



SPEAKERS BUREAU



Presentation Information

Presentation Category	First Amendment Assemblies, Protests, Civil Unrest, Riots
Presentation Title	Managing First Amendment Assemblies & Civil Unrest – Considerations for the Police Executive
Presentation Length	Flexible from 1 hour to 3 days
Presentation Objective	1. This training course will provide policing students with an awareness of the myriad considerations involving effective prevention, planning, communication, training, and response to major protests and civil unrest that directly affect the outcome of these types of incidents in local communities. Through strategic and effective operational, tactical, and logistical approaches, agencies can minimize unsafe and costly outcomes. 2. This training course will enable students to assess their own agency's ability to meet public order best practices and newly created national standards in a multitude of areas related to First Amendment assemblies and civil unrest and will provide an awareness of the paradigm shift in how these incidents are safely handled, with a focus on effectiveness, proportionality, and professionalism. 3. This training course will provide objective decision-making skills to students for areas of concern that are suitable for change in their agency and jurisdiction to ensure the balance between preserving & protecting citizens' First Amendment rights vs. the mandate to prevent crime & disorder, thus

	promoting stable community relations with the police, as well as among opposing groups. In return, agencies may focus on proactive preparedness for policing these events, which mitigates unnecessary and reputation-damaging reactive postures.
Presentation Description	Given the current policing climate, coupled with the recent political polarization of the nation, major protests and civil unrest have been at the forefront of concerns for U.S. policing. Agencies charged with ensuring public order and citizens' First Amendment Rights must appropriately balance these often confounding issues, where split-second operational decisions can mean the difference between a lawful assembly and a destructive riot. The regular training and assessment of an agency's ability to rapidly mobilize and respond to civil unrest is essential in any mandate to protect life and property, arrest violators of criminal acts, and expeditiously return communities to normalcy should an incident occur. While specific goals can be determined and trained to, the overarching objective for an agency is proper prevention of civil unrest in the first instance. Further, should an incident of major protest and/or civil unrest occur, the ability of an agency to rapidly, adequately, and effectively respond to it is crucial to the incident's outcome and the community's stability in its aftermath. The bedrock of an agency's effectiveness in these critical public order situations rests upon its ability to properly plan, communicate, and train utilizing best practices that are both proven and accepted. This dynamic presentation will offer the audience the myriad considerations and best practices that go into keeping such events peaceful within the framework and relevant pillars of IACP's Blueprint; the 2015 President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing; and the NTOA's Public Order Response and Operations Standard. Within that context, agencies must rethink how they can build and maintain trust, confidence,

	and satisfaction within the communities they service, while examining their training and policies on mass demonstrations, which should minimize the use of provocative tactics and equipment. These policies should account for procedures that implement a layered and proportionate response to protests which prioritize de-escalation and a guardian mindset. Attendees of the presentation will leave with a clear understanding of how to prepare and plan in conjunction with their communities; how to effectively communicate with stakeholders and the public; and how proper training keeps officers and citizens safe while ensuring the credibility and professionalization of their agency is maintained during these events.
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Speaker's Biography	Anthony J. Raganella is the founder and CEO of NY Blue Line Consulting Group, a company that provides law enforcement training, consulting, and expert witness services nationwide. He is a retired, 25-year decorated New York City Police Department Deputy Inspector, and his resume of achievements and professional pursuits exemplifies excellence and demonstrates what true dedication can mean to the safety and security of a large city. Describing himself as a leader who “gets involved,” Anthony has taken everything he does to the next level with a keen eye toward attention to detail and forward progress. While at the NYPD, Anthony spent 8 years as the Commanding Officer of the Disorder Control Unit, a citywide department unit primarily responsible for planning, assessing, and ensuring the Department’s training and readiness in public order, protests, and civil unrest operations, as well as major events and emergencies. The unit also provided on-scene tactical and logistical support, as well as coordinated the response of

critical NYPD resources at incidents. Anthony worked closely with other New York City agencies and major venues to plan and test for capabilities, continuities, and contingencies during high-risk events.

As Commanding Officer of the Disorder Control Unit, Anthony regularly developed policy, as well as evaluated and implemented training, equipment, and best practices related to public order, Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), and active shooter response tactics, theory, and technique. Anthony was the NYPD visionary for reorganizing decentralized city task forces into what is now the current centralized Strategic Response Group (SRG). He also supervised the creation of the NYPD's first bicycle squad dedicated to crowd management/control, along with its policy & training. Anthony was instrumental in planning and coordinating the NYPD's strategy, training, and field operations during New York City's Occupy Wall Street movement and the recent Black Lives Matter protests. Anthony was also the co-chair on the Civil Disturbance Subcommittee for the 2015 Papal visit to New York City and conducted international public order research for the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) in 2017, where he continues to work with NIJ, serving on their Special Technical Committee (STC) to develop standards for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and training within U.S. law enforcement Civil Disturbance Units (CDU). Anthony is considered a subject matter expert on matters related to protests and civil unrest, and he has been a leading advocate in the development of public order policing standards in the US. As such, he served as a consultant to FEMA's Center for Domestic Preparedness and is an approved expert witness in Federal court on such matters. Most recently, he has worked closely with the National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA) to develop and co-create the nation's first-ever public order response and operations standard for policing.

Prior to commanding the Disorder Control Unit, Anthony spent the majority of his career in various ranks within one of the NYPD's specialized rapid-response crowd control units. During his career, he has been involved in the policing of over 2,000 demonstrations and major events, as well as the relevant training of tens of thousands of NYPD officers. Anthony has been recognized by numerous officials and organizations, and has amassed in excess of fifty honors and awards for his various efforts and achievements.

In relentless pursuit of professional and personal advancement, Anthony has completed his Master's Degree in Public Administration, summa cum laude, from Marist College; a Bachelor of Science Degree in Behavioral Science, summa cum laude, from New York Institute of Technology; an Associate of Science Degree in Criminal Justice, summa cum laude, from Nassau Community College, as well as being a graduate of the 24th Session of Columbia University's Police Management Institute, and the 223rd Session of the FBI National Academy.

Additionally, Anthony is the author of several published peer-reviewed journal articles and textbook chapter supplements in the field of public order and criminal justice, and has presented the findings of his work at numerous symposiums nationwide. Anthony is very active in professional associations and alumni groups, and is a frequent guest lecturer at local colleges and criminal justice events. He has been selected to serve on the FBI National Academy Associates (FBINAA) Speaker's Bureau and is Past-President of the FBINAA's New York State/Eastern Canada Chapter. In addition to his consulting firm, Anthony co-founded Rising Star Promotions, an educational tutorial service focused on supplementing and supporting studies of officers seeking elevation through promotional exams. He continually develops study material and course curricula while leading recurring courses since

	2006. The result has been successfully facilitating thousands of officers' advancement efforts within the NYPD. Although Anthony has dedicated his professional life to law enforcement, he hasn't limited himself to just police work. Anthony is also active in organizing fundraising events to support various causes for his high school alma mater's alumni association – La Salle Military Academy – where he sits on the Board of Governors. Anthony is an avid automobile enthusiast and tournament poker player, and resides in Florida with his wife Nicole and son Anthony, Jr., where they often enjoy recreational and sporting activities, as well as traveling.
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