

## Council Member Schroeder: businesses behind the perimeter

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Good evening

My boss has constituents who have businesses behind the national guard perimeter, they need to go in and board up their businesses before curfew. They were told they need an escort, but our fire department and others aren't able to do it, they don't have the authority. Obviously MPD is busy. Do you know who we would reach out to or do you have any idea how we help them get in?

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FYI NACDI. Businesses along Franklin are preparing for the rioting and looting.

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The tribes also asked if the National Guard are coming in to help with safety.  
Is there an answer yet?

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FYI – updates on the local orgs.

On a group text including Louise Matson, Kelly Drummer, Mary LaGarde, and the LG, and Me:

- Kelly from Migizi said they are okay. They stayed at their building until midnight smudging. She says businesses all around them were smashed, looted, and destroyed.
- Mary LaGarde (who serves on BOD for Little Earth) indicated they closed the early learning center for the rest of the week because rioting, vandalism, and looting was moving into the area and she was worried about the elders because they can't get the food delivered to them because of the riots.
- Louise also asked if there were plans to have the National Guard out to protect them tonight.

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Stay safe... police scanner reports of drive throughs being targeted aren't good sign.

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**To:** Adam Dubitsky <adam@abdcommunications.com>; Bergman, Sasha (GOV) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: URGENT - Riot response lesson from Maryland - protect pharmacies' stock of narcotics

Thank you for sending this, Adam. Really appreciate it.

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Sasha and Emily –

I served as Policy Director to Governor Hogan during the 2015 Baltimore riots. Perhaps the longest lasting consequence was impact of several hundred thousand prescription opioids being looted by criminal gangs while the police and national guard were responding elsewhere in the city. This catastrophically disrupted the illegal drug market in Baltimore leading to dozens if not hundreds of gang related murders in recent years.

I would strongly encourage you to contact CVS, RiteAid, Walgreen, Walmart and other pharmacy's emergency operations offices and/or corporate security; they can provide your law enforcement with tactical information including interior camera footage.

The individuals stealing diapers, food and other essentials in pharmacies are not the issue – the sophisticated criminal gangs who will hit the pharmacy safes are.

Please let me know if I can provide additional information to you or your colleagues.

Stay safe and good luck,

Adam Dubitsky  
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# FOR REVIEW: MN National Guard press release

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"Schmitter, Chris L (GOV)" [REDACTED] >  
**Cc:** "Tschann, Teddy (GOV)" [REDACTED], "Frosch-Taylor, Elizabeth (GOV)" [REDACTED]  
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Hello Governor, Lt. Governor, and Chris,

Shortly after the Governor's Office sends our press release on the Guard activation, the Guard will send their own. It is below for your awareness and edits, if you have them.

Thank you!  
Emma

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## **Minnesota National Guard authorized by Governor Walz to support Minneapolis and surrounding communities**

Today, the Minnesota National Guard received a request from Governor Tim Walz to activate National Guard personnel to help provide safety and protection to the people of Minneapolis, Saint Paul, and the surrounding communities.

The Governor, through the State Emergency Operations Center, will maintain authority for the activated National Guard units called forward to support the Minneapolis, Saint Paul, and the surrounding communities.

"We are ready and prepared to answer the Governor's request. We are currently in process of assigning and preparing units to respond. Our first activations will come from units that are assigned and trained to provide support to civil authorities and able to respond to the immediate needs of the state," said Major General Jon Jensen.

These Guard personnel have significant training for protecting people and property in times of unrest, including the right of protest.

The Minnesota National Guard will post additional information on Twitter at @mnnationalguard as more information becomes available.

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## FW: National Guard Request from Mayor Frey

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**To:** "Schmitter, Chris L (GOV)" [REDACTED], "Procaccini, Karl C (GOV)" [REDACTED], "Bergman, Sasha (GOV)" [REDACTED]  
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Good morning, Kristin.

Attached is a formal request from Mayor Frey for the Governor to deploy the Minnesota National Guard to the City of Minneapolis to assist our local authorities in restoring order and calm in the City in the aftermath of the in-custody death of George Floyd.

Thank you and please reach out with questions.

Heidi Ritchie

**Heidi Ritchie, BSN, RN, PHN**  
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May 28, 2020

Office of Governor Tim Walz & Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan  
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Dear Governor Walz:

As you know, there is significant civil unrest currently taking place in the City of Minneapolis based on understandable outrage, anger and protests after the in-custody death of George Floyd.

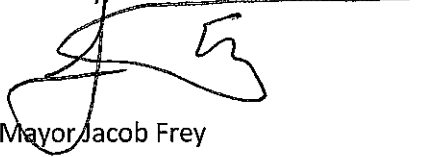
In addition to seeking swift investigative action from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) and charges from the Hennepin County Attorney against the arresting officer, keeping our Minneapolis residents safe is a top priority.

There have already been injuries to first responders and protesters, including at least one further loss of life. There is also widespread looting and arson. Several structures in the City of Minneapolis are burning as I write this.

The ongoing situation is well-beyond the capability of our police and fire departments to respond. Accordingly, I am requesting that you deploy the Minnesota National Guard to the City of Minneapolis to assist our local authorities with restoring order and calm in the City.

I will direct our Emergency Management Director, our Police Chief, and our Fire Chief to coordinate any assistance that the Minnesota National Guard can provide to us and we will coordinate that effort using the National Incident Management System.

Sincerely,



Mayor Jacob Frey



## FW: request for National Guard

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**From:** "Harrington, John (DPS)" [REDACTED]  
**To:** "Procaccini, Karl C (GOV)" [REDACTED] "Schmitter, Chris L (GOV)"  
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Commissioner Harrington;

As Dakota County Sheriff I am requesting National Guard support for our operations in Dakota County.

The mission would be to provide security at critical infrastructure across the county;

Dakota County government centers in Hastings, West St. Paul and Apple Valley.

The 11 Cities of Dakota County Government centers- Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan, Farmington, Hastings, Inver Grove Heights, Lakeville, Mendota Heights, Rosemount, South St.Paul, West St. Paul.

[REDACTED]

Also- has there been any thought or consideration to a curfew? It would sure help law enforcement get control of this.

Thank you for the consideration.

Tim Leslie  
Dakota County Sheriff

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# MAC Airport Police Request

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Suzanne,

Following our discussion today, and on behalf of the MAC and the Airport Police Department, I formally request the Governor put us on stand-by status for National Guard assistance at MSP airport in the event it is needed.

We would like our staff to work with the appropriate staff at the Gov Office to enable this preparatory action. Please keep in mind, we are not asking for help now, but rather ensuring we are ready in case we need to make the call later.

Please advise of the proper process and contact.

Respectfully,

Rick

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# **national guard comms tick-tock**

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10:30am – Governor’s statement released via statewide press release

10:35am – Govern tweets his statement

11:00am – National Guard releases their official statement to their press list

11:00am – Teddy responds to inquiries saying the Governor has ordered the guard to prepare, and points to guard statement.

**Next steps:**

- Solidarity tweet with peaceful protesters today, mention the Gov’s calls to community leaders
- Official EO release this afternoon
- Possible press conference at SEOC around 4:00pm with MG Jensen and Commissioner Harrington

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Mayor Carter just asked for the guard and is sending a letter

Kristin Beckmann  
Deputy Chief of Staff for  
Communications and Scheduling

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**From:** Schmitter, Chris L (GOV) <[REDACTED]>  
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**Subject:** Governor Walz Signs Executive Order Activating National Guard to Protect the People of Minneapolis

Shouldn't we say protect people of MN, since it's not just about Minneapolis? Minneapolis made the request, but we're now coordinating with other law enforcement agencies and cities about using the Guard and State Patrol, is my understanding.

Also, I might make the last sentence more active: "The Walz-Flanagan Administration is committed to addressing the systemic inequities and discrimination that led to this incident and seeking justice."

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**From:** Lancaster, Claire (GOV) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2020  
**To:** Walz, Tim (GOV) [REDACTED]; Flanagan, Peggy (GOV) [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] s.Gov@state.mn.us>; Car [REDACTED]; Leininger, Sophie (GOV) [REDACTED]; Nguyen, Hue (GOV) [REDACTED]; Schmitter, Chris L (GOV) <[REDACTED]>  
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Approved quote from the LG. LG also flagged that the release should be updated to include the city of Saint Paul with the developments from today. Governor shared that with Patrick as well.

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For your approval, attached is the near-final EO (we are proofreading it now).

Karl

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## URGENT; Draft statement from GTW and the Guard

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Gov's statement is going out at 10:30. Guard's is going at 11:00

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**From:** Bauer, Emmalynn (GOV) [REDACTED] >  
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Thank you, Karl! I will pass these edits along.

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Team,

Attached is the tick tock and talking points for a press release that is set to happen at 2:30 pm. Please review and begin your calls now, use best judgement in prioritizing calls and if you see someone missing that should be called – please do so and report back. If you don't reach folks before the release goes out still follow up with them.

The draft executive order is attached for your reference as well.

Thanks,  
Maddie

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### **UPDATE FROM LAST NIGHT:**

- In response to requests from the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, the Governor called upon the National Guard - about 250 members – late yesterday
- He also mobilized about 200 state patrol and 85 DNR officers and first responders
- The state planned to partner with the City of Minneapolis on a public safety plan for the evening and night
- After midnight, it became clear that the City did not have an effective plan as control was lost on Lake Street and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct was abandoned and was lost to fire
- The Governor authorized Commissioner Harrington and Major General Jensen to then take control of the response and provide leadership to Minneapolis PD in clearing the streets for fire response
- Surprisingly little resistance was encountered in this coordinated approach. A few state patrol officers were injured by rocks thrown
- In the process, 4 individuals were arrested – including 3 CNN reporters/producers (on air). The Governor has apologized to CNN for this and has taken responsibility. The individuals were released.

### **GEORGE FLOYD:**

- The government failed George Floyd. We cannot continue to fail. We cannot continue to allow these senseless tragedies to continue, but we must first maintain safe spaces in our communities for demonstrations and healing.

### **ARREST OF DEREK CHAUVIN:**

- The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension took former police officer Derek Chauvin into custody.
- The investigation was done in coordination with local and federal partners.
- Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman charged Chauvin with third-degree murder and manslaughter for killing of George Floyd.
- Arrest and charging of the other 3 officers has not yet been determined.
- The Governor wants a prosecution of the officers involved in the killing of George Floyd. He has been communicating with County Attorney Freeman to see this happen.

## **GENERAL TPs:**

- We have overwhelmingly heard that people do not feel safe. There are few good options and the Governor has weighed many difficult decisions.
- As part of the state response to ensure public safety, the Governor is announcing a curfew today that will be enforced tonight (Friday) and tomorrow (Saturday) between 8pm and 6am.
- Demonstrations, vigils, rallies and all other everyday activities may occur between the hours of 6am and 8pm.
- We understand the many concerns with this strategy, but to ensure public safety we ask for your partnership in this effort.
- The state is engaged in the protection of safety of all Minnesotans.
- There is an important distinction between enforcement and protection. The distinction may seem like a play on words, but right now many are concerned about over-enforcement by the police. The state response is one of the protections of public safety.

## **SUMMARY of EO:**

1. On May 25, 2020, George Floyd died while in custody of the Minneapolis Police Department.
2. Thousands of Minnesotans have expressed their frustration in a peaceful and constructive manner. Demonstrators have gathered in Minneapolis, Saint Paul, and surrounding communities to protest Mr. Floyd's death.
3. Peaceful demonstrations are essential to our democratic system.
4. However, some individuals have engaged in unlawful and dangerous activity, threatening the safety of lawful demonstrators and first responders.
5. Much of the unlawful and dangerous activity has taken place under the cover of darkness. To restore peace and safety, we must implement a temporary nighttime curfew to ensure the safety of all.
6. I am imposing a curfew tonight and tomorrow night in Minneapolis and St. Paul:
  - a. Tonight's curfew begins at 8pm and ends tomorrow morning at 6am.
  - b. Tomorrow's curfew begins at 8pm and ends Sunday morning at 6am.

- c. During this curfew, no one in Minneapolis and St. Paul is allowed to travel on any public street or public place.
- d. Fire, police, security, and medical personnel, as well as other personnel authorized by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Minnesota State Patrol, or Minnesota National Guard, are exempt from the curfew.
- e. Individuals seeking emergency care, fleeing danger, or experiencing homelessness are also exempt from this curfew.
- f. I urge all of you to voluntarily comply.
- g. Willfully violating this order will lead to criminal penalties, a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days.
- h. Peace officers will be enforcing this curfew and arresting those who refuse to comply



# STATE OF MINNESOTA

## Executive Department



## Governor Tim Walz

### Emergency Executive Order 20-XX

#### **Implementing a Temporary Nighttime Curfew in the City of Minneapolis**

**I, Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota**, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, issue the following Executive Order:

On May 25, 2020, George Floyd died while in custody of the Minneapolis Police Department. Our state watched Mr. Floyd's humanity be erased. Since Mr. Floyd's death, thousands of Minnesotans have expressed their frustration in a peaceful and constructive manner. Demonstrators have gathered in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and surrounding communities to protest Mr. Floyd's death. Peaceful demonstrations are essential to our democratic system.

Unfortunately, some individuals have engaged in unlawful and dangerous activity, including arson, rioting, looting, and damaging public and private property. These activities threaten the safety of lawful demonstrators and other Minnesotans, and both first responders and demonstrators have already been injured. Many businesses, including businesses owned by people of color, have suffered damage as a result of this unlawful activity.

In response to the widespread civil unrest and lawful activity in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and surrounding communities, I declared a peacetime emergency and activated the National Guard on May 28, 2020. Destructive and dangerous activity has continued. Individuals have looted business, destroyed residential buildings, and set afire a precinct police station. This senseless violence tears at the fabric of our society. Indiscriminate destruction is not the tribute owed to George Floyd, and it does not reflect our values as Minnesotans. We must restore peace and safety immediately.

Much of the destruction and violence has taken place under the cover of darkness. To achieve restore peace and safety, we must implement a temporary nighttime curfew to ensure the safety of all.

In Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 12.02, the Minnesota Legislature conferred upon the Governor emergency powers to "generally protect the public peace, health, and safety" and to "preserve the lives and property of the people of the state." Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2019,

section 12.21, subdivision 1, the Governor has general authority to control the state's emergency management and to carry out the provisions of Minnesota's Emergency Management Act.

Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 12.21, subdivision 3(7), authorizes the Governor to cooperate with federal and state agencies in "matters pertaining to the emergency management of the state and nation." This includes "the direction or control of . . . the conduct of persons in the state, including entrance or exit from any stricken or threatened public place, occupancy of facilities, and the movement and cessation of movement of pedestrians, vehicular traffic, and all forms of private and public transportation during, prior, and subsequent to . . . actual emergencies." This authority also extends to the direction and control of "public meetings or gatherings"

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 12.21, subdivision 3, the Governor may "make, amend, and rescind the necessary orders and rules to carry out the provisions" of Minnesota Statutes 2019, Chapter 12. When approved by the Executive Council and filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, such orders and rules have the force and effect of law during the peacetime emergency. Any inconsistent rules or ordinances of any agency or political subdivision of the state are suspended during the pendency of the emergency.

