebook with pen or pencil
- Sunscreen
- Lost child diversion - balloons, etc. (No candy or food)

## LEVELS OF PEACEKEEPING

Try to handle situations at the lowest level possible. If help is needed, refer to the next level up.

March & Coordination Teams - major decisions/halting rally/etc.

Peacekeeping Scouts - mobile & stationary observers

Lead Peacekeepers - each group & area

Peacekeeper Pairs - work on this level if possible

Medical/Legal Teams - call if needed

Legal Observers - will be present

## LIMITATIONS OF PEACEKEEPERS

- It may not be possible to prevent all incidents of violence. But we can limit the effect of violence & prevent major incidents.
- Breaks/Relief - notify other peacekeepers and coordinate breaks. Be aware of other peacekeepers needing relief.
- Self Control - take a deep breath, chant, or anything that helps you take hold of yourself.
- Way Out - if you feel you cannot handle yourself nonviolently in a situation, notify another peacekeeper & step away from the conflict. It is better to step out than to risk an escalation of the conflict.

## PEACEKEEPING ROLES

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### **Stages**

- Need to be present while stage is being set up & broken down, this does not include stage construction or labor
- Keep the crowd back & away from the stage
- Provide access to stage for speakers, etc.
- Protect the electrical supply
- Make sure no one gets on the stage except for people who belong there. If someone does get on the stage, then get the crowd into songs or chants until person can be removed

## March

- Advance crew at the beginning of march
- Feed key banners into march where they belong
- Feed people into march in orderly fashion, keeping set # abreast

- Delineate boundaries of march
- Keep the pace of the march smooth & slow enough for children & elderly
- Alert marchers to problems: steps up, down, rough spaces, etc.
- Curves - have the inside of march slow down & the outside speed up
- Keep the marchers uninvolved with hecklers

### Rally

- Delineate the perimeters of rally - spotters & circulators
- Keep traffic aisles open for people & any problems
- Facilitate sight & sound - keep people sitting down & quiet
- Money collection - pass the bucket but do not let it out of your hands

### Friction Points

- Toilets/concessions/literature tables 97 keep people in lines, do not let them crowd around
- Facilitate & keep people friendly in these areas
- Keep traffic aisles open
- Keep one toilet for children/elderly/handicapped
- Help handicapped people in & out of the toilet

### TOOLS FOR DEALING WITH PROBLEMS

- Prevention
- Isolation/Containment
- De-escalation/Intervention
- Observe Be aware. Prevent.
- Songs/Chants
- Circling to isolate/contain/for protection
- Self Defense Posture - sit down, fold legs in, bend over & clasp hands behind neck

## **DEALING WITH PROBLEMS**

### Lost (Children/People)

- Diversion - balloon, talking, singing, etc.
- Take to information table at the stage
- Someone there will make an announcement
- Ask for ID of anyone taking child & write down & leave at table

### Media

- Refer to press area coordinators for any info other than your opinion
- Don't let them interfere with the march or rally, say NO & explain why
- Media has the right to take pictures; people have right to say NO

### Accidents/Illness/Fainting

- Clear area around victim & have people circle to keep crowd back
- If more than simple first aid, alert medical team & make access path
- If no medical person then alert police & they can get help quickly
- If removed from area 97.get name or description & where being taken

### Drunks/Druggies/crazies

- Try to talk to person & get out of crowd if possible
- If cannot get out, then stay with person & keep from disturbing others
- Enlist medical team if necessary

### Violations of Guidelines

- Minor & not causing problems - ignore, but keep alert for problems
- If is a problem then ask the person to stop or leave
- If they refuse, refer to lead peacekeepers
- Isolate or move crowd away, sit down, circle, etc.

### Fights Within the Group

- Isolate from rest of crowd - line or circle of peacekeepers
- Physical presence may stop fighting
- Attempt communication; make human contact; listen, do not argue
- Physical interposition
- Dead weighting
- Squeeze play

### Counter Protesters/Leafleting

- Keep them in sight
- Keep other people from interfering with them

### Hostile/Co-opting Groups

- Isolate with a line of peacekeepers if possible -
- If not, alert lead peacekeepers, scouts
- Stop the back of the march & move the front forward to isolate group

### Provocateurs

- Watch & observe, enlist other peacekeepers if suspicious
- Alert legal observers if you have strong suspicions
- Alert police if you think they are armed

### Projectiles

- Form a line & move crowd away from sources
- Stop the back of the march & move front forward
- Assume self defense posture if stationary
- Urge people to look away, turn back etc

### Arrest

- Do not interfere with police or arrest
- Write down name of person arrested, name & badge # of officer
- Notify legal team & tell people around the incident you have done so
- Get names & contact numbers of witnesses or anyone who took pictures

### Dispersion

Dogs: keep arms, legs still & close to body

- Establish eye contact with handler, not dog

- Assume self defense posture if attacked

Horses: move carefully parallel to horses, not in front or back

- Do not let people get crushed between horses & walls or fences
- Large crowd- sits down & assumes self defense position

Mace: give assistance to individual & move to safety out of crowd

- Alert medical team
- Wash eyes with water or boric acid solution

Tear Gas: move upwind from police, do not panic or run ~cover face with bandana or clothing

- Have people hold each other by clothing to prevent tripping

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Water Hoses: sit down in groups; in lines with backs to hoses assume interlocked self-defense posture with heads down

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Formations of Officers - line- to move crowd in one direction, sit -down or move in a controlled manner

-Wedge- to split up crowd, try to keep small groups from being isolated.