

# Street Tactics Training Used in Genoa

*While waiting for group to gather, have small groups start talking about what victory looks like*

## Welcome

## Agenda Review

**Grounding** – fear anyone, what does fear feel like, remember back – ground, periferal vision, wander, knock, buddy, snatch

## Street Organization

- Buddies
- Action Teams
- Affinity Groups – what are they, roles
- Clusters
- Spokescouncils
- Flying Squads
- Different levels of risk within group

**Quick Decision-making:** chose facilitators in advance, identify options, quick elimination of unacceptable, id other info needed and available, don't debate ideology, what is in the best interest of group in achieving goals...

**Hassle Line:** Protestor/Delegate , Protestor / Police

- Get to legal issues with police, get to descalation in other – body, voice, eyes, posture

**Safety and Security in the Streets** (brainstorm) (staged someone running in, in a panic and saying the cops were downstairs, outside whatever starting to arrest people, we need to get out of building now – great to see how people respond!)

- Being conscious, watching what is around you
- Be careful of rumors – aim for eyeball confirmation
- Scouting ahead of time, days, minutes – know the area
- Get good maps – can laminate with clear tape and use colored markers
- Exit strategy
- Regroup Plan (planned ahead of time)
- Contingencies
- Safe space
- Organization: Buddy System, Affinity Group, Action Team
- Crowd Dynamics – what's going on, who's around me, allies, threats, how does it feel
- Cop Dynamics – what are they doing, formation, masks, commanders
- Dangerous moments

## Blockade Techniques:

- Stand, join hands, link, clasp
- Sit link arms, legs, front, side, back, carpet
- Knot
- Carpet, close space, link fast, let loose, link fast...
- Horses, dogs
- Ameoba

### **Use to bring out a whole set of lessons:**

- Respect choices we each make
- Plan in advance how your group and others want to respond
- Pain compliance – two kinds – joints in opposite direction, nerve close to skin
- Puppy Pile
- Self-protection – thumbs in, hands closed, back to cover neck, tuck chin, fetal position on right side, help one kidney and liver.

### **Stop Action Role Play - practice response / techniques SAFE WORD**

Get two groups, one set of police with clubs of course, the other are protestors in a flying squad, small march, procession formation. Brief each group separately. Basically they set off marching – something happens, stop, debrief, re-wind and then roll again, something else happens, stop, debrief, look at options, the rewind and roll again etc. etc. WHAT/WHO is behind you?

- Snatch – ways to organize group but keep fluid, link, dance, conga
- Surround – was exit thought about, possible
- Police form front line – charge, sit-down
- Wall comes Down – occupy space

### **BASICS**

## **Support**

- Tracking Process – stash info on emergency contacts, medical etc. ID one person as a get out person to deal with legal, home support operation... move political support etc.
- Make sure you have someone looking out for you, your stuff, have a contact at home who can help mobilize support.
- Eat well - water, food in pocket
- Dress well, - layers, , prep for cold and water cannons
- Jail Names –
- Place for ID, stuff
- Gear, Props, Practice
- **AFTER ACTION CARE** : (for self or others) anticipate rage, depression, alienation, withdrawing, talk to people, let them know what you experience and that you need support. Let people tell their stories without judging or trying to fix them.

## **Medical (decontamination of stuff)**

- Tear Gas / Pepper Spray
- Contact Lens, asthma, immune disorders
- Clubs
- Rubber Bullets
- Shock

## **Legal**

- Legal Number
- Rights

## **Jail – Pick Your Fights**

- No called for jail solidarity, but can still do many forms to keep strength
- System designed to tear you up, humiliate, break, destroy
- Pits one against another
- Prepare for love and rage
- Support one another, meet, organize, but also have fun, dance, sing, teach classes, have speak-out's teach-ins, discussion, rituals, ti chi, etc etc...
- We have more power/safety when acting collectively than acting alone
- Jail solidarity is about forcing system to deal with us as a group, equals, ...etc.etc

**Evaluation** – what worked didn't  
**Close**