For these reasons, I order as follows:

1. **Nighttime Curfew.** A curfew is imposed on all public streets, alleys, highways, sidewalks, and other public places within the City of Minneapolis during the following times:
  - a. From 8:00 pm on Friday, May 29, 2020 until 6:00 am on Saturday, May 30, 2020.
  - b. From 8:00 pm on Saturday, May 30, 2020 until 6:00 am on Sunday, May 31, 2020.
2. **Travel Prohibited.** During the curfew, all persons must not travel on any public street or public place.
3. **Exemptions.** Fire, police, security, and medical personnel, as well as other personnel authorized by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Minnesota State Patrol, or Minnesota National Guard, are exempt from the curfew. Individuals seeking emergency care or fleeing danger are also exempt from the curfew.
4. **Definitions.**
  - a. For the purposes of this Executive Order, "travel" includes, without limitation, travel on foot, bicycle, scooter, motorcycle, automobile, or public transit.
  - b. For the purposes of this Executive Order, a "public place" is any place whether on privately or publicly owned property where the general public is invited to go and to be."

5. **Enforcement.** I urge all Minnesotans to voluntarily comply with this Executive Order. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 12.45, an individual who willfully violates this Executive Order is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction must be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 4.035, subdivision 2, and section 12.32, this Executive Order is effective immediately upon approval by the Executive Council. It expires on May 31, 2020 at 6:00 am or until it is rescinded by proper authority.

A determination that any provision of this Executive Order is invalid will not affect the enforceability of any other provision of this Executive Order. Rather, the invalid provision will be modified to the extent necessary so that it is enforceable.

Signed on May 29, 2020.

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**Tim Walz**  
Governor

Filed According to Law:

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**Steve Simon**  
Secretary of State

Approved by the Executive Council on May 29, 2020:

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**Alice Roberts-Davis**  
Secretary, Executive Council

## Tick- Tock

May 29, 2020			
President Bender	Sasha Bergman	Phone call	
Vice President Jenkins	Emily Lefholz	Phone call	
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Chris Tolbert, St. Paul City Council	Hali Kolkind	Phone call	
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Jane Prince, St. Paul City Council	Commissioner Lucero	Phone call	
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Senator Hayden, Senator Hawj	Hue Nguyen	Phone calls	
Representative Moran	Commissioner Harpstead	Phone call	
Representative Richardson, Representative Hassan, Representative Noor, Representative Wagenious Representative Jordan	Charles Sutton	Phone calls	
Representative Becker-Finn, Representative Lee, Representative Samantha Vang	Suzanne Sobotka	Phone calls	
Senator Franzen, Representative Gomez, Representative Kunesh-Podein, Representative Tou Xiong	Aara Johnson	Phone calls	
Representative Mann, Senator Champion, Representative Her	Anna Burke	Phone calls	
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Grocers Association	Emmet Hedin	Phone call	
UFCW	Emmet Hedin	Phone call	
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Jo Hobot	MDHR Team	Phone call	
Jennifer Arnold – Inquilix Unidix	Dominic McQuerry	Phone call	
John Thompson – Fight for Justice Enterprises	Dominic McQuerry	Phone call	
Brett Grant – Voices for Racial Justice	Dominic McQuerry	Phone call	
Maria Isa Perez	Dominic McQuerry	Phone call	
Gevonee Ford – NdCAD	Dominic McQuerry	Phone call	
Ann Svenningsen – Lutheran Bishop MPLS	Commissioner Harpstead/DHS Team	Phone call	
Tribal Leaders	TSR Team	Phone calls	
Robert Lilligran – Urban Indian Community	TSR Team	Phone call	
Jason Sole – Community Advocate/Educator	DOC Team	Phone call	
Danny Glover	DOC Team	Phone call	

Shane and Verna Price – Power of the People	DOC Team	Phone call	
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Fayise Abraham, Interim Executive Co-Director – Voices for Racial Justice	DOC Team	Phone call	
Monica Bryand, Interim Executive Co-Director – Voices for Racial Justice	DOC Team	Phone call	
Mary Moriearty - Chief Public Defender	Karl Procaccini or Legal	Phone call	
Bill Ward - State Public Defenders Office	Karl Procaccini or Legal	Phone call	
Director of Hennepin County Corrections	Commissioner Schnell	Phone call	
PetHue Nguyenl Leflore - Director of Oasis of Love	Safia Khan	Phone Call	
Artika Roller - Executive Director at MNCASA	Safia Khan	Phone Call	
Sam Simmons - Community Leader	Safia Khan	Phone Call	
Sasha Bergman Cotton - Director of Violence Prevention Minneapolis And Community Leader	Safia Khan	Phone Call	

Tyrone Terrill - Director at African American Leadership Council	Safia Khan	Phone Call	
Anika Bowie/Leslie Redmond/Elizer Darris	Safia Khan	Phone Call	
Kenosha Davenport - Sexual Violence Center Director	Safia Khan	Phone Call	
Pastor DeWayne Davis	Safia Khan	Phone Call	
Spike Moss	Hali Kolkind	Phone call	
Pastor Brian Herron – Zion Baptist	Commissioner Harpstead	Phone call	
Pastor Kelly Chatman – Redeemer Lutheran	Commissioner Harpstead	Phone call	
Bishop Patricia Lull – St. Paul Synod	Commissioner Harpstead	Phone call	
Additional Stakeholder List	GO Public Engagement and TSR Team	Phone calls	

## Final Tick Tock and TPs

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Best,  
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## Tick- Tock

May 28, 2020 – Afternoon			
Rev Billy Russell	Governor Walz	Phone call	Before 2:00 pm
Alfred Babington-Johnson	Governor Walz	Phone call	Before 2:00 pm
Reverend James Thomas	Governor Walz	Phone call	Before 2:00 pm
Dr. Morgan, Union Gospel	Governor Walz	Phone call	Before 2:00 pm
Rev. McAfee	Governor Walz	Phone call	Before 2:00 pm
Justin Terell, CMAH	Governor Walz	Phone call	Before 2:00 pm
Valerie Castile	Governor Walz	Phone call	Before 2:00 pm
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Final as of 3:30 pm



Mederia Arradondo, MPD Chief	Commissioner Harrington	Phone call	
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Hennepin County Sheriff's Office	Commissioner Harrington, DPS	Phone call	
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Jennifer Arnold – Inquilix Unidix	Dominic	Phone call	
John Thompson – Fight for Justice Enterprises	Dominic	Phone call	
Brett Grant – Voices for Racial Justice	Dominic	Phone call	
Maria Isa Perez	Dominic	Phone call	
Gevonee Ford – NdCAD	Dominic	Phone call	

Ann Svenningsen – Lutheran Bishop MPLS	Commissioner Harpstead/DHS Team	Phone call	
Robert Lilligran – Urban Indian Community	TSR Team	Phone call	
Jason Sole – Community Advocate/Educator	DOC Team	Phone call	
Danny Glover	DOC Team	Phone call	
Shane and Verna Price – Power of the People	DOC Team	Phone call	
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Fayise Abraham, Interim Executive Co-Director – Voices for Racial Justice	DOC Team	Phone call	
Monica Bryand, Interim Executive Co-Director – Voices for Racial Justice	DOC Team	Phone call	
Mary Moriearty - Chief Public Defender	Karl Procaccini or Legal	Phone call	
Bill Ward - State Public Defenders Office	Karl Procaccini or Legal	Phone call	
Director of Hennepin County Corrections	Commissioner Schnell	Phone call	
Pethuel Leflore - Director of Oasis of Love	Safia Khan	Phone Call	



Artika Roller - Executive Director at MNCASA	Safia Khan	Phone Call	
Sam Simmons - Community Leader	Safia Khan	Phone Call	
Sasha Cotton - Director of Violence Prevention Minneapolis And Community Leader	Safia Khan	Phone Call	
Tyrone Terrill - Director at African American Leadership Council	Safia Khan	Phone Call	
Anika Bowie/Leslie Redmond/Elizer Darris	Safia Khan	Phone Call	
Kenosha Davenport - Sexual Violence Center Director	Safia Khan	Phone Call	
Pastor DeWayne Davis	Safia Khan	Phone Call	
Spike Moss	Hali	Phone call	
Pastor Brian Herron – Zion Baptist	Commissioner Harpstead	Phone call	
Pastor Kelly Chatman – Redeemer Lutheran	Commissioner Harpstead	Phone call	
Bishop Patricia Lull – St. Paul Synod	Commissioner Harpstead	Phone call	
Additional Stakeholder List	GO Public Engagement and TSR Team	Phone call	

Cabinet/All Staff	Chris Schmitter	Call	3:30
Press Release			

## **GENERAL TALKING POINTS**

- Our state watched George Floyd's humanity get erased. Our feelings of anger, anguish, and disillusionment are justified.
- As members of our community plan to turn their pain into action by joining a public demonstration, we want to ensure that they are able to do so peacefully and safely to protect your own health and the health of the people around you.
- Governor Walz is pushing for a full, fair, and expeditious investigation that will bring us closer to justice. We must continue to examine and address the systemic inequities and discrimination that led to this incident and far too many that have come before.
- We know our communities are hurting, especially the Black community.
- We recognize that the neighborhoods in Mpls where the events took place last night are home to many Black, Indigenous, Latinx, African immigrant, and other immigrant and refugee neighbors.
- As members of our community plan to turn their pain into action by joining a public demonstration, we want to ensure that they are able to do so peacefully and safely to protect your own health and the health of the people around you

## **SPECIFIC TO SAFETY/ RESPONSE**

- We have seen over the past several days both peaceful protests of those exercising their First Amendment Rights, as well as unlawful looting and rioting.
- We must continue to protect everyone's freedom of speech and hear all voices loud and clear. But we cannot do that if the safety of demonstrators and others in our community are in danger.
- Today the Governor signed an Executive Order mobilizing the National Guard to protect the Twin Cities Metro Area while protecting peoples' first amendment rights to peacefully protest.
- The National Guard is being mobilized as a resource to address broad public safety concerns across the Metro.

- The National Guard is a resource to help those who demonstrate peacefully do so safely. It will be under a centralized state-controlled command and the primary goal is to ensure the safety of our community as we work through this difficult and tragic situation.
- Local jurisdictions remain the arresting body in these situations, the Guard does not have that authority to make arrests.
- The Guard is trained in de-escalation and are being mobilized to maintain peace. We must protect everyone's freedom of speech and hear all voices loud and clear. But we cannot do that if the safety of demonstrators and others in our community are in danger.
- The National Guard Adjutant General will work with local government agencies to provide personnel, equipment, and facilities needed to respond to and recover from this emergency.
- Additionally, at the request of the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD), the Minnesota State Patrol will assist in public safety efforts for the next several days. Approximately 200 troopers will work with state, county, and local community and public safety partners. State Patrol helicopters and fixed wing aircraft will also be available to assist law enforcement officers on the ground.
- This Executive Order also declares a peacetime emergency, which activates the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) to help coordinate the state's response. As the SEOC is already activated due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it will concurrently support the COVID-19 response and the City of Minneapolis and surrounding communities during this situation.
- There are vigils, rallies, and other demonstrations planned in the coming days. We must ensure that everyone at these events is safe and able to make their voices heard.

# STATE OF MINNESOTA

## Executive Department



## Governor Tim Walz

### Emergency Executive Order 20-64

#### **Activating the Minnesota National Guard and Declaring a Peacetime Emergency to Provide Safety and Protection to the People of Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Surrounding Communities**

**I, Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota**, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

On May 25, 2020, George Floyd died while in custody of the Minneapolis Police Department. Our state watched Mr. Floyd's humanity be erased. Our feelings of anguish, anger, and disillusionment are justified, and we must continue to seek justice and fairness. We must continue to examine and address the systemic inequities and discrimination that led to this incident and many others in the past.

Since Mr. Floyd's death, thousands of Minnesotans have expressed their frustration in a peaceful and constructive manner. Demonstrators have gathered in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and surrounding communities to protest Mr. Floyd's death. Peaceful demonstrations are a keystone of our democratic system. We must also allow those who wish to protest peacefully to do so safely.

Unfortunately, some individuals have engaged in unlawful and dangerous activity, including arson, rioting, looting, and damaging public and private property. These activities threaten the safety of lawful demonstrators and other Minnesotans, and both first responders and demonstrators have already been injured. Many businesses, including businesses owned by people of color, have suffered damage as a result of this unlawful activity.

The City of Minneapolis has exhausted its resources and called for assistance from mutual aid partners to ensure immediate response to protect life, safety, and property. These mutual aid partners have fully committed their available resources. The Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul have activated their emergency operations plan, and the Mayors of both cities have requested the assistance of the Minnesota National Guard to help provide security and restore safety.

The State Emergency Operations Center ("SEOC") is currently activated for the COVID-19 response and has implemented the Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan. State agencies are providing assistance to local governments. The SEOC will concurrently support both the

COVID-19 response and the City of Minneapolis, the City of St. Paul, and surrounding communities during this situation.

For these reasons, I declare a peacetime emergency in the City of Minneapolis, the City of St. Paul, and surrounding communities and order as follows:

1. The Adjutant General will order to state active duty on May 28, 2020 the personnel, equipment, and facilities needed to support emergency operations and response.
2. The Adjutant General is authorized to procure the goods and services needed to accomplish the mission.
3. The Department of Public Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will continue to coordinate the provision of on-site support and assistance to affected local government and assess the need for supplementary emergency assistance.
4. State agencies, in cooperation with appropriate federal agencies, will provide assistance to local units of government as they respond to and recover from this emergency.
5. The costs of this assistance shall be paid from the general fund as allowed by Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 192.52.

This Executive Order and declaration of peacetime emergency is effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 4.035, subdivision 2, and its duration is governed by Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 12.31, subdivision 2.

Signed on May 28, 2020.



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**Tim Walz**  
Governor

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**Steve Simon**  
Secretary of State

## RE: Remarks for Today

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Nate and Charlie, final event summary attached.

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Pls see attached.

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## Event Summary

**To:** Governor Tim Walz

**From:** Emma Bauer

**Title:** Press briefing

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**Date:** Friday, May 29, 2020

**Event time:** 10:30 a.m.

**Dress:** Suit and a face mask

**Location:** Revenue

**#of attendees** There will be a small pool of reporters in the room, with likely ~150 reporters tuning in live on social media, and several thousand Minnesotans watching live as well.

**Event purpose:** This is a press briefing to address the State's response to protests and public safety concerns in Minnesota

**Staff:** Teddy Tschann, 

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### DETAILS

At the press briefing, you will be joined by Attorney General Ellison, Major General Jon Jensen, Commissioner Harrington, and Minnesota State Patrol Colonel Langer. Together, you discuss the State's response to protests and public safety concerns in Minnesota.

### SPEAKING ORDER

Governor  
Attorney General Keith Ellison  
Major General Jon Jensen  
Commissioner John Harrington  
Minnesota State Patrol Colonel Langer  
Governor

### AGENDA

{ DATE \@ "M/d/yyyy h:mm am/pm" }



**10:00AM**     **YOU begin with remarks (10-15 minutes)**  
10:15AM     Attorney General Ellison provides remarks (10 minutes)  
10:25AM     Major General Jon Jensen provides remarks (10 minutes)  
10:35AM     Commissioner Harrington provides remarks (10 minutes)  
10:45AM     Minnesota State Patrol Colonel Langer (10 minutes)  
**10:55AM**     **YOU lead question from the media**  
11:20AM     Press conference ends

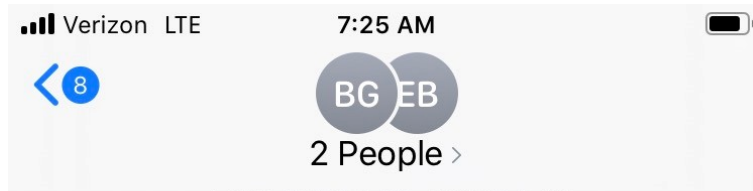
## **PRESS**

Press will be advised by the communications team and pooled at this event.

