

# Proof Army Is Preparing To Kill "Rioters" Within The United States



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A document released by the U.S. Army details preparations for "full scale riots" within the United States during which troops may be forced to engage in a "lethal response" to deal with unruly crowds of demonstrators.

The appearance of the document amidst growing unrest in Ferguson, Missouri, with the National Guard now being called in to deal with the disorder, is an ominous coincidence.

The 132-page document, titled U.S. Army Techniques Publication 3-39.33: Civil Disturbances ([PDF](#)), was written in April 2014 and recently obtained by [Public Intelligence](#).

The document makes it clear that the techniques detailed therein are to be applied both outside and inside the "continental United States (CONUS)" in the event of "unruly and violent crowds" where it is "necessary to quell riots and restore public order."

The training manual outlines scenarios under which, "Civil unrest may range from simple, nonviolent protests that address specific issues, to events that turn into full-scale riots."

The most shocking aspect of the document is the fact that it describes the deployment of a "lethal response" directed against "unarmed civilians," including "sniper response" and "small arms direct fire."

Under the heading "sniper response," the document states, "Ensure that target leaders or troublemakers are targeted," in addition to a passage which states, "Exploit the psychological effect of an attack."

Crowd Control	Lethal Response			
	Sniper Response	Small Arms Direct Fire	Aerial Fires	Indirect Fires
Unarmed civilians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure that target leaders or troublemakers are targeted.</li> <li>Use the minimum response necessary.</li> <li>Exploit the psychological effect of an attack.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine that sniper response is insufficient.</li> <li>Consider demonstrating capabilities.</li> <li>Exploit the psychological effect of a lethal response.</li> <li>Escalate gradually, starting with a small caliber, single round and work up to a large caliber, automatic.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine that small arms direct fire is ineffective.</li> <li>Use the minimum response necessary.</li> <li>Use a minimal precision strike initially; use subsequent fires based on the situation.</li> <li>Exploit the psychological impact of each strike.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine that air assets are unavailable or ineffective.</li> <li>Use the minimum response necessary.</li> <li>Ensure that the response is directed by the on-site commander.</li> </ul>
Armed civilians (knives, clubs)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close air support and indirect fires must be authorized.</li> <li>Consider requesting permission for use when—                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All lesser means have been ineffective.</li> <li>There are physical eyes on the target.</li> <li>Proximity to civilians has been considered.</li> <li>Prudent risk to friendly forces and evacuee's outweighs the prudent risk of collateral damage.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Armed crowds and military (firearms)				

**Legend:**  
 RCA riot control agent  
 MISO military information support operations

Figure 2-1. Sample GRM card (continued)

Under the heading 'small arms direct fire,' the manual states, 'Escalate gradually, starting with a small caliber, single round and work up to a large caliber, automatic.'

Another graphic which depicts 'escalation of trauma' directs soldiers how to use 'riot batons' in order to cause the necessary level of injury or death to the subject. 'Deadly force final target areas' include the back of the neck, the solar plexus, the neck, the spine and the head.

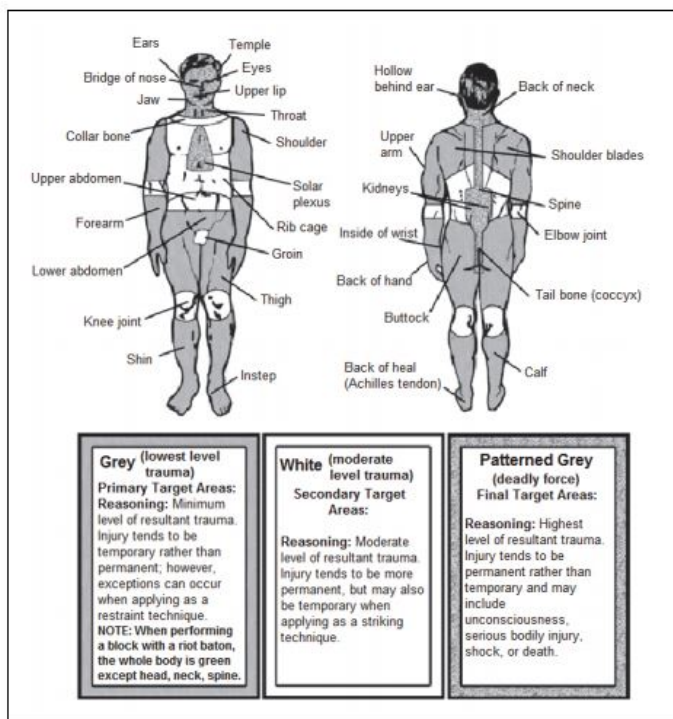


Figure 3-4. Escalation of trauma chart

In light of events in Ferguson, where a predominantly black community has faced off with militarized police, it's interesting to note that the manual makes reference to civil unrest that can arise out of 'ethnic hatred' and, 'Community unrest (that) results in urban conflicts that arise from highly emotional social and economic issues.' The document also mentions how rioters target 'retail stores,' as happened during the looting in Ferguson.

'Significant ethnic differences in a community can create an atmosphere of distrust, even hatred?' (and) can cause an eruption of civil disorder that can lead to full riots,' states the document.

Although the document makes reference to the Constitutional rights of American citizens it goes on to stress that such protections are null and void under a state of emergency, asserting that Posse Comitatus, which is supposed to limit the power of the federal government to use military personnel domestically, 'does not apply' under declared 'emergency authority' or 'When the need for the protection of federal property or federal functions exists.'

It is important to stress that this training manual applies to U.S. Army operations in foreign countries as well as domestically on U.S. soil. Indeed, section 2-18 of the document goes into detail about domestic protests such as the 1999 anti-WTO demonstration in Seattle.

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