



# Public Briefing: Plans & Preparations for Community Safety

March 1, 2021; 10 a.m.

# Agenda

- **Police Department Presentation:** Chief Arradondo & Commander Gerlicher
- **Fire Department Presentation:** Chief Tyner
- **Community Supports Team —**
  - Communications: Director Bergstrom
  - Neighborhood & Community Relations: Director Rubedor
  - Office of Violence Prevention: Commissioner Musicant
  - Community Planning & Development: Director Hansen
- **Questions & Answers**

# Police Department Operation: Safety Net

Chief Medaria Arradondo  
Commander Scott Gerlicher



# The Mission

1. **Preserve and protect** lawful First Amendment non-violent protests and demonstrations.
2. **Prevent** large scale violent civil disturbances, assaultive actions, property damage, fires, and looting to government buildings, businesses, and critical infrastructure.

# Planning Background

- Planning for this operation began in July.
- A full-time coordination team was later established including partners from Minneapolis PD, Hennepin County Sheriff, National Guard, State Patrol, Metro Transit PD, DPS-HSEM.
- **East metro agencies:** Additional planning, coordinating and constant communication with St. Paul and Ramsey County as they prepare their response plans.

# Operation Phases



- **Planning & Preparation**

- **Jury Selection & Trial**

- **Closing Arguments & Verdict**

- **Demobilization & Reduction**



**Full deployment of law enforcement and National Guard begins**



# Prevention Resources

- **Property Protection Detail**
  - Protecting key business corridors throughout the city.
- **Critical Infrastructure Protection Detail**
  - Protecting key government buildings and infrastructure.
- **Fire/EMS Security**
  - Assuring Fire/EMS crews can quickly and safely respond to emergency calls.
- **Police Precinct Security Detail**
  - Protecting our police precincts.
- **Tactical Traffic Control**
  - Assuring safety for pedestrians and officers.

# Operational Command Structure



## Unified Command Structure

Consists of the Incident Commanders from the various jurisdictions or agencies operating together to form a single command structure assuring close communication and coordination amongst all involved agencies.



# Mutual Aid Assistance

- In addition to our main law enforcement partners, there are over a dozen law enforcement agencies from throughout the State of MN who will be working with us through mutual aid assistance.



# Keeping People Safe & Protecting Property

## Encouraged Activity

- Peaceful assembly
- Making your voice heard
- Exercising constitutional rights
- Presence in public areas
- Signs and other peaceful expressions
- Assembling in designated areas
- Marching (not on a freeway)

## Unlawful Activity

- Throwing objects
- Setting a fire of any kind
- Damaging property or graffiti
- Use of illegal fireworks
- Display or use of illegal weapons
- Reckless driving, especially near pedestrians
- Assaultive or riotous actions towards anyone
- Protesting on or entering a freeway as a pedestrian



# Fire Department

Chief Bryan Tyner

# Emergency Procedures – Task Force Plan

- **Task Force – preassembled response unit with:**
  - 2 Fire Engines
  - 1 Ladder Truck
  - Battalion Chief/Task Force Leader and Security Component to assist group
  - The Security Component has either members of Law Enforcement and/or the National Guard. For this event, it will be National Guard.
- **Task Force strategy:**
  - Respond from a staging location as a single unit
  - Affect a quick extinguishment of the fire and leave the scene together

# Staffing

- **Normal staffing = 102**
- **To staff up all rigs (21) hire backs needed = 126**
  - 4 on engines
  - 6 on R1
  - all Task Force Leaders needed
- **If necessary to expand response capacity:**
  - Additional hire backs will be needed to staff spare rig
  - Mutual Aid agreements in place to provide assistance from outside Fire Departments

# Command

- **Unified Command Fire Representation**
- **MECC Representation**
- **EOC Representation**
- **PIO/JIC Representation**
  - All Command and Support functions are built to conduct sustainable work cycles in case of a long event

# Communications/Briefings

- **City leadership**
  - Receive daily briefings from Chief Tyner
- **Duty Deputy**
  - Give a morning briefing with BCs
- **ACO Cruz or the Unified Command**
  - Give a daily Operations briefing
- **All MFD members not on duty**
  - Receive daily briefings via a virtual platform
- **The public**
  - Receive briefings from the PIO group via the Joint Information System