## **GOVERNOR TALKING POINTS**

- This week has been **the most difficult week** in our state's recent history.
- Our community—especially our Black community—is hurting.
- Minneapolis is on fire. As I speak right now, our streets are still burning – with the ashes of **decades and generations of pain**.
- We failed to hear George Floyd. Philando Castile. And so many other friends, brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, coworkers...who all have senselessly died in our streets. Those voices went unheard. And now, generations of pain is manifesting.
- I spoke with Reverend Jesse Jackson and he prayed for our city and for us.
- As Valerie Castile told me: Seek justice, seek fairness, and reach out to others. Show each other kindness. The world is watching Minnesota right now. We need to answer.
- It's time to rebuild our communities and restore **peace**.
- I've been working alongside Major General Jensen, Minnesota State Patrol Colonel Langer, and Commissioner Harrington.
- Late last night, we assumed control, secured assets, and moved forward to take over the streets of Minneapolis to restore peace.
  - Last night, we supported multiple missions with Minneapolis Fire Station Six, provided security around the St. Paul Capitol Complex, and assisted with civil disturbance support.
- Many of you are asking where the State was when the third precinct was in flames. The truth is: We were not called by the City of Minneapolis to assist in that location.

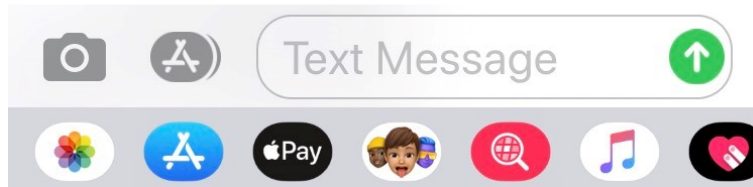
- Many of you are also wondering why a CNN reporter and their team were arrested. That was a mistake. I've talked to the head of the network and we've released them. Freedom of the press—enshrined in the First Amendment along with the right to protest—is something we need now more than ever.
- It's time to clean up our streets, our businesses, our neighborhoods.
- I'm in close communication with Mayors Frey and Carter.
- I've been in contact with Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman. I have confidence in Mike Freeman. I know he'll evaluate the evidence as soon as possible. I am certain he will do the right thing, and he will do it soon.
- I will continue to push for a full, fair, and swift investigation that will bring us closer to justice for George Floyd.
- **Until then, we must be safe. We must protect each other. And we must rebuild. Starting in Minneapolis, and across our state and country.**



Bruce the Gov wants  
DPS and NG to tweet  
about the deployment of  
the state patrol and  
guard members tonight.  
He wants people to  
know we had resources  
out to help. Can you get  
something up tonight

He's seeing criticism of  
not stopping protestors  
and he wants people to  
know what patrol was  
doing

Bruce Gordon





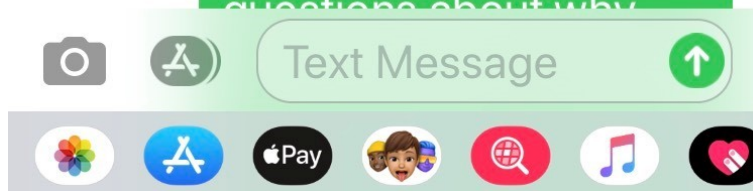
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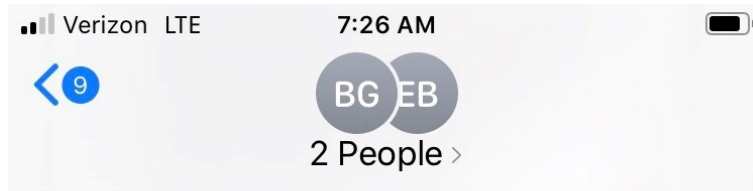
BG Ok...stand by

About 200 Minnesota State Patrol Troopers and DNR Conservation Officers are actively supporting efforts in Minneapolis and St. Paul tonight and working to keep people safe.

BG Ok or do you need more?

We are getting questions about why





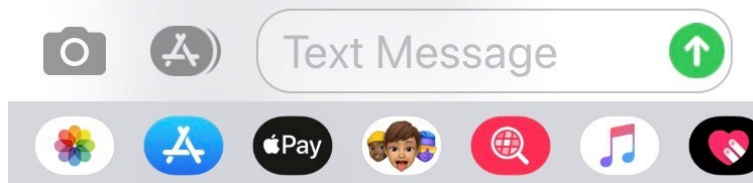
Ok or do you need more?

We are getting questions about why the state patrol or guard didn't stop the building from burning

Can anything in your tweet help respond to that question?

Bruce Gordon

I don't think so....I believe that was an mpd decision...





Bruce Gordon

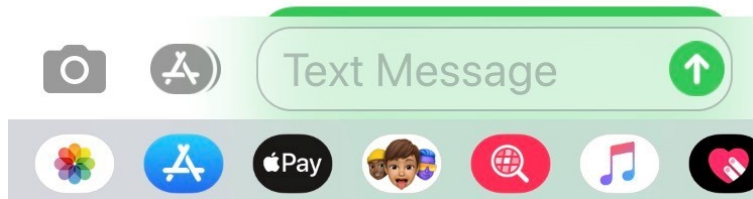
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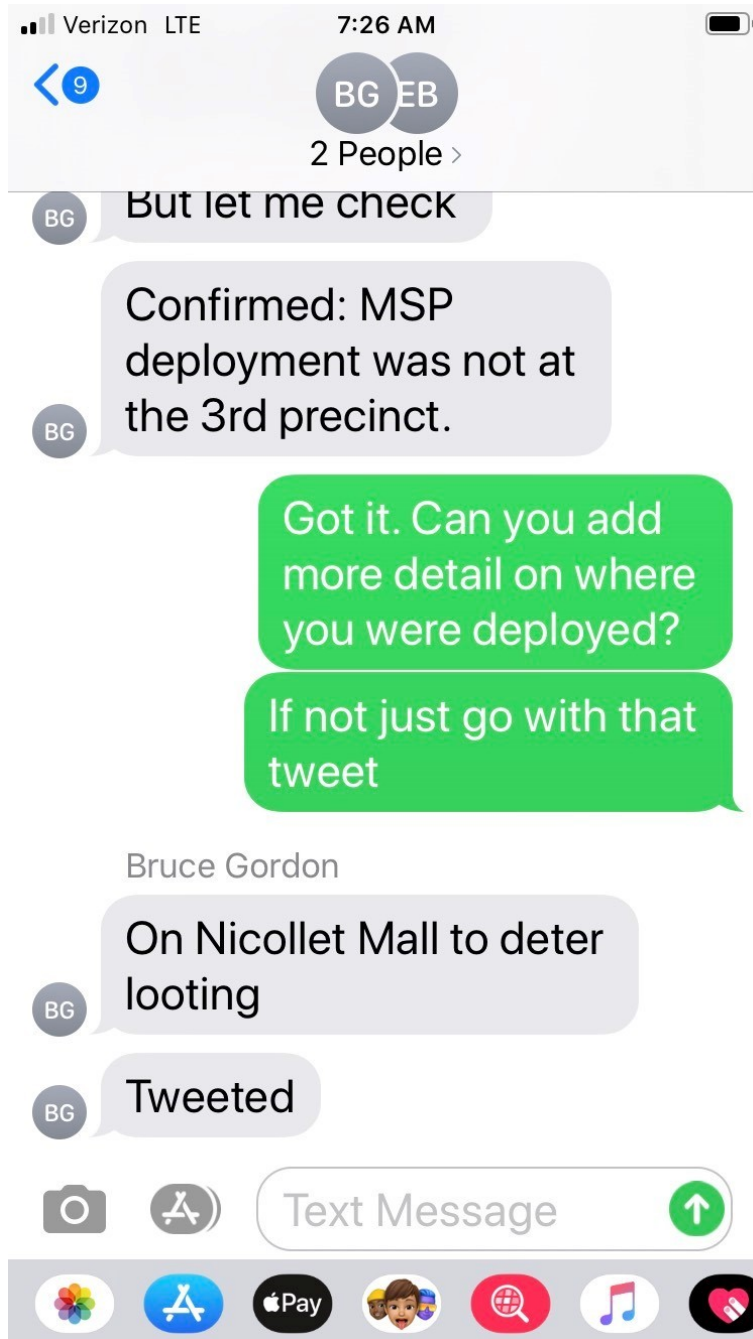
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BG Mpd has no plan....especially to arrest anyone

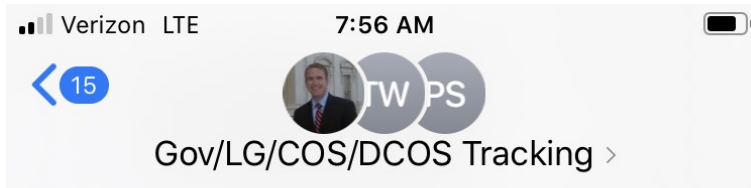
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BG Confirmed: MSP deployment was not at the 3rd precinct.









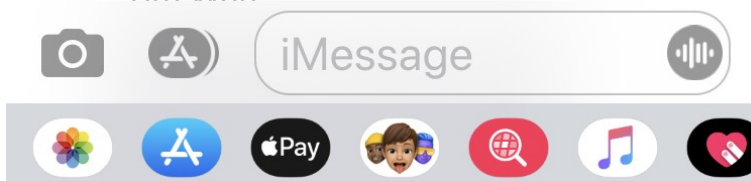
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Peggy State Cell

I was watching the live Unicorn Riot feed. MPD was there on foot and in vehicles at Lake Street and Hiawatha. They shot off tear gas for a several minutes and then left their post and protesters advanced and are now hanging on railroad crossing lights. Didn't see State Patrol or NG.

PS

Tim Walz



**From:** [Hormann, Madeline L \(GOV\)](#)  
**To:** [#GOV Gov Policy](#); [Lucero, Rebecca \(MDHR\)](#); [Schnell, Paul \(DOC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Community Outreach  
**Date:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 8:31:56 AM  
**Importance:** High

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Hi all,

As Emily discussed on the call at 8:15 this morning, we're building a tick tock regarding the situation in Minneapolis. We will be standing up essentially a new emergency ops center and announcing the involvement of the National Guard. Please reply all to this chain with a list of people in the Minneapolis area, community leaders, and others who we should make aware of this and would like to partner with. On your list please note who you think should make those calls and if you have a personal relationship then put yourselves.

This needs to happen this morning, send your lists as soon as possible. Thanks all for your quick work.

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**Subject:** National Guard Talking Points

Beginning of National Guard talking points. Sasha will get answers to the remaining questions. I can pull talking points from the raw materials when we have them

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We can do that,

I wanted to make sure we weren't overstepping your messaging.

I'll put the word out to TAG on our 2200 sync call.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

V/r,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Minnesota National Guard

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Kristin

We just sent this tweet:

We have activated more than 500 soldiers to St. Paul, Minneapolis and surrounding communities. Our mission is to protect life, preserve property and the right to peacefully demonstrate. A key objective is to ensure fire departments are able to respond to calls.

For your information only we have 30 soldiers at the capitol complex, 30 nearing the Ramsey Co. law enforcement complex, 30 nearing the BCA and 10 in the J lot at Cedar St.



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## can you send this to the folks doing calls

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Answers from National Guard on a few questions. Sorry for the delay. The attached outlines rules for use of force **but it is NOT for distribution beyond this group, it is just for your reference.**

- Will they have weapons?
  - This is dependent on the Governor/TAG authorizing this. This is currently not included in the EO. Without Governor explicit approval it is not Authorized.
- Be in regular uniform?
  - Yes, duty uniform (Camouflage with COVID protection)
- Wearing riot gear?
  - Civil Disturbance Gear will be available and issued as needed.
- What will they be doing?
  - This is dependent on the taskings given by our civilian Chain of Command (The State- Governor, or his representative organization)(Usually the Incident Commander- MPD/Hennepin Cnty?)
- What are the rules for use of force?
  - This is a Variable item. **It is outlined in the attached document but is NOT for public distribution. Just for your reference.**
- Do they have de-escalation training?
  - The Civil Disturbance training does cover this.
- Diversity and inclusion training?
  - The MN National Guard has annual mandatory D&I training.
- Experience working with diverse communities?
  - There is not a uniform answer to this question.
- What communities will they be coming from?
  - Mostly from units outside of metro area; goal was to avoid activating any folks who perform emergency response (e.g. police, fire, health care) in the metro area currently.



# Checks Balances Update (05-28-2020) Walz Executive Order Activating the National Guard

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## Checks & Balances

### Governor Walz Signs Executive Order Activating National Guard to Protect the People of Minnesota

Minnesota Report Governor Walz Signs Executive Order Activating National Guard to Protect the People of Minnesota Order will help maintain safety in wake of George Floyd's death [ST. PAUL, MN] – Governor Tim Walz today signed Executive Order 20-65, activating the Minnesota National Guard to help protect Minnesotans' safety and maintain peace in the wake [...]

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### South Minneapolis Ablaze

Minnesota Report The intersection of East Lake Street and Minnehaha Avenue is the outer edge of the Longfellow neighborhood, and is now a war zone in the aftermath of the suffocation killing of George Floyd by Police Officer Derek Chauvin who knelt on his neck while Floyd lost consciousness and became unresponsive. The protests began [...]

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### Walz Announces COVID-19 Response #4

Minnesota Report In spite of not having fourteen days of a consistent downward trend on the number of cases, currently there have been 18,200 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 809 deaths, nor do we have a process for contract tracing in place, yesterday Governor Tim Walz (DFL-MN) announced the next steps forward. Catholic Archbishop Bernard Hebda is calling [...]

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## Republicans Irked by State Employee Raises Going Forward

Minnesota Report When the Senate Republicans passed the State Employee Contract, they did so with an amendment to only agree to the increase for the first year of the contract, but the interpretation of Office of Management and Budget Commissioner Myron Frans is they are only allowed a an affirmative or negation vote without substitution. [...]

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## What the House Retiree Districts Look Like Numerically

Minnesota Report We have looked at the thirteen house districts in which the incumbent is retiring and have seen an interesting picture. There are nine DFLers, two are freshmen, and four Republicans. Each of the Republican seats are in rural districts and are veritable safe Republican seats. The two retiring freshmen are in swing seats [...]

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## The Best Example of the Legislative Chasm: Bonding Bill

Minnesota Report DFLers and Republicans are at odds over whether or not a Bonding Bill is a Jobs Bill. The two sides are also at loggerheads over whether or not long-term spending through bonds is a prudent fiscal decision. The cost of spending for a government backed General Obligation bond is 30-years in length and [...]

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## Legislative Session Ends with a Flatulence in a Wind Funnel or FWF

Minnesota Report When competing political ideologies are at play, the ability to achieve consensus is a far way island, and reaching it, is a distant, remote and implausible likelihood. The reason being political people are hard-pressed to see beyond their own vested interests—especially in an election year—and fail to envision any collective outcome different than [...]

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## Legislative Return/Special Session 2020

Minnesota Report We are hearing the legislature will likely be recalled for Special Session June 12th, which is just before Governor Tim Walz' (DFL-MN) last peacetime emergency declaration is set to expire. In order to declare another one, he will need to receive legislative approval, and with the two sides so diametrically opposed it is [...]

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## Walz Announces Minnesota Supreme Court Appointment

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### 2 New Contacts Since 3:30pm 05/28/20

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**Topic:** May recap  
**Media Outlet:** Linder Farm Network  
**Reporter:** Linda Brekke  
**DNR Person Contacted:** Pete Boulay  
**Contact Date:** 05/29/2020  
**Notes:** Linda was looking for a recap of the weather for May. It was relatively cool and damp in the south, with drying conditions northwest of the Twin Cities. Abnormally dry conditions now cover about half the state. The outlook for the next two weeks calls for a gradual warming, with above normal temperatures in early June.  
**Reported At:** 03:23 PM 05/29/20  
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**Topic:** COs in Minneapolis/St. Paul  
**Media Outlet:** Star Tribune  
**Reporter:** Bob Timmons  
**DNR Person Contacted:** Joe Albert  
**Contact Date:** 05/29/2020  
**Notes:** Bob wondered the extent to which COs are involved in the law enforcement end of what's occurring in Minneapolis and St. Paul. I told him there's a significant number of COs there and that they're working alongside the Minnesota State Patrol and Minnesota National Guard. Officers are committed to keeping people safe and ensuring they have the opportunity to practice their First Amendment rights.  
  
I also provided the following statement from Commissioner Strommen:  
  
"DNR conservation officers are part of Minnesota's valued law enforcement community. I'm proud of the way our conservation officers are supporting public safety efforts in Minneapolis and St. Paul. It's important that we serve this role when the Governor calls upon us."  
**Reported At:** 02:17 PM 05/29/20  
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# DRAFT curfew talking points

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1. On May 25, 2020, George Floyd died while in custody of the Minneapolis Police Department.
2. Thousands of Minnesotans have expressed their frustration in a peaceful and constructive manner. Demonstrators have gathered in Minneapolis, Saint Paul, and surrounding communities to protest Mr. Floyd's death.
3. Peaceful demonstrations are essential to our democratic system.
4. However, some individuals have engaged in unlawful and dangerous activity, threatening the safety of lawful demonstrators and first responders.
5. Much of the unlawful and dangerous activity has taken place under the cover of darkness. To restore peace and safety, we must implement a temporary nighttime curfew to ensure the safety of all.
6. I am imposing a curfew tonight and tomorrow night in Minneapolis and St. Paul:
  - a. Tonight's curfew begins at 8pm and ends tomorrow morning at 6am.
  - b. Tomorrow's curfew begins at 8pm and ends Sunday morning at 6am.
  - c. During this curfew, no one in Minneapolis and St. Paul is allowed to travel on any public street or public place.
  - d. Fire, police, security, and medical personnel, as well as other personnel authorized by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Minnesota State Patrol, or Minnesota National Guard, are exempt from the curfew.
  - e. Individuals seeking emergency care, fleeing danger, or experiencing homelessness are also exempt from this curfew.
  - f. I urge all of you to voluntarily comply.
  - g. Willfully violating this order will lead to criminal penalties, a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days.
  - h. Peace officers will be enforcing this curfew and arresting those who refuse to comply

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# Draft statement from GTW and the Guard

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I am also adding Karl and Chris to this email, and pasting the statement from the Guard for review as well.

**Below, please find a draft statement from GTW for your review. Teddy and EF have reviewed:**

*It is time to rebuild. Rebuild the city, rebuild our justice system, and rebuild the relationship between law enforcement and those they're charged to protect. George Floyd's death should lead to justice and systemic change, not more death and destruction. As Courteney Ross, George Floyd's fiancé, said, "Floyd would not want people to get hurt. He lived his life protecting people." Let's come together to rebuild, remember, and seek justice for George Floyd.*

**And, here is the Guard's statement for our review/approval:**

*The Minnesota National Guard has received initial request from the Governor's office to activate National Guard assets in support of the city of Minneapolis. We are currently in process of assigning and mustering units. Our first activations will come from units assigned as the quick reaction force, with potential additional support from units assigned to the ready reaction force and other units. The Soldiers assigned to these units are regularly trained to support civil authorities during times of civil unrest. We will post additional information on our Minnesota National Guard Twitter page as more information becomes available.*

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## EO 20-64 - Activating the National Guard

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Good Afternoon,  
Attached please find a final copy of Executive Order 20-64, activating the National Guard.  
Thank you,

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## Executive Department



## Governor Tim Walz

### Emergency Executive Order 20-64

#### **Activating the Minnesota National Guard and Declaring a Peacetime Emergency to Provide Safety and Protection to the People of Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Surrounding Communities**

**I, Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota**, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

On May 27, 2020, George Floyd died while in custody of the Minneapolis Police Department. Our state watched Mr. Floyd's humanity be erased. Our feelings of anguish, anger, and disillusionment are justified, and we must continue to seek justice and fairness. We must continue to examine and address the systemic inequities and discrimination that led to this incident and many others in the past.

Since Mr. Floyd's death, thousands of Minnesotans have expressed their frustration in a peaceful and constructive manner. Demonstrators have gathered in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and surrounding communities to protest Mr. Floyd's death. Peaceful demonstrations are a keystone of our democratic system. We must also allow those who wish to protest peacefully to do so safely.

Unfortunately, some individuals have engaged in unlawful and dangerous activity, including arson, rioting, looting, and damaging public and private property. These activities threaten the safety of lawful demonstrators and other Minnesotans, and both first responders and demonstrators have already been injured. Many businesses, including businesses owned by people of color, have suffered damage as a result of this unlawful activity.

The City of Minneapolis has exhausted its resources and called for assistance from mutual aid partners to ensure immediate response to protect life, safety, and property. These mutual aid partners have fully committed their available resources. The Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul have activated their emergency operations plan, and the Mayors of both cities have requested the assistance of the Minnesota National Guard to help provide security and restore safety.

The State Emergency Operations Center ("SEOC") is currently activated for the COVID-19 response and has implemented the Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan. State agencies are providing assistance to local governments. The SEOC will concurrently support both the



COVID-19 response and the City of Minneapolis, the City of St. Paul, and surrounding communities during this situation.

For these reasons, I declare a peacetime emergency in the City of Minneapolis, the City of St. Paul, and surrounding communities and order as follows:

1. The Adjutant General will order to state active duty on May 28, 2020 the personnel, equipment, and facilities needed to support emergency operations and response.
2. The Adjutant General is authorized to procure the goods and services needed to accomplish the mission.
3. The Department of Public Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will continue to coordinate the provision of on-site support and assistance to affected local government and assess the need for supplementary emergency assistance.
4. State agencies, in cooperation with appropriate federal agencies, will provide assistance to local units of government as they respond to and recover from this emergency.
5. The costs of this assistance shall be paid from the general fund as allowed by Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 192.52.

This Executive Order and declaration of peacetime emergency is effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 4.035, subdivision 2, and its duration is governed by Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 12.31, subdivision 2.

Signed on May 28, 2020.



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**Tim Walz**  
Governor

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**Steve Simon**  
Secretary of State

## For review: Guard release

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Teddy, Karl, Kristin and Elizabeth,

Below, please find the National Guard's press release for review. Do we have edits to this before it goes to principals?

Thank you!  
Emma

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Today, the Minnesota National Guard received a request from the Governor to activate National Guard personnel to help provide safety and protection to the people of Minneapolis and surrounding communities.

The Governor, through the State Emergency Operations Center, will maintain authority for the activated National Guard units called forward to support the City of Minneapolis.

"We are ready and prepared to answer the Governor's request. We are currently in process of assigning and preparing units to respond. Our first activations will come from units that are assigned and trained to provide support to civil authorities and able to respond to the immediate needs of the state," said Major General Jensen.

These Guard personnel have significant training for protecting people and property in times of unrest, including the right of protest.

The Minnesota National Guard will post additional information on twitter at @mnnationalguard as more information becomes available.

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# FOR REVIEW: MN National Guard press release

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Hello Governor, Lt. Governor, and Chris,

Shortly after the Governor's Office sends our press release on the Guard activation, the Guard will send their own. It is below for your awareness and edits, if you have them.

Thank you!  
Emma

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## **Minnesota National Guard authorized by Governor Walz to support Minneapolis and surrounding communities**

Today, the Minnesota National Guard received a request from Governor Tim Walz to activate National Guard personnel to help provide safety and protection to the people of Minneapolis, Saint Paul, and the surrounding communities.

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# FW: DRAFT curfew talking points

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**Date:** Fri, 29 May 2020 09:03:26 -0500

1. On May 25, 2020, George Floyd died while in custody of the Minneapolis Police Department.
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  - g. Willfully violating this order will lead to criminal penalties, a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days.
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## FW: please review - updated TPs

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Maddie – can you send this version of TPs?

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**From:** Loyola, Migdalia (GOV) <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28,  
**To:** Lefholz, Emily (GOV) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** please review - updated TPs

### GENERAL TPs

- Our state watched George Floyd's humanity get erased. Our feelings of anger, anguish, and disillusionment are justified.
- As members of our community plan to turn their pain into action by joining a public demonstration, we want to ensure that they are able to do so peacefully and safely to protect your own health and the health of the people around you.
- Governor Walz is pushing for a full, fair, and expeditious investigation that will bring us closer to justice. We must continue to examine and address the systemic inequities and discrimination that led to this incident and far too many that have come before.
- We know our communities are hurting, especially the Black community.
- We recognize that the neighborhoods in Mpls where the events took place last night are home to many Black, Indigenous, Latinx, African immigrant, and other immigrant and refugee neighbors.
- As members of our community plan to turn their pain into action by joining a public demonstration, we want to ensure that they are able to do so peacefully and safely to protect your own health and the health of the people around you

### SPECIFIC TO SAFETY/ RESPONSE

- We have seen over the past several days both peaceful protests of those exercising their First Amendment Rights, as well as unlawful looting and rioting.
- We must continue to protect everyone's freedom of speech and hear all voices loud and clear. But we cannot do that if the safety of demonstrators and others in our community are in danger.
- In order to ensure orderly and peaceful demonstrations, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey has requested state support in ensuring public safety.
- Governor Walz is exploring how the state can be helpful
- We are supporting efforts around ensuring public safety with state troopers.
- Governor Walz has also asked the National Guard to be ready to assist in the coming days if there is a need.
- The National Guard is a resource to help those who demonstrate peacefully do so safely. It will be under a centralized state-controlled command and the primary goal is to ensure the safety of our community as we work through this difficult and tragic situation.
- There are vigils, rallies, and other demonstrations planned in the coming days. We must ensure that everyone at these events is safe and able to make their voices heard.

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# FW: Rebuilding Our Communities and Restoring Safety

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**To:** "Lefholz, Emily (GOV)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Fri, 29 May 2020 16:54:15 -0500

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Is this an okay answer to Rep. Xiong's question? *The State Patrol and National Guard will continue to lead the safety efforts, with Peace Officers enforcing this curfew. There is an important distinction between enforcement and protection. The distinction may seem like a play on words, but right now many are concerned about over-enforcement by the police. The state response is one of the protections of public safety.*

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**From:** Jay Xiong <Rep.Jay.Xiong@house.mn>  
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**Subject:** RE: Rebuilding Our Com

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Your assistance to question from my constituent:

Will SPPD and MPD be tasked with enforcing the curfew?

If so, what's the point? All it does is give a blanket reason for the very institutions at issue here to harass, arrest, and attack at will.

The choice is now stay home and be silent to the crimes of the state, or be a criminal.

This curfew is pointless unless it is accompanied by the total disarming of the local police forces and enforced by other authorities.

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**From:** Hormann, Madeline L (GOV) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 4:36 PM  
**Subject:** Rebuilding Our Communities and Restoring Safety

Members of the DFL House and DFL Senate Caucuses:

As the Governor said this morning, "This week has been the most difficult week in our state's recent history. Our community—especially our Black community—is hurting. Our streets are on fire with the ashes of decades and generations of pain."

It's time to rebuild our communities and restore peace. But we can't rebuild our community until we restore safety.

The Governor is working alongside Major General Jensen, Minnesota State Patrol Colonel Langer, and Commissioner of Public Safety Harrington to keep our communities safe. Late last night, during demonstrations in Minneapolis and Saint Paul, the State assumed control, secured assets, and moved forward to restore order on our streets.

Today, Governor Walz signed Executive Order 20-65 to implement a temporary nighttime curfew for Minneapolis and Saint Paul that will provide safety for Minnesota residents from people who have engaged in unlawful and dangerous activity in recent days and threatened the security of lawful demonstrators and first responders.

The temporary curfew is scheduled from 8pm to 6am tonight (Friday) and tomorrow (Saturday) night. During the curfew, no one may travel on Minneapolis and Saint Paul streets or public places, except for first responders, members of the media, people going back and forth to work, individuals seeking emergency care or fleeing danger, and people experiencing homelessness. Curfews are not limited to Minneapolis and St. Paul, mayors across the state can issue their own curfews.

Governor Walz and Lt. Governor Flanagan will continue to pursue justice for George Floyd. As we await the process of our justice system, we must be safe. We must protect each other. And we must rebuild. Starting in Minneapolis, and across our state and country.

Take care,  
Maddie

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Here is the release activating the national guard

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-For both offices: they may receive questions from constituents/businesses about the curfew and how to abide by it. Any such questions can be directed to the BCA hotline for public calls: 651-793-3746.

-Rep. Phillips is interested in a CODEL-wide phone call with the Governor; we have told his staff that the schedule is too tight to do a delegation-wide call, but that we encourage individual Members to reach out to us with ideas/questions. So far, Congressional offices have been comfortable doing so.

-Rep. McCollum has been very publicly supportive of GTW's actions thus far, and appreciative of the efforts to keep them informed about the state's response.

-Rep. McCollum's office reached out to us to ask for assistance in protecting specific US Post Office facilities in the Twin Cities. They are aware that checks often go out at the end of month and medications are needed and the post office is looking into alternative delivery options. Our office has shared the contact information for the Multi-Agency Command Center, to ensure that the request for protecting these locations is on the National Guard's agenda.

# Invite to Caucus Tonight

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Good afternoon,

The House DFL Caucus will be meeting tonight at 7:30PM.

We are wondering if there is someone from the administration who can join the caucus at 8PM to talk through what steps are being taken to deal with situation in Minneapolis or other updates from the administration. This could be an update from the Gov, Lt. Gov., or Commissioner Harrington, or the head of the National Guard.

If a person is not available, we would be open to another type of update.

Regards,  
Paul Cumings

## Keep us in the loop, please!

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Kayla.. Please keep us in the loop about the National Guard decision. -- JC

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Office of Gov. Walz Communications Team,

- We received numerous media calls today from both National and Local media with questions about calling the Minnesota National Guard up to respond in Minneapolis. We have not been able to respond to any of these queries and are awaiting further guidance.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]  
Minnesota National Guard  
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## More public info on National Guard deployment

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National Guard Comms team, The Governor's Office would like more information to be more public about the guard members deployed to respond to the peacetime emergency in the metro area. We are getting regular requests of how many members of the guard are doing what and where. Because this is such an unusual time, I think we would all benefit from as much transparency as is safe for operations.

Can we discuss you tweeting more or giving us information we can use in conversations? The Governor and Chris Schmitter are particularly interested in calming people's fears about deploying the guard by being transparent about what they are doing. Let me know what you think. Thanks, KB

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[As Mayor Frey calls for officer's arrest, violence intensifies in Minneapolis \(Star Tribune\)](#)

By Liz Navratil and Libor Jany

Minneapolis shuddered with violence overnight Wednesday, as rioters ignited fires and looted stores all over the city, standing in stark contrast to the mostly peaceful protests outside of a South Side police station over the police killing of George Floyd.

Early Thursday, city and law enforcement officials were still tallying the full toll of the night, which saw at least five people struck by gunfire, one fatally when the owner of a pawn shop opened fire on a man he believed was burglarizing his business. Dozens of businesses were either looted or torched, or both, mostly in the area of Minnehaha Avenue and E. Lake Street, but also along business corridors on the city's North and South sides.

The National Guard was ordered to the 3rd Precinct police station to relieve Minneapolis police officers, as demonstrators encircled the precinct, chanting loudly and carrying banners demanding justice for Floyd. St. Paul police and the State Patrol were also on hand.

It's not clear how many arrests police made throughout the night. In the fatal shooting, a 59-year-old man was booked into the Hennepin County Jail on suspicion of murder, according to online jail records.

Department sources say the suspect shot a man whom he assumed was trying to loot Cadillac Pawn & Jewelry, at 1538 E. Lake St. — about a mile west of the main protest site. The victim, whose identity hasn't yet been released, died later at a nearby hospital.

"Please, please, Minneapolis," an emotional Mayor Jacob Frey told a Star Tribune reporter just before midnight. "We cannot let tragedy beget more tragedy. The activity around Lake and Hiawatha is now unsafe. Please, help us keep the peace. ..."

Mayor Jacob Frey on Wednesday called for an arrest and charges against the now-fired Minneapolis police officer who knelt on the neck of George Floyd as he pleaded to breathe shortly before his death.

The violence followed a daylong protest outside the Third Precinct police headquarters, where officers sought to disperse crowds with flash-bang grenades, tear gas and projectiles through the day and night.

Earlier, Frey called for the arrest and charging of now-fired police officer Derek Chauvin, who knelt on Floyd's neck as he pleaded to breathe.

"I've wrestled with, more than anything else over the last 36 hours, one fundamental question: Why is the man who killed George Floyd not in jail?" Frey said. "If you had done it, or I had done it, we would be behind bars right now. And I cannot come up with a good answer to that."

Frey's comments came on the second day of widespread protests over Floyd's death, which occurred shortly after police detained him Monday on suspicion of trying to pass a counterfeit \$20 bill.

In addition to the protests near the Third Precinct in Minneapolis, demonstrators also gathered Wednesday at the homes of Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman and the Oakdale home of Chauvin.

Frey said he was calling for action by Freeman, who has the authority to seek charges in Floyd's death. "We are working with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) and the Hennepin County Medical Examiner to expeditiously gather and review all of the evidence in the tragic death of Mr. George Floyd," Freeman's office said in a statement. "The videotaped death of Mr. Floyd, which has outraged us and people across the country, deserves the best we can give and that is what this office will do."

State Department of Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington said the BCA investigation, which he oversees, is underway. "We will do an expeditious investigation. We will ensure that this is not an investigation that lags," he said, adding that the department also won't cut corners to complete its work quickly.

Because the BCA and FBI are conducting a joint investigation, those two agencies have the authority to make an arrest, said police spokesman John Elder. Either agency could arrest any of the four officers at any time if they believe they have probable cause. The BCA would send the case to Freeman's office for charging, while the FBI would send the case to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

The city identified the officers involved as Chauvin, Thomas Lane, Tou Thao and J Alexander Kueng. Chief Medaria Arradondo fired all four Tuesday. Chauvin, 44, is a 19-year department veteran. Thao is a 12-year veteran. Kueng joined the department in 2017 and Lane in 2019.

Chauvin is represented by attorney Tom Kelly. Thao is represented by Robert Paule, Kueng by Thomas Plunkett, and Lane by Earl Gray. All declined to comment.

Minneapolis Police Federation President Lt. Bob Kroll did not respond to messages requesting comment and declined to take questions from a reporter at his office. However, he said in a statement provided to Forum News Service before Tuesday's firings that, "Now is not the time to rush to

judgment and immediately condemn our officers. We ask that the community remain calm and the investigation be completed in full.”

‘Shocked and horrified’

Gov. Tim Walz said Wednesday that he was “shocked and horrified” by the video of Floyd’s death. President Donald Trump called Floyd’s death “very sad and tragic.”

“I have asked for this investigation to be expedited and greatly appreciate all of the work done by local law enforcement,” Trump wrote in a tweet. “My heart goes out to George’s family and friends. Justice will be served!”

Frey said he made the decision to call for charges after watching the video. He said he has not spoken to the officers involved or seen the footage captured by their body cameras. Frey said the restraint technique used against Floyd is not authorized by the MPD, is not something officers were trained in and “should not be used, period.”

“We watched for five whole excruciating minutes as a white officer firmly pressed his knee into the neck of an unarmed handcuffed black man. I saw no threat. I saw nothing that would signal that this kind of force was necessary,” Frey said.

A massive fire engulfed a south Minneapolis building early Thursday as residents frantically tried to hose down nearby houses. Businesses were looted and in flames after protests turned violent.

He noted that in many other cases, officers’ decisions are made in “four or five or six seconds.”

“We are not talking about a split-second decision that was made incorrectly,” Frey said. “There’s somewhere around 300 seconds in those five minutes, every one of which the officer could have turned back, every second of which he could have removed his knee from George Floyd’s neck.”

On Wednesday, the Minnesota Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board said Chauvin’s actions do not reflect any training officers receive.

“The video is troubling and disturbing and it is the Board’s position that sanctity of life must be the guiding principle for all law enforcement officers,” the statement said.

In additional fallout from the Floyd case, University of Minnesota President Joan Gabel announced that the school will cut some ties with the Minneapolis police, including no longer contracting for off-duty security at football games, concerts and ceremonies, and terminating its contract for bomb-sniffing dogs.

“We will limit our collaboration with the MPD to joint patrols and investigations that directly enhance the safety of our communities or that allow us to investigate and apprehend those who put our students, faculty, and staff at risk,” Gabel said in a letter to students and faculty.

Eric Hageman, a Minnesota attorney who has successfully sued police officers in brutality cases, said that use of force must be “objectively reasonable” from the officer’s perspective at the time it was used, a standard established in a landmark 1989 Supreme Court case, *Graham v. Connor*.

Among the factors a court might consider are the severity of the underlying crime, whether the suspect was actively resisting arrest and whether his or her behavior presented a threat to the safety of the officer or anyone else. It’s unclear whether the officers had previous contacts with Floyd, but his Minnesota criminal history was limited to a pair of traffic violations.

“The video would appear that he was using force solely for the purpose of inflicting harm, which is unconstitutional,” Hageman said of the officer.

The death has also renewed calls for overhauling the police department’s culture, although most critics have stopped short of calling for the chief’s resignation.

Elizer Darris, an organizer with the ACLU, said he sees a need to root out a culture that prioritizes covering for one another. This “blue code of silence” continued even after Arradondo issued an order saying that officers who allowed their colleagues to behave badly would also be held responsible.

“Even if that’s your blue brother, the preservation of life should be paramount to everything else,” he said.

The FBI is also assisting with the investigation, and while Frey said he believes charging authority lies with Freeman, he added that to the extent federal authorities have jurisdiction, “Yeah, I’m calling on that, too.”

He said he had not seen any evidence that Floyd resisted arrest, and that he wants the body camera footage released “as soon as possible, while not compromising the investigation but, more importantly, the charge that I hope will come forward.”

**[‘Shocked and horrified’: Walz, Ellison, Flanagan pledge justice for George Floyd, man killed under officer’s knee \(Pioneer Press\)](#)**

By Dave Orrick

Minnesota’s top elected and law enforcement officials Wednesday pledged justice for George Floyd.

Floyd is the black man whose death Monday sparked raw emotions after a video showed him being held under the knee of a white Minneapolis police officer, snapping a metropolis from the fixation of a pandemic back to the vexing and violent realities of race relations.

“Like so many Minnesotans, and so many people now across the country and the world, I was shocked and horrified by the video of George Floyd’s death,” Gov. Tim Walz said during an afternoon news conference. “It’s very clear to anyone that what happened to George Floyd is wrong. The lack of humanity in the video, as I said, made me physically ill, and even more difficult to understand.”

Wednesday’s news briefing was the first to be dominated by non-pandemic news since the coronavirus outbreak spawned the regular briefings and it included several people of color in senior roles, who could direct or influence potential outcomes.

Here’s what the state’s leaders had to say Wednesday:

**KEITH ELLISON**

Keith Ellison

Attorney General Keith Ellison, an African-American onetime civil rights activist who campaigned on the idea that his office might play a role in police violence prosecutions, vowed: “My office will be a force for transparency. ... We will be watching.”

Ellison traced the historical arc of tension, mistrust and violence between police and black communities to the early part of the prior century, saying, “What we’re dealing with here is not an isolated case, but a systemic problem.”

**JOHN HARRINGTON**

John Harrington

Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington, who is African-American and a former St. Paul police chief, has authority over the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension’s investigation into Floyd’s death.

He said the agency “moved quickly to take over the crime scene.” Harrington said he played a role in requesting an FBI civil rights investigation after he watched the video and concluded “a civil rights violation really did appear to be happening on that screen.”

Harrington and Ellison chaired a “Working Group on Police-Involved Deadly Force Encounters” that in February released recommendations that bear directly on Floyd’s death, including making “the

sanctity of life” a “core value” for police, as well as mandating a “duty to intervene” when an officer is committing excessive violence.

## PEGGY FLANAGAN

Peggy Flanagan

Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan, who is a member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe and has championed the cause of racial inequities for years, sought to ensure that the larger context of the moment would not be lost.

“The grief in this moment is unbearable,” Flanagan said. “But in this moment of pandemic, it’s more than that because the truth is that the same underlying issues of systematic racism that led to the death of George Floyd are the same underlying issues that have led to communities of color, especially our black community, to be affected more by COVID-19 than the rest.”

## TOEING THE LINE

All four officials sought to emphasize they would not prejudge the outcome of the various investigations and, despite their clear sentiments of finding the situation unacceptable, they trod lightly on statements that could be construed as overtly criticizing the officers involved. They neither criticized nor endorsed Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey’s call for Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman to charge the officer who knelt on Floyd’s neck.

As they spoke, groups of demonstrators gathered outside a Minneapolis police station near where Floyd died, prompting Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo, who is black, to issue a statement: “Today a group of individuals have convened at the 3rd Precinct who have participated in assaultive behavior and destruction of property. Their actions are placing people at great risk of being seriously injured. ... Criminal behavior will not be tolerated.”

A damaged police vehicle is removed from the Minneapolis Police Department’s 3rd Precinct headquarters in Minneapolis Wednesday morning, May 27, 2020. Police and protesters clashed at the precinct Tuesday night during a protest over the death of George Floyd on Monday evening. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

No such missives came from the Emergency Operations Center in St. Paul, where Walz, Ellison and Harrington convened, and Flanagan joined via video call. Tuesday evening, violence erupted outside the precinct headquarters as factions of demonstrators vandalized the station and police vehicles, and police fired non-lethal projectiles and chemical irritants into crowds.

But the four officials generally praised the demonstrators, most of whom appeared to be wearing masks and attempting to social distance, and only spoke of the violence when a reporter repeatedly questioned Walz about it.

“We’re not condoning that,” Walz said.

“I would urge law enforcement to exercise restraint,” Ellison said, adding later: “I would urge protesters to remember that they’re there to lift up what happened to Mr. Floyd. ... Letting your emotions override you in a way that will lead the conversation to shift to crowd behavior is not the way to do this.”

## [National Guard support requested by city to combat riots in south Minneapolis \(KSTP\)](#)

By KSTP Staff

Protests continued into Wednesday night in south Minneapolis, where Chopper 5 captured video of apparent looting at a nearby Target and other area businesses. Fires have sprung up around the area as well.

Gov. Tim Walz tweeted late Wednesday night, calling the situation near Lake Street and Hiawatha Avenue an “extremely dangerous situation.”

The protests are happening in response to the death of George Floyd, who was killed Monday night after an incident that involved Minneapolis Police officers. All four officers involved in the arrest were fired on Tuesday.

Protesters were seen on Chopper 5 footage throwing bottles and rocks at law enforcement, while officers responded with rubber bullets, flash bombs and tear gas to push them back.

Some looters at the East Lake Street Target location were seen walking out with televisions, rugs and other items from the store. Other looters were seen at a tobacco store, a Dollar Tree and a liquor store. Additionally, Cub Foods and an AutoZone is being looted as well.

The AutoZone was set on fire as of 9:30 p.m. It could be seen burning on Chopper 5 video.

A source has confirmed to KSTP that the city requested support from the National Guard late Wednesday night to combat the ongoing riots.

A Target spokesperson made the following statement: "We are heartbroken by the death of George Floyd and the pain it is causing our community. We decided to close our Lake Street store earlier today and worked to ensure all of our team members were accounted for and safe. Our focus will remain on our team members' safety and helping our community heal. Until further notice, our store will remain closed."

KSTP has a crew on scene to gather more information. The Minneapolis Police Department said they are aware of what is happening in the area and are working on the matter. They advise all to stay out of the area for the time being.

Minnesota Sen. Tina Smith shared her thoughts on the night's protests.

Metro Transit has announced that Routes 5 and 23 are being detoured around the area.

Walz also posted a series of tweets earlier Wednesday night calling on people to be peaceful if they choose to protest.

Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey tweeted a statement urging others to keep the peace.

Minneapolis Senators Jeff Hayden and Patricia Torres Ray also made a joint statement on Thursday saying:

"We, along with our constituents, are deeply heartbroken and outraged by the injustice that occurred in the officer-involved death of George Floyd. As our community continues to grieve and grapple with this incredibly unjustifiable loss of life, we believe in their right to peacefully protest. We have grown increasingly concerned, for the safety of the City of Minneapolis and its residents, as the demonstration has escalated. More than ever, our community must come together during this hard time and in this work to fiercely advocate for the justice that is needed. We are eager to effectively partner with community organizers, leaders, activists, and advocates to prevent the loss of another life due to excessive use of force."

#### [Gov. Tim Walz sticks to dining restrictions for Minnesota restaurants \(Star Tribune - MDH\)](#)

By Glenn Howatt

A return to dining inside a restaurant could be the next step in lifting COVID-19 restrictions, but Gov. Tim Walz reiterated Wednesday that come Monday, only outdoor food service will be allowed.

It was Walz's first public comment on the next phase of the "Stay Safe" plan since he reached an agreement last Saturday to broaden access to houses of worship beyond the limit of 10 people that he had originally set.

"We have been very cognizant of the pain that is causing economically," Walz said of the restrictions on bars and eateries. "I think it is falling heavily on restaurants and the hospitality industry."

Walz said he was in discussions with industry officials Wednesday morning, but for now the state is still trying to determine the impact that other recent decisions, including opening up more retail, are having on the spread of the new coronavirus.

“One of the things in turning that dial is there is a lag time” before new cases appear, Walz said.

But he added that restaurants, whose trade group said the outdoor dining limitation was “surprising and disappointing,” could see more restrictions lifted in the next phase of the state’s plan.

Minnesota Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm said the state’s data indicators painted a “mixed picture” of COVID-19’s impact on health care resources.

On Wednesday, another 33 deaths were reported, matching a previous record set five days ago, bringing the total number of deaths in the state caused by the pandemic to 932.

Among the newly reported deaths, 27 were among residents of long-term care facilities. So far, 81% of the 932 fatalities have been nursing home or assisted living residents.

Still, one of the deaths announced Wednesday was of a Nobles County resident in their 30s who had no known underlying health conditions, Malcolm noted.

Most deaths and hospitalizations are among those with underlying health conditions, including heart disease, kidney disease, diabetes, obesity and lung conditions.

There are 598 patients hospitalized from COVID-19 complications, an increase of 28 from Tuesday. Of those, 260 needed intensive care, up two from the previous day.

“The rate of hospital admissions ... is something we are watching really closely,” Malcolm said.

While some people do need high-level medical care, about 80% of all cases result in mild infections and people recover on their own. So far, 16,314 people no longer need to be isolated because their symptoms have abated.

After about 6,600 patient samples were tested for the virus Tuesday, an additional 510 cases were discovered, bringing the state’s total to 22,464.

Health officials said Wednesday that there have been 175 people who were infectious while at a child care center or at a school, an increase from 72 cases on May 18.

“As testing increases, we are seeing more cases in schools and child care centers,” said department spokeswoman Julie Bartkey. “Many of these facilities have been serving the children of essential workers since the beginning of the stay-at-home order.”

About 80% of the cases have been among adults, she noted. All those infected, as well as their contacts, have been encouraged to isolate at home.

Six facilities had five or more cases, Bartkey noted, although the number of facilities that had at least one case was not available. Names of the facilities were not released.

In addition to long-term care facilities, there have been cases in other places where people are confined together, including 382 cases in residential behavioral health facilities, 160 cases in jails and 66 cases in homeless shelters.

Although many states have been relaxing their stay-at-home restrictions, a study published in the medical journal JAMA on Wednesday said that the restrictions did have an effect on reducing the need for hospital care in four states, including Minnesota.

Colorado, Ohio and Virginia were the only other states that had stay-at-home policies and data on hospitalizations that allowed the researchers to examine the before-and-after effects.

“Stay-at-home orders probably [have] reduced hospitalization numbers by 50 to 60 percent,” said Soumya Sen, associate professor in the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota.



“Given the fact that we see this happening in all four states ... strongly suggests that the stay-at-home orders played an important role in slowing down hospitalizations in these states,” said Sen, the study’s lead author.

The research, part of the University’s COVID-19 Hospitalization Tracking Project, will continue to look at the impact on rising hospital admissions as more states relax restrictions.

“We are seeing that already in hospitalization numbers, and the hope is that the hospitals would have enough capacity to provide better care to those who become ill than they were before.”

#### [Latest on COVID-19 in MN: Despite ICU surge, Walz says peak 'still a ways off' \(MPR - MDH\)](#)

By MPR News Staff

Health officials expected an acceleration in the need for intensive care beds like the one that’s happening this week.

But the fact that some hospitals have already moved into their surge capacity at this point in the curve of the disease is a concern, Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm said.

Health officials still expect the spread of the disease to peak in Minnesota later in June or into July.

“The peak is still a ways off — but there is a degree of uncertainty that comes in that prediction,” Gov. Tim Walz said. “And how we’re acting ... that will have an impact on it.”

Malcolm said state health leaders are paying close attention to the daily intensive care counts. Wednesday marked the highest daily total of ICU beds in use since the beginning of the pandemic.

Officials have said Minnesota’s two-month stay-at-home order helped buy time for the state to secure supplies and prepare for the expected surge in hospitalizations and ICU cases.

Malcolm said recently those intensive care beds are filling up in the Twin Cities metro area. Officials said Tuesday that 87 percent of ICU beds in the metro area are now in use, much of that from COVID-19 cases, while other regions in the state still had available capacity.

A graph showing the number of COVID-19 positive cases to date.

Malcolm and other leaders continued to implore Minnesotans to stay vigilant and take the disease seriously. Counts of cases and deaths continue to climb even as Minnesota loosens more restrictions, potentially opening the door to greater community spread.

The state recently OK’d larger religious gatherings and agreed to let financially strapped restaurants and bars reopen for outside service, with capacity capped at 50 guests.

As more parts of the economy restart and people start to gather again in public places, there’s a worry that people let down their guard believing COVID-19 “only a problem for certain populations and not for me.’ ... That’s just not the case,” Malcolm said.

While people living in long-term care continue to account for most of the deaths, Malcolm noted that 42 is the median age of those who’ve tested positive for the disease.

Community spread is continuing and cases are not as isolated as people believe, she added, noting that officials won’t know for two to three weeks the effects of the most recent moves to loosen curbs on businesses, religious ceremonies and other gatherings.

Less than two days after George Floyd died while in police custody, Wednesday’s daily coronavirus briefing turned its attention on Floyd’s death. Attorney General Keith Ellison, Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan and Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington joined Walz and Malcolm as they discussed the latest COVID-19 information.

Malcolm joined Flanagan, Walz and others in connecting the public health risks of both.

“It is something to note that we’re here talking about the daily COVID briefing, but in the context of a much larger picture of health in our community — and what creates health and what threatens health,” she said.

She went on: “The conditions in our community that put some people at greater harm, at greater risk than others, is the challenge that we all face together.”

Those disparities, she added, show up in COVID-19 data nationwide: Who’s exposed to the disease, who’s being tested for it and who’s being hospitalized.

Meatpacking hot spots remain

Many of the recent outbreaks outside the Twin Cities metro area are focused around meatpacking plants. Officials have intensified testing in those hot spots, uncovering more infections.

In southwestern Minnesota’s Nobles County, where an outbreak hit Worthington’s massive JBS pork plant, about 1 in 15 people have tested positive for COVID-19. In mid-April, there were just a handful of cases. By Wednesday, there were 1,488 confirmed cases, although the numbers are rising at a much slower rate than in previous weeks.

The JBS plant shut on April 20 but has since partially reopened with expanded hygiene and health monitoring measures.

Similar problems have been reported in Stearns County, where COVID-19 cases tied to two packing plants — Pilgrim’s Pride poultry plant in Cold Spring and Jennie-O Turkey in Melrose — have skyrocketed. An undisclosed number of workers at both plants have tested positive for the virus.

There were about 55 confirmed cases in Stearns County two weeks ago. By Wednesday, confirmed cases were at 1,984 with 12 deaths.

Kandiyohi County in west-central Minnesota is also seeing cases continue to climb more than a month after officials with the Jennie-O turkey processing plant there said some employees had tested positive for the coronavirus. The county had confirmed three COVID-19 cases then.

On Wednesday, the Health Department reported 475 people have now tested positive.

While the counts in those counties are high relative to their population, officials say the growth in new cases in those areas appears to be stabilizing.

In other counties, however, case counts are climbing rapidly. Todd County, in central Minnesota, has seen the number of confirmed cases leap from just a few at the start of the month to nearly 300 as of Wednesday.

#### [CVS to roll out 10 drive-through testing sites in Minnesota on Friday \(Star Tribune - MDH\)](#)

By Kavita Kumar

CVS is rolling out 10 drive-through COVID-19 testing locations in Minnesota on Friday.

The effort is part of the chain’s goal to get 1,000 such testing sites up and running at its drugstores nationwide by the end of this month.

The push for retail drive-through testing sites was championed by President Donald Trump and unveiled as a public-private partnership in March. The effort was initially slow to ramp up as retailers faced challenges such as coordinating with state and federal entities as well as getting access to enough testing supplies and personal protective equipment.

But the initiative is now accelerating with CVS being the most aggressive with its rollout.

Walmart has opened about 100 drive-through testing sites, including one in St. Cloud. Walgreens also has opened some, but none yet in Minnesota.

Minneapolis-based Target has said it remains committed to allowing testing sites to be set up in its parking lots, but has only one in California to date. It faces an additional challenge in setting up these sites because it does not operate its own pharmacies after selling them to CVS several years ago.

Joseph Goode, a CVS spokesman, said the chain has looked at factors such as areas that need more testing or have COVID-19 outbreaks in picking locations for the sites. It also has looked at geographic diversity and finding stores with enough space in the parking lot to operate the testing sites without disrupting store operations.

Patients have to register in advance at CVS.com to schedule an appointment and must meet criteria for testing as laid out by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

At the testing sites, they must remain in their cars and will be directed to the pharmacy drive-through where they will be provided a self-swab test kit and given instructions on how to use it. A CVS pharmacy worker will observe to see that it is done properly.

Test results will be available in about three days after being sent to an independent, third-party lab.

CVS' drive-through testing sites will be mostly in the Twin Cities — in Blaine, Bloomington, Coon Rapids, Eagan, Edina, Hastings, Maple Grove, Maplewood, Plymouth and St. Cloud.

With the additional 10 sites opening in Minnesota this week, CVS will have testing sites operating in more than 30 states.

CVS hopes to be able to administer up to 1.5 million tests a month, subject to having enough supplies and lab capacity.

"CVS Health has been at the forefront of helping our nation scale up COVID-19 testing capabilities, and we're proud to meet our goal of establishing 1,000 testing sites in communities across the country," Larry Merlo, CEO of CVS Health, said in a statement. "Opening access to testing in more locations using our drive-through window represents an important milestone in our response to the pandemic."

Over the Memorial Day weekend, the National Guard and the Minnesota Department of Health operated six testing locations across the state. Minnesotans can find other testing locations on the state's COVID-19 response website.

#### [Gov. Tim Walz on pro sports in Minnesota: "I think there's a potential there" \(Pioneer Press\)](#)

By Betsy Helfand

Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey cleared the way for professional sports to return in his state on May 12. A day later, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis did the same.

In the weeks following, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo followed suit, and California Gov. Gavin Newsom said he would be on board if current trends held.

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz perhaps didn't go quite as far as some of his counterparts on Wednesday, but he did offer up the possibility that professional sports could resume this summer in Minnesota, without spectators, amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

"We're working with them to get going, so I think there's a potential there that we can do that," Walz said at his Wednesday press conference.

When professional sports do come back, they will look much different than what fans are accustomed to. The NBA's reported return-to-play plan involves a "bubble," with all teams involved would head to Orlando, Fla. — likely without the Timberwolves. Members of the United have started voluntary individual training at the National Sports Center in Blaine, but the league's return-to-play plan also involves teams starting in Orlando.

Two other leagues would potentially be eyeing summer competition in Minnesota.

MLB's preferred plan would have teams playing regional schedules from home, with the Twins playing against only American League Central and National League Central teams. The NHL is looking at a 24-team playoff in two "hub" cities, possibly St. Paul, which is among 10 confirmed candidates.

"It's the biggest and best hockey market in the country," Wild general manager Bill Guerin said Tuesday. "There are rinks all over the place. We've got a great arena and a great practice rink. There are hotels. It just matches up, I'm obviously biased, but I think it'd be a perfect fit."

Whether it's even possible rests with Walz, who brought up the NHL's 24-team postseason during his press conference and added, "We certainly want to be a part of that."

Where the Twins play — should MLB and the MLB Players Association strike a deal on contracts and player safety protocols — also rests with Walz, who discussed the league's proposal with MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred and Twins owner Jim Pohlad this month.

"I will have to be candid in that we were talking about the health side of things, what the broadcast would look like, what the cleaning crew would look like on that," Walz said. "But I remember thinking at the time, 'I think one of the hold-ups here is probably going to be labor relations for this. It seemed like there were more complexities.'"

While players and ownership continue negotiations, the Twins are waiting to hear from Walz about whether they would be able to begin a second round of spring training at Target Field. Baseball hopes to be playing games in early July.

Twins president Dave St. Peter said Wednesday the team has had constructive conversations with the governor and his staff and that Walz's office has a draft of MLB's proposed health and safety protocols. He said the state is reviewing MLB's plan.

"We hope to hear more later this week into next week on kind of where we stand, both in terms of the potential for spring training to happen here in Minnesota but also, of course, the regular season games being played here in Minnesota," St. Peter said.

While the Twins could opt to use their spring training complex in Fort Myers, Fla., St. Peter said their priority is to play games in Minnesota and they would "most likely like to have spring training in Minnesota, and the governor's office knows that."

More than just players and coaches would be required for any of that, from security to grounds crew staff, and possibly media. But in a stadium as large as Target Field, many of those people would not need to closely interact. St. Peter said it would be "highly restrictive" as to who would be allowed into the facility, which would help promote social distancing.

"We understand the process that the governor's office will go through to make a determination on what they think is in the best interest of the state of Minnesota so we get that process and respect it," he said.

As his office weighs the leagues' health and safety plans, Walz gave Minnesotans reasons for optimism about pro sports making a summer return.

"These are important parts of who Minnesota is, and I think just like all these businesses, if there's a plan to do it, I certainly think if you're looking in the short term, it's not going to be with spectators but just like today, I listen to folks out there," Walz said. "...I think there's a potential that that's how we're trying to move."

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### [Minneapolis police station torched amid George Floyd protest \(MPR\)](#)

By MPR News and AP Staff

Chaos gripped the Twin Cities for a third straight night as peaceful protests gave way to spasms of looting and fire-setting. Gov. Tim Walz called up the National Guard amid the unrest sparked by the death of George Floyd, a black man who died in Minneapolis police custody.

Thursday night into early Friday, several fires raged in south Minneapolis and in St. Paul's Midway area where University Avenue businesses had been sacked earlier in the day.

Just after 10 p.m., protesters overran the Minneapolis 3rd Precinct station — one of the epicenters of conflict the night before — after officers withdrew.

Alondra Cano, a Minneapolis City Council member, told MPR News that she and others had requested that officers be removed from the precinct offices as a deescalation tactic.

"The thing we're trying to avoid is more loss of life," she said. "I would much rather have an empty precinct with officers safe at home with their families and protesters damaging a building," she added. "We don't want any more dead people."

Cano said she expected it would be hard to control the crowd given the "heightened level of anger and frustration and hurt" around Floyd's death while in Minneapolis police custody.

Later, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey said he made the decision to evacuate the 3rd Precinct station.

"Brick and mortar is not as important as life," he said, adding that patrols and policing will continue in the precinct's borders.

He defended the city's lack of engagement with looters — only a handful of arrests across the first two nights of violence — and said, "We are doing absolutely everything that we can to keep the peace." He said Guard members were being stationed in locations to help stem looting, including banks, grocery stores and pharmacies.

Around midnight, President Trump jumped in with tweets condemning violent protesters and saying that he had spoken to Walz. Trump indicated it would be acceptable to shoot looters.

That prompted Twitter to add a warning to his tweet, saying it violated the platform's rules about "glorifying violence."

Twitter did not remove the tweet, saying it had determined it might be in the public interest to have it remain accessible. It does that only for tweets by elected and government officials. A user looking at Trump's timeline would have to click to see the original tweet.

Walz is expected to hold a 10 a.m. news conference Friday with Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington.

CNN crew arrested live on air

Early Friday, the State Patrol arrested a CNN crew live on the air as they reported on the protests in Minneapolis.

CNN said that the crew, which included reporter Omar Jimenez, was later released.

While live on air, Jimenez was handcuffed and led away. A producer and a photojournalist for CNN were also led away in handcuffs.

CNN's communications team said on Twitter that the crew was arrested "for doing their jobs, despite identifying themselves — a clear violation of their First Amendment rights."

The State Patrol said on Twitter that the journalists were among four people arrested as troopers were "clearing the streets and restoring order." The patrol said they "were released once they were confirmed to be members of the media."

CNN said that Walz apologized for the arrests, calling it "totally unacceptable."

'Is this criminal?'

Crowds took to the streets again Thursday night, demanding the four officers involved in the deadly incident be arrested and prosecuted. In downtown Minneapolis, thousands of peaceful demonstrators marched through the streets calling for justice.

Earlier in the day, Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman asked for patience as authorities gather evidence.

"I will not rush justice because justice cannot be rushed," Freeman said. There was no doubt the officer's actions were "excessive and wrong," he said, but "the question in my business is — is this criminal?"

In addition to local investigations of Floyd's death, FBI officials have vowed to move quickly on their civil rights probe and asked for anyone who was near the scene of Floyd's arrest to come forward.

By midnight Thursday, as the mayhem shook Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota House Majority Leader Ryan Winkler, DFL-Golden Valley, called on Freeman to file charges, adding "the officers must be arrested as soon as possible."

The case, said Winkler, “must be won, and legal standards met in order to get a conviction, but we need to have a clear statement that a murder trial is coming. Now.”

Earlier Thursday, Gov. Tim Walz deployed the National Guard to supply personnel and equipment needed to “support emergency operations and response,” despite some lawmakers’ worry that military presence could further inflame the situation.

The Guard said a “key objective” was to make sure fire departments could respond to calls, and said in a follow-up tweet it was “here with the Minneapolis Fire Department” to assist. But no move was made to put out the 3rd Precinct fire. Assistant Fire Chief Bryan Tyner said fire crews could not safely respond to fires at the precinct station and some surrounding buildings.

Protesters’ anger over Floyd’s death was understandable, said Andrea Jenkins, vice president of the Minneapolis City Council, given the long history of racism in Minnesota and the country and the need to push back against it.

“We feel there was a knee on all of our collective necks ... a knee that says black life does not matter,” said Jenkins, who is black.

However, Jenkins, Frey and Police Chief Medaria Arradondo said violence would not be tolerated, even though they understood the anger.

“You have no right to perpetrate violence and harm on the very communities that you say you are standing up for,” said Jenkins. “We need peace and calm in our streets, and I am begging you for that calm.”

Citing safety concerns, Metro Transit Thursday evening said it would suspend its bus and light rail service through this weekend. Its Blue Line airport shuttle between Terminals 1 and 2 and the Fort Snelling station will continue to operate.

Protest spill into St. Paul; several Target stores closed ‘until further notice’  
St. Paul police were also dealing with confrontations Thursday, largely in the city’s Midway neighborhood, including looting at the neighborhood Target store.

Just before 2 p.m., MPR News producer Megan Burks reported looters had moved to a liquor store on the south side of University Avenue and that there were hot spots of trouble throughout the Midway neighborhood.

In the wake of looting continuing in the Twin Cities, Target announced temporary closures of nearly 30 stores in the metro area “until further notice.”

Rosedale Center in Roseville also said it would not be open on Friday and that entrances had been secured so no one could enter.

On the Capitol grounds in St. Paul, buildings and offices of lawmakers, state court staff and judges were evacuated out of precaution. Staff were urged to leave quickly and work from home for the time being.

As midnight approached on Thursday, St. Paul police said more than 170 businesses had been damaged or looted, with dozens of fires reported but no serious injuries.

The initial emergency dispatch call on Monday that led to Floyd’s death in police custody had little urgency — a caller from the Cup Foods store in Minneapolis reporting someone using “fake bills.”

According to a transcript released by police, the caller tells a dispatcher they asked the man to return the cigarettes he bought but that the man is “drunk and not in control of himself” and refuses to give back the cigarettes.

The dispatcher asks three times to confirm the race of the suspect. The caller says he’s sitting on a blue van, and provides a license number.



Floyd, 46, died in the ensuing interaction. Video shot by a bystander showed an officer pressing his knee into Floyd's neck for several minutes as he pleaded with the officer that he couldn't breathe.

'That's just not taught' Police, experts condemn knee restraint used on George Floyd  
The Twin Cities have already been through several high-profile police killings of black men — Terrance Franklin, Jamar Clark, Philando Castile. And there was the killing of Justine Ruszczyk, a white woman, by a Minneapolis officer.

In Minneapolis, allegations of racism by police and tensions between the department and the African American community have persisted for decades. And this week, long-simmering frustration over how people of color are treated by the legal system boiled over, Nekima Levy Armstrong, a civil rights lawyer and activist.

"For black Americans, it's very easy to look at the video and to know that something horrible and egregious and unlawful happened. It is not rocket science," she said.

"White people who are conscious can look at that video and they can see the same things that we saw, which is a man murdered in broad daylight in front of our eyes, on video, and the officers — all four of them — their callous disregard for a black life and human life."

#### [Gov. Tim Walz Apologizes After CNN Reporter Omar Jimenez Is Arrested On Air \(WCCO\)](#)

By WCCO Staff  
MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz apologized Friday morning after a CNN reporter was arrested in Minneapolis while reporting on the unrest in the city live on air.

Omar Jimenez was led away in handcuffs shortly after 6 a.m. by the Minnesota State Patrol. Also arrested were producer Bill Kirkos and photojournalist Leonel Mendez.

The crew was near the 3rd Precinct when state troopers and members of the National Guard began clearing the streets at daybreak.

CNN said that Walz spoke with the network's president, Jeff Zucker, and apologized, taking full responsibility.

Speaking on CNN after being released shortly before 7 a.m., Jimenez said the officers treated him cordially. However, he said that what really comforted him was that the arrest was happening live on TV.

"The country was seeing what was happening...right before their eyes," he said. "You don't have to doubt my story, it's not filtered in any sort of way."

CNN noted that Jimenez, who is black, was arrested while another network reporter just blocks away, who is white, was not.

#### [Protests could trigger virus surge in Minnesota as deaths hit new high \(Star Tribune – MDH\)](#)

By Jeremy Olson  
Health officials warned Thursday that mass protests over police brutality could exacerbate the spread of COVID-19 in Minnesota and trigger a surge in an outbreak that has had a disproportionate impact on minorities.

State Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm said it is understandable that people are protesting and speaking out following the death of a black man forcibly restrained by a white police officer, but that doesn't lessen the exposure risks from the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 at a pivotal time in the pandemic.

The state reported a single-day record of 35 deaths on Thursday from COVID-19, raising the death toll to 967.



"People are moved to want to speak and to want to gather in solidarity and in protest, and we certainly honor and respect that right," Malcolm said. "As we know, large gatherings do pose a risk in any epidemic, but certainly where we stand today with the state of COVID-19 spread in our community. Knowing that we have community spread, we just want to again encourage folks who gather to be mindful of the risk."

The 493 lab-confirmed cases that were reported Thursday represented a fifth straight decline in daily counts of new cases, Malcolm said, raising hope that the COVID-19 pandemic that has plateaued in other states is leveling off here as well. On the other hand, the state reported 606 people were hospitalized for COVID-19, including 242 needing intensive care, and officials remain concerned that the pandemic could exhaust the state's bed capacity.

Minnesota is among 20 states — including Wisconsin and North Dakota — now listed on the COVID Exit Strategy website as "trending poorly" due to rising case counts and hospital utilization.

Malcolm said Minnesotans slowed the rate of COVID-19 growth through their adherence to social distancing recommendations — such as staying 6 feet from others in public — and a 51-day stay-at-home order that ended May 18. That delayed the peak of the pandemic, which Minnesota has yet to reach despite the recent plateau in diagnosed cases, Malcolm said.

"We believe we are still climbing the curve," she said.

#### Scattershot concern

COVID-19 is caused by a novel coronavirus that has produced confirmed cases in all but remote Lake of the Woods and Cook counties in northern Minnesota.

Minnesota had been gradually scaling back restrictions — with churches being able to offer services for up to 250 people or 25% of their capacities, and restaurants and bars being allowed to resume outdoor dining service beginning Monday.

Protests this week showed scattershot concern for such restrictions, or for social distancing recommendations to wear masks and stay 6 feet apart so as not to spread germs.

At the first protest Tuesday, at E. 38th Street and Chicago Avenue in Minneapolis, people spread out in groups per social distancing recommendations, with many clapping or raising their fists instead of talking. Later that same evening, though, some angry protesters pulled down their masks, shouted, and ran in packs after police SUVs.

Looters shattered glass and stole goods from a Minneapolis Target overnight Wednesday, though some kept their masks on.

The pandemic has been harshest on long-term care residents, who make up 787 of the state's COVID-19 deaths, and on people with underlying health conditions such as diabetes, asthma, and diseases of the heart, lungs, kidneys or immune system. But available racial data suggest it has been hard on Minnesota's black community, too.

Black people have contracted at least 29% of the known COVID-19 cases with listed racial information in Minnesota, despite making up a little more than 6% of the state's population. (The state does not have racial data on more than 5,000 cases, though.) An initial state health analysis of the first 1,104 hospitalized cases of COVID-19 in Minnesota also showed that nearly 25% with known race data were black.

Chronic disease rates are higher in black Minnesotans, which compounds their COVID-19 risks, and Dr. Penny Wheeler of Allina Health said such racial inequities need to be confronted.

"Communities of color are facing multiple devastations with disproportionate financial and health impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic, in addition to the ongoing trauma of deeply entrenched racial bias," said Wheeler, Allina's chief executive.

#### Record testing day

The state reported 8,676 COVID-19 diagnostic tests were completed by public and private labs on Wednesday — also a single-day record.

Results continue to show the increasing risk of COVID-19 by age. Among the 1,171 cases involving people in their 80s, 331 were fatal.

Only six deaths have been reported by comparison among 4,580 confirmed cases among Minnesotans in their 30s. Malcolm cautioned that deaths of two people in their 30s and 40s were reported Thursday and did not seem to involve any underlying health conditions.

The death figures bring Minnesota closer to Gov. Tim Walz's prediction of 1,000 deaths by the end of May, but below estimates of 1,400 to 1,700 deaths that came from data modeling by researchers at the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Health.

Those estimates were based on conditions in Minnesota as of late April, when the rate of change in COVID-19 deaths was steeper. Health officials stressed that the modeling is not designed to precisely estimate the impact of the pandemic, but rather to evaluate what social policies and restrictions might be most effective.

The COVID-19 case count in Minnesota now includes 2,549 health care workers — a number that is influenced in part by heightened monitoring and testing in this population.

The state last week reported that 140 of those workers were likely infected due to medium- or high-risk exposures on their jobs — either when they weren't wearing masks or other protections around patients or residents who had COVID-19, or their protective gear broke or was contaminated.

Of that group, 16 required hospital care and one died. Six in 10 of those cases involved workers in long-term care or assisted-living facilities. Roughly 2 in 10 involved workers at medical clinics or hospitals or other acute care facilities.

[More than 170 St. Paul businesses looted or damaged, dozens of fires set, police say \(Pioneer Press\)](#)

By Dave Orrick and Nick Ferraro

What appeared to start as impromptu demonstrations for George Floyd, the man who died in Minneapolis police custody, turned into a day of scattered arson, looting and significant destruction of retail shops in St. Paul's Midway and elsewhere in the capital city on Thursday.

The unrest continued into the evening — more than 170 businesses were damaged or looted, and dozens of fires were set, according to police. There were no reports of serious injuries in St. Paul.

Just after 1 a.m. Friday, a fire broke out at Lloyd's Pharmacy, which dates back to 1918, at Snelling and Minnehaha avenues. A large crowd gathered, many visibly upset the neighborhood business was targeted. By 1:30 a.m., the two-story building was fully engulfed, with several fire crews fighting to contain the flames.

Gov. Tim Walz announced he was calling up the National Guard Thursday afternoon after receiving requests from St. Paul and Minneapolis.

St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter and Police Chief Todd Axtell said groups of young people were traveling around the city in groups of up to 20 vehicles — many without license plates in an attempt to go undetected — and breaking into businesses and looting.

Carter said Thursday the “anguish, the anger, the anguish, the sadness, the rage that we’re seeing in the community, it’s understandable. And I think it’s shared by a whole lot of people throughout humanity right now who have looked at that video (of Floyd) and just said, ‘That doesn’t feel like the kind of community, the kind of state, the kind of city, the kind of country, the kind of world that I want to live in.’”

But Carter said his plea was that people channel their energy toward honoring Floyd and preventing something similar from happening again.

Floyd, 46, died Monday after a Minneapolis officer knelt on his neck when Floyd was handcuffed on the ground. Protests erupted in Minneapolis, and people began looting and setting fires on Wednesday night.

On Thursday, people's anger also overflowed into St. Paul and other places braced for the potential for unrest.

Rosedale Center and Maplewood Mall shut down as a precaution on Thursday, and the Roseville mall will remain closed Friday. Roseville police said several businesses had been impacted by attempted theft and burglaries. And Target announced that 24 of its stores in the Twin Cities are closed until further notice.

The Mall of America was set to officially reopen Monday, after it has been closed because of the coronavirus pandemic, but tenants were told Thursday that the date will be pushed out and will be announced when it's finalized.

On St. Paul's Grand Avenue, where a liquor store had its windows broken out, people boarded up windows on restaurants near Lexington Parkway, also as a precaution. A pawn shop in the Payne-Phalen neighborhood had a window smashed.

Metro Transit suspended bus and rail service in the Twin Cities through the weekend.

All state agencies that operate out of the Capitol complex in St. Paul are closed Friday, state employees have been told.

#### DISRUPTIONS IN MIDWAY

As the day wore on, all sense of law and order had completely broken down on the commercial stretch of University Avenue east of Snelling Avenue in the Midway neighborhood.

It appears to have started around 11:30 a.m., when St. Paul police were initially called to the Target on University Avenue. They found 50 to 60 people running into the store, grabbing merchandise and running out, said Steve Linders, a police spokesman.

When police arrived, people dropped merchandise and ran away, Linders said, a pattern that would repeat itself countless times throughout the afternoon.

Soon after, some people in the Target parking lot chanted, "No justice, no peace," and a few held signs. While numerous people said they were there for justice for Floyd, there was no evidence of organized demonstrators. People said they heard on social media and traditional media about people gathering and those present were mostly teens and young adults.

"Can you please put in the paper that people like us are here being peaceful?" pleaded Rhianna Lindsey, who stayed in her vehicle with her son, Jayden, uncomfortable with the situation. "There's no reason for more violence."

An officer estimated there were at least 200 people in the University Avenue Target parking lot shortly after 2 p.m., and they described the crowd as increasingly hostile. After police gave orders for people to leave, police used a chemical irritant to disperse the group.

The activity worsened as the day went on, with groups of officers in riot gear responding as people were seen breaking store windows, going inside and taking things, and setting fires. Young drivers sped around parking lots, often with a passenger seated on the passenger door, hanging out the open window, his or her cell phone apparently recording or streaming the scene.

A pattern developed: A store with no police nearby would be looted, starting with teenage or young adult males smashing windows and culminating with a rush of people running in and running out, arms full of merchandise. In one instance, a man repeatedly backed his car into a garage door of Discount Tire, eventually breaking it.

Then the police would come, often dispersing the crowd with gas or projectiles. As they secured the location, looters would hit a different stretch of stores. Once the police left an area, looters would return.

Once inside, some would set fires. There were fires at NAPA Auto Parts, T.J. Maxx, The UPS Store, Furniture Barn and other Midway businesses. The NAPA building collapsed Thursday night.

A “significant number of businesses were damaged and also looted,” Linders said. The Midway area was hardest hit, but the Sun Ray Shopping Center and Target on Suburban Avenue were also affected, according to police.

In areas where police congregated, a different type of crowd congregated — those with an anti-police message. Some merely hurled insults. But others threw bottles, bricks and flashlight batteries at officers and squad cars. Some cursed at police and said, “You killed him,” presumably referring to Floyd.

Officers released tear gas, less-lethal munitions and mace, Axtell said, “because, again, we have to send a strong message — if you decide that you’re going to take that brick and launch it at an officer, you’re not going to do that without some type of consequence.”

In one instance witnessed by a Pioneer Press reporter, store operators — who had been guarding a tobacco shop earlier — returned as it was being looted. One of the men fired a shotgun in the air, dispersing the looters. No one was hit.

At New Asia Express on Lexington Parkway, near University Avenue, current and former employees stood guard outside the long-time restaurant on Thursday night.

Jake Nitzschke, 27, went to the restaurant after hearing about the nearby UnBank being looted and came to help his former employer.

“I’m holding down the fort,” he said.

#### FOCUSED ON ‘PREVENTING LOSS OF LIFE’

City Council President Amy Brendmoen said people are “focused first on preventing loss of life and secondarily preventing loss of property to fire,” according to a Thursday night Facebook post. “They have been trying to make space to allow and accommodate peaceful protests. The hope is to keep crowds calm and not contribute to the escalating tension in the city.”

