



Use of Force Reporting for Unlawful Assemblies, Protests, and Demonstrations

JUNE 9, 2025

On Monday, June 9, 2025, the Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) responded to assist the Santa Ana Police Department (SAPD) with crowd control at protest in the City of Santa Ana on West 4th Street and North Broadway. Prior to deputies' arrival, SAPD declared the protest to be an unlawful assembly and had given multiple commands to disperse the area. The crowd was estimated to be several hundred to approximately 1000 subjects. OCSD had 4 Squads to include 48 deputies, 4 sergeants, and 1 lieutenant.

At approximately 10 p.m., deputies deployed approximately 18 pepper ball rounds from a pepper ball launcher and one 40 mm foam baton from a 40mm launcher at six different subjects seen throwing water bottles, rocks and fireworks mortars/explosives at deputies on a skirmish line as they attempted to move the crowd East. As a result, there were no documented injuries reported.

At approximately 10:15 p.m., a deputy deployed one less lethal bean bag round at a subject seen in the crowd who had lit a firework mortar/explosive and directed it at him and the other deputies standing on a skirmish line. As a result, there were no documented injuries reported.

At approximately 10:30 p.m., a deputy deployed approximately three 40 mm foam baton rounds from his 40mm launcher at five different subjects seen throwing fireworks mortars/explosives at deputies on a skirmish line. As a result, there were no documented injuries reported.

At approximately 10:50 p.m., a deputy deployed approximately 5 pepper ball rounds from a pepper ball launcher at a subject seen throwing fireworks mortars/explosives at deputies on a skirmish line. As a result, there were no documented injuries reported.