# Notes/Questions

- **Normal shifts (24 & 48)**
- **Task Force (TF) switch outs**
- **Additional resources will come in TF form**
- **National Guard will have MFD frequencies**
- **Decision to suspend EMS will come from the Chief or ACO**
- **TF Leaders “MUST” get “APPROVAL” from UC prior to using an Aerial device**





# Community Safety Supports

Communications

Neighborhood & Community Relations

Health Department Office of Violence Prevention

CPED Small Business Team

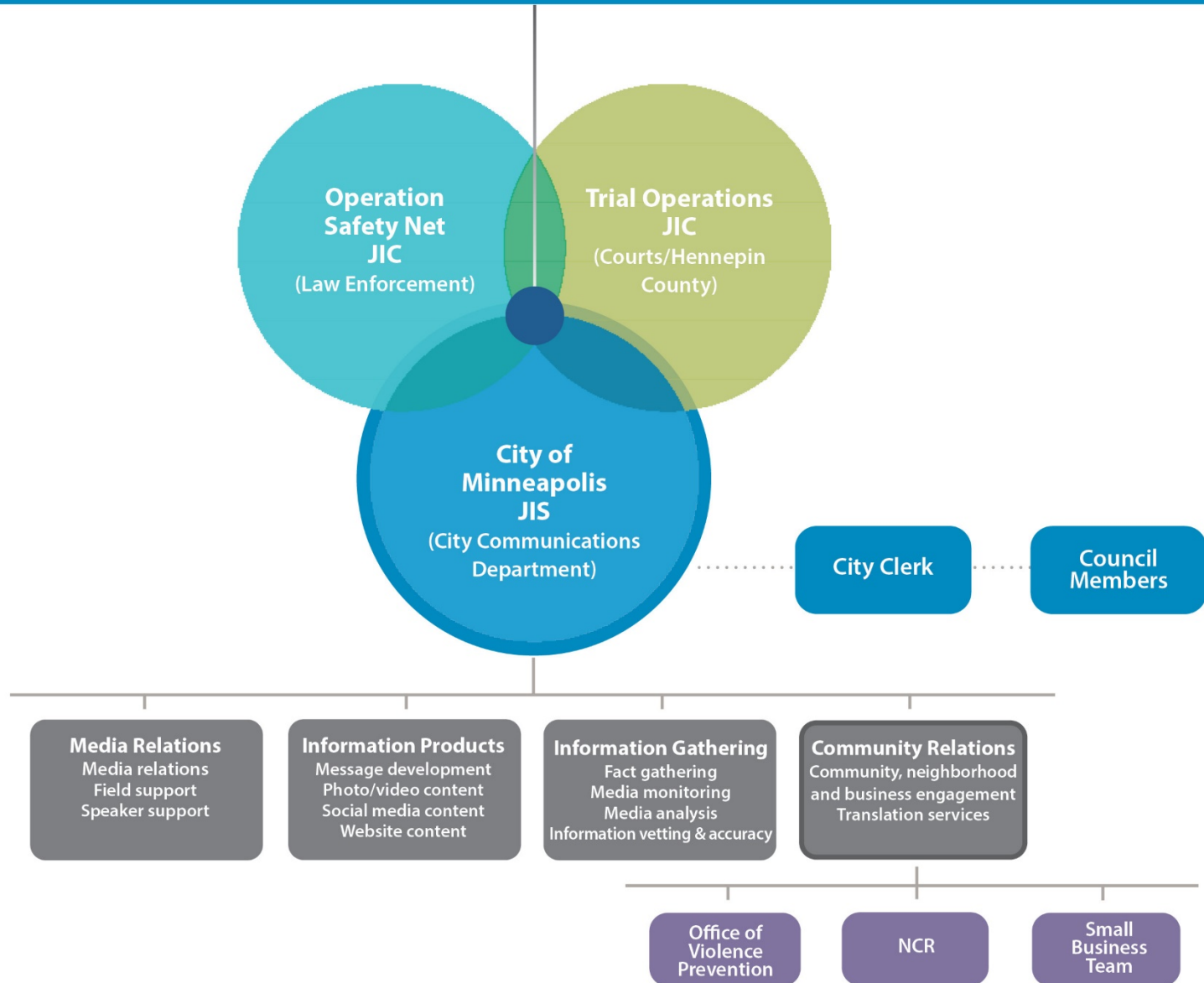


# City Communications

Director Greta Bergstrom

# Joint Information System

## ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



# Joint Information System Channels

- **Weekly public updates and communication:**
  - Media briefings on trial preparations and community resources
  - Newsbites articles to Council Members for public sharing
  - Briefing information in public newsletter, every Wed./Fri.
- **City social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)**
- **Cultural radio programs – KMOJ, KALY, La Raza, WIXK**
- **New website section going live on March 5**
- **Internal employee FAQ live on CityTalk on March 5**
- **Weekly JIS briefings with external and internal partners will expand to three times a week on March 8**

# Contacting the City

- **Call 911**
  - For life safety emergencies requiring police, fire, or EMS
- **Call MPD Tips Line – 612-692-TIPS (8477)**
  - To report suspicious activity not requiring an immediate response
- **Business and property owners with questions about:**
  - Advanced preparation before the trial
  - Business operations during the trial
  - General information about regulations and resources

Email [SmallBusiness@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:SmallBusiness@minneapolismn.gov) or call 612-673-2499

- **Call 311**
  - For non-emergency City information



# Neighborhood & Community Relations

Director David Rubedor

# Engagement Goal

- Utilize multiple channels to share timely and accurate information and resources including the establishment of two-way communication channels to receive ongoing, real time feedback.



# Additional Engagement Strategies

- **Neighborhood organizations**
  - Ongoing support for the City's 70 neighborhood organizations
- **Crime prevention specialists**
  - Working with existing relationships supporting residents and businesses
- **Accessibility**
  - Providing translation and interpreting services in Spanish, Somali, Hmong and Oromo
- **Ongoing NCR staff support**
  - Leveraging existing relationships with cultural and neighborhood organizations
- **Cultural social media partners**





# Health Department & Office of Violence Prevention

Commissioner Gretchen Musicant

# Grounding

- The killing of George Floyd was traumatic for people across our Minneapolis community. The events that followed his killing last year further traumatized many. And, for many, both the killing of Mr. Floyd and the events that followed underscored longstanding community traumas.
- For that reason, it is critical that we as a City are working with community for planning and activities as we strive to keep everyone safe, respond to needs in a trauma-sensitive manner, support community efforts, and collectively work toward healing.
- The Office of Violence Prevention and the Health Department have been directly involved in that work.

# Planning and Coordination

- Office of Violence Prevention Director Cotton is co-chairing a subcommittee on community and business engagement through the state's Operation Safety Net.
- We are working in collaboration with Neighborhood and Community Relations to ensure that the unique and diverse needs of stakeholders across the City are incorporated.
- Engagement is working toward the goal of establishing geographically-focused stakeholder leadership groups with the purpose of coordination and two-way communication. These groups are intended to include representation from cultural communities, the business community, faith communities, neighborhood-level groups, organizers, and others.

# Community Resources – 1

- We will be funding a network of skilled and credible community-based groups that will be active during the trial and beyond in 2021. We expect to provide up to \$1,050,000 in new funding through a selection process.
- Groups will conduct positive proactive and responsive community engagement, communicate accurate information to people in community, and share resources with people in community.

# Community Resources – 2

- We anticipate funding groups with specific focus areas of North Minneapolis and South Minneapolis and groups that serve the City as a whole.
- Priority will be on funding groups that have:
  - Credibility and reach within communities.
  - The infrastructure and organization in place to take on this effort.
  - The ability to provide culturally responsive services when appropriate.

# Additional Health Resources

- We have made arrangements to have 4 porta potties and 4 hand sanitation stations added at 38th and Chicago in anticipation of community gathering there once the trial begins.
- The Health Department's COVID-19 response Logistics team has capacity to supply masks for COVID-safety during community gatherings.





# Community Planning & Economic Development – Small Business Team

Director Erik Hansen

# Coordinated Guidance

- Minneapolis is open for business
- Developing guidelines from 2020 lessons learned; outreach and dialogue with community-based partners
- Opportunity for better coordination with community
- Developing frequently asked questions based on this process
- Plan to over communicate messages

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# Initial Recommendations

- Have a plan – ready.gov
- Consider additional security measures
- Check insurance policy; know your coverage
- Protect sensitive documents
- Continue to build connections
- Only hire licensed security

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# Questions & Answers