Earlier in the day, Axtell spoke with Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan and Walz and requested support from the National Guard. Mutual aid from neighboring cities and up to 75 Minnesota State Patrol troopers were also on the way, Axtell said Thursday.

The National Guard announced Thursday night that more than 500 soldiers have been activated to St. Paul, Minneapolis and surrounding communities.

“Our mission is to protect life, preserve property and the right to peacefully demonstrate,” the National Guard said in a tweet. “A key objective is to ensure fire departments are able to respond to calls.”

The Hamline Midway Coalition and Union Park District Council are planning community clean-ups along University Avenue on Friday.

St. Paul Chamber of Commerce President B Kyle said Thursday that the organization’s “first consideration is the tragic loss and collective grief experienced as a result of the killing of George Floyd. In this context we want safety for all in our community.”

Kyle noted that Minnesota has one of the largest economic disparity gaps in the country.

“This reality, in combination with blatant disregard for life has caused much distress and the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce maintains our commitment to building a prosperous East Metro region that works for all of us,” she said in a statement.

## [Top DFL lawmakers push for police reforms in special session \(Star Tribune – Hortman, Gazelka, Daudt\)](#)

By Torey Van Oot

Top DFL legislators are calling for sweeping police reforms in the wake of George Floyd's death in Minneapolis, urging leaders to pass changes as part of a broader funding deal during a special session of the Minnesota Legislature in June.

Sen. Jeff Hayden, DFL-Minneapolis, said Thursday that the Legislature has a "critical role to play" in adopting systemic changes to address racism and other issues with law enforcement. The assistant Senate minority leader said Democrats should demand action as part of negotiations over a public construction borrowing bill that remains unresolved since the Legislature adjourned May 18.

"We want that reform to be on the table or we are not going to have business as usual and start passing bonding bills and start passing all the other things that we need," said Hayden, whose district includes the site of Floyd's fatal encounter with police. "We think this is critical. We believe we have to do it now and we are tired of being in the back of the line."

The Legislature is set to return for a special session as soon as June 12, when Gov. Tim Walz is expected to extend his emergency powers to respond to the coronavirus pandemic.

Hayden said that while he'd be open to a special session before June 12, he and other lawmakers are crafting a package of reform proposals before state lawmakers return to St. Paul. Ideas include making changes to the Peace Officer Standards and Training Board, giving more power to the state attorney general to intervene in police-involved deaths, and requiring that officers carry their own liability insurance.

Hayden's district includes the intersection at 38th Street and S. Chicago Avenue, where bystanders filmed an officer kneeling on Floyd's neck as the 46-year-old man, suspected of passing a fake \$20 bill at a grocery store, became unresponsive and unable to breathe. Floyd was pronounced dead at a hospital shortly afterward. The state senator said the horrific images, recorded just eight blocks from his home, left him "speechless and outraged."

Hayden said he also wants to explore measures to ensure that more police officers live in the areas they serve. "When I was a young man or a little boy there were a lot of cops who lived in the community," he said. "They were our football coaches, they were our chess coaches, they were our debate coaches. They lived in the community, and I think they had a lot more respect for the community."

Rep. Carlos Mariani, a St. Paul Democrat who chairs a House public safety and criminal justice reform committee, said he is also drafting new legislation for the special session. He supports making the reforms part of a broader legislative package.

"We have to act when we come back," he said. "We just cannot convene as a Legislature in the midst of this horrible thing and not legislate."

Police reform proposals could include elements of a sweeping set of recommendations unveiled in February by Attorney General Keith Ellison and other leaders of a state task force on deadly encounters involving police. Few of those measures advanced this spring as the Legislature narrowed its focus to the coronavirus crisis.

It's unclear whether the revived proposals will garner the bipartisan support needed to pass in the special session, which is expected to center on a bonding bill, tax relief and spending issues related to the pandemic.

The bonding bill requires support from both parties, making it subject to intense legislative bargaining. Republicans in the DFL-controlled House already have vowed to withhold their votes on a bonding deal of potentially \$1 billion or more until Walz agrees to end the state of emergency.

House Speaker Melissa Hortman, DFL-Brooklyn Park, said in a statement that she thinks it is "entirely appropriate to revisit" the task force recommendations and other proposals in the special

session.

In a tweet sent Tuesday, Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka suggested he may be open to some changes. “The evident injustice in the disregard for his humanity is appalling,” he said. “Going forward, I will work with other local and state leaders to see this pattern never repeat itself.”

Gazelka did not address Hayden’s proposals or the special session.

House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt, R-Crown, said he wasn’t yet aware of the specifics of the DFL proposals. But he said it is “past time” for a “big community conversation” on issues raised by Floyd’s death.

“There is one thing that every Minnesotan can agree on: What happened to that gentleman was shocking, and it should never happen to anyone, regardless of what color you are or what neighborhood you live in or what country you come from,” he said.

#### [Extra food assistance extended to 350,000 poor Minnesota children \(Star Tribune - DHS\)](#)

By Chris Serres

More than 350,000 children from poor families across the state will receive extra food assistance to help address rising hunger and food insecurity during the economic crisis brought on by the coronavirus pandemic.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced Thursday that it has approved Minnesota’s request to operate a new program that increases monthly food assistance that families receive if their children are eligible for free or reduced-price school lunches. The extra payments will be provided on families’ electronic benefits transfer (EBT) cards used to buy groceries.

The extra benefit is designed to help children avoid going hungry during the summer months, when schools are closed and children from poor households lose access to free lunches.

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS), which administers the food-stamp program, will issue benefits in a lump sum of \$325 per child starting Saturday. Families must use the benefits to purchase food within a year of the date issued. The relief will cost an estimated \$114 million, state officials said.

“Hundreds of thousands of school children depend on one or more healthy meals a day through the school meal program,” said DHS Commissioner Jodi Harpstead in a statement. “This new program will ensure families can purchase healthy food to fill their children’s stomachs while easing the financial burden of extra grocery purchases.”

Since the pandemic began, rates of hunger have increased dramatically across the nation. A study released this month by the Brookings Institution found that 2 in 5 households with children under age 12 were “food insecure,” meaning they regularly did not have enough to eat. Demand at many of Minnesota’s 350 food shelves is double to triple normal levels, according to Second Harvest Heartland, the state’s largest food bank.

#### How to get help

**Apply for benefits:** To apply for food stamp benefits, contact your county or tribal human services office, or go to ApplyMN ([applymn.dhs.mn.gov](http://applymn.dhs.mn.gov)).

**Food helpline:** You can also call the Minnesota Food helpline at 651-486-9860 in the Twin Cities metropolitan area or 1-888-711-1151 in greater Minnesota.

As hunger has spread, the federal government has sought to give states more flexibility in how they administer food benefits to low-income households.

On Thursday, the DHS announced that Minnesotans can now use their food stamp benefits to buy groceries online using their EBT cards. Previously, people who received food stamps, also known as

the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), had to use their benefits in person, which increased their risk of exposure to the coronavirus.

For now, Walmart and Amazon are the only online retailers approved by the USDA for online purchases in Minnesota. The DHS, which oversees the program, is encouraging other retailers to seek approval from the federal government so that food stamp recipients have more options.

# Phillips/McCollum

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**From:** Jeremy Bratt [REDACTED]  
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-For both offices: they may receive questions from constituents/businesses about the curfew and how to abide by it. Any such questions can be directed to the BCA hotline for public calls: 651-793-3746.

-Rep. Phillips is interested in a CODEL-wide phone call with the Governor; we have told his staff that the schedule is too tight to do a delegation-wide call, but that we encourage individual Members to reach out to us with ideas/questions. So far, Congressional offices have been comfortable doing so.

-Rep. McCollum has been very publicly supportive of GTW's actions thus far, and appreciative of the efforts to keep them informed about the state's response.

-Rep. McCollum's office reached out to us to ask for assistance in protecting specific US Post Office facilities in the Twin Cities. They are aware that checks often go out at the end of month and medications are needed and the post office is looking into alternative delivery options. Our office has shared the contact information for the Multi-Agency Command Center, to ensure that the request for protecting these locations is on the National Guard's agenda.



## please review - updated TPs

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**From:** "Loyola, Migdalia (GOV)" [REDACTED]  
**To:** "Lefholz, Emily (GOV)" [REDACTED] >  
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### GENERAL TPs

- Our state watched George Floyd's humanity get erased. Our feelings of anger, anguish, and disillusionment are justified.
- As members of our community plan to turn their pain into action by joining a public demonstration, we want to ensure that they are able to do so peacefully and safely to protect your own health and the health of the people around you.
- Governor Walz is pushing for a full, fair, and expeditious investigation that will bring us closer to justice. We must continue to examine and address the systemic inequities and discrimination that led to this incident and far too many that have come before.
- We know our communities are hurting, especially the Black community.
- We recognize that the neighborhoods in Mpls where the events took place last night are home to many Black, Indigenous, Latinx, African immigrant, and other immigrant and refugee neighbors.
- As members of our community plan to turn their pain into action by joining a public demonstration, we want to ensure that they are able to do so peacefully and safely to protect your own health and the health of the people around you.

### SPECIFIC TO SAFETY/ RESPONSE

- We have seen over the past several days both peaceful protests of those exercising their First Amendment Rights, as well as unlawful looting and rioting.
- We must continue to protect everyone's freedom of speech and hear all voices loud and clear. But we cannot do that if the safety of demonstrators and others in our community are in danger.
- In order to ensure orderly and peaceful demonstrations, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey has requested state support in ensuring public safety.
- Governor Walz is exploring how the state can be helpful.
- We are supporting efforts around ensuring public safety with state troopers.
- Governor Walz has also asked the National Guard to be ready to assist in the coming days if there is a need.
- The National Guard is a resource to help those who demonstrate peacefully do so safely. It will be under a centralized state-controlled command and the primary goal is to ensure the safety of our community as we work through this difficult and tragic situation.
- There are vigils, rallies, and other demonstrations planned in the coming days. We must ensure that everyone at these events is safe and able to make their voices heard.

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# Protect Public Safety Natl Guard Request

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The Honorable Tim Walz  
Governor of the State of Minnesota  
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Governor Walz:

I am writing with great concern regarding riots that have developed in the aftermath of the tragic murder of George Floyd. The State responsibility to provide public safety is urgent.

We all were disgusted by the lack of humanity in the disturbing video which revealed the inexcusable treatment of Mr. Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police officers. With that video, I have focused on listening to my constituents in order to determine how we can best work together for peace and justice.

Protestors exercising their first amendment rights and rioters are two different things. Protesters were understandably communicating to us their desire for justice for both Mr. Floyd and our larger society. It is clear however, that some unscrupulous individuals have chosen to take advantage of the tense situation and began to loot and riot.

Things are quickly spiraling out of control in both St. Paul in Minneapolis. It appears the resulting threat is spreading, and negatively impacting public safety as each hour passes.

Constituents from my district have reported that their properties were among those vandalized and looted last night. The situation remains too dangerous for them to return to their storefronts to even turn off sprinklers and secure what remains of their properties. Most alarmingly, another life has already been lost in this descent into chaos.

These riots must be quelled immediately to protect the lives and property of Minnesotans, and to return the attention to the case of justice for Mr. Floyd. I urge you to take immediate and strong action by engaging the Minnesota National Guard to help restore the peace.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jon Koznick".

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## Re: Call from USPS liaison

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**From:** "Bergman, Sasha (GOV)" [REDACTED]  
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**Cc:** Jeremy Bratt [REDACTED] >  
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Hi Connor,

The Multi-Agency Command Center is active now, can you pass along this contact info below. The request can go there.

The numbers and email address for the MACC are listed below.

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Hey Chris and Sasha,

Please see this request we fielded from the USPS. Any assistance you all could offer would be greatly appreciated.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance and connecting you all.

Best,

Connor

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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**From:** "Leingang, Nicky" <Nicky.Leingang@mail.house.gov>  
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**Subject:** Call from USPS liaison

I just got a call from Rachel Christensen, who is the liaison for the USPS Minneapolis branch.

They are desperately trying to get facetime with someone from the Governor's office to request resources allocated to them – specifically national guard protection. Their concern is that the end of the month & beginning of the month are high times for support checks to come through the mail. In these three zip codes, they have suspended delivery for the foreseeable future. Realistically, they are not going to be able to start tomorrow or within the next couple days under the current circumstance. If there is a perception that the government is withholding funds + making the situation worse, they are worried that more buildings may become a target. USPS lost one post office already – Minnehaha office by the precinct. It had been emptied of mail already, but all 27 vehicles & the facility is almost an entire loss. Powderhorn was breached & ransacked. Vehicles are okay there. There was mail in there, but she believed postal inspectors were able to get it out. Lake Street office is okay for now. Biggest issue is getting in & out of the facilities. Trying to centralize mail for a pickup option, and need to ensure safety.

Tony (main director of the USPS region) is available any time after 2pm today. They are meeting with protest leaders before that. [REDACTED] (work cell).

With Ryan's other points about the national guard, I know that we'll have to tread intentionally. What are your thoughts?

Sincerely,

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## RE: Calls this morning - one update

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**Date:** Thu, 28 May 2020 11:17:23 -0500

Rep. Noor said he thinks the Governor needs to reach out to the POCI Caucus and have a conversation. He understood the staff call but said he feels like they need to hear from the Governor directly. Rep. Noor lives very close to the 3<sup>rd</sup> precinct.

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**Subject:** RE: Calls this morning - one update

Hi all – below are draft TPs. Please feel free to use what you find helpful. I think it's important to let folks know that the decision to call the guard has not been made, but we are preparing for that option. And that the primary purpose is to protect the first amendment rights and safety of all those who are making their voices heard.

### GENERAL TPs

- Our state watched George Floyd's humanity get erased. Our feelings of anger, anguish, and disillusionment are justified.
- As members of our community plan to turn their pain into action by joining a public demonstration, we want to ensure that they are able to do so peacefully and safely to protect your own health and the health of the people around you.
- Governor Walz is pushing for a full, fair, and expeditious investigation that will bring us closer to justice. We must continue to examine and address the systemic inequities and discrimination that led to this incident and far too many that have come before.
- I am calling to check in with you. As a trusted community leader, the Governor wants to ensure you have information on what is developing and decisions that are being made.
- We know our communities are hurting, especially the Black community

- As members of our community plan to turn their pain into action by joining a public demonstration, we want to ensure that they are able to do so peacefully and safely to protect your own health and the health of the people around you

#### SPECIFIC TO SAFETY/ RESPONSE

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- In order to ensure orderly and peaceful demonstrations, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey has requested state support in ensuring public safety.
- Governor Walz is exploring how the state can be helpful
- Last night, 68 state troopers were called in to help MPD. They are under state command and are trained in de-escalation and very judicious use of any kind of force.
- Governor Walz has also asked the National Guard to be ready to assist in the coming days if there is a need.
- The National Guard is a resource to help those who demonstrate peacefully do so safely. It will be under a centralized state-controlled command and the primary goal is to ensure the safety of our community as we work through this difficult and tragic situation.
- There are vigils, rallies, and other demonstrations planned in the coming days. We must ensure that everyone at these events is safe and able to make their voices heard.

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Updated version of tick tock to reflect the addition of legislators to Gov and LG calls this morning. Policy team is checking in now on other legislator calls and timing.

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Added Marion Greene.

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Here's a start  
Governor and Lt. Go

- Mayor Frey - [REDACTED]
- Council President Bender - [REDACTED]
- Council Vice President Jenk [REDACTED]
- Minneapolis City