



**TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**



STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

SUBJECT Demonstrations		NO. OF PAGES: 2
REFERENCE: Texas penal Code	EFFECTIVE DATE: Jan. 1, 2009	REVIEW DATE: N/A
General Order 027	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/SUPERSEDES: N/A	ISSUING AUTH.: CHIEF OF POLICE

PURPOSE: To establish a standard operating procedure for the protection of the students, faculty, and staff of Texas Southern University during demonstrations.

GOAL: A uniform manner of the enforcement of state law which regulates the control of picket lines and demonstrations under the Texas Penal Codes, Specifically;

- Chapter 42, Section 42.01, “Disorderly Conduct”
- Chapter 42, Section 42.01, “Riot”
- Chapter 42, Section 42.03, “Obstructing Highway or Other Passageways”
- Chapter 30, Section 30.05, “Criminal Trespass”

PROCEDURE:

- I. It shall be the responsibility of the officer responding to the demonstration to adhere to the following procedure.

- II. Responsibility of initial responding officer:
 - A. Completely evaluate the situation, secure the scene and immediately notify communications to have a patrol supervisor respond, along with additional units, if necessary.
 - B. Obtain all pertinent information for identification purposes from the organizers of the demonstration.
 - C. Responding unit will await the arrival of the patrol supervisor for further instructions, updating the responding supervisor as information develops.
 - D. After the arrival of the patrol supervisor and/or additional support units, advise them of the situation. Inform the demonstrators and their leaders of the consequences of violating the above referenced State laws.

APPROVED:

Roger Byars
Chief of Police

Date

Review and Responsibility

Responsibility Party: Texas Southern University Department of Public's Safety's Command Staff

Review: Review will be conducted every even numbered

Retention: Original on file in the Office of the Chief of Police

Approval: Roger D. Byars, Director for Public Safety/Chief of Police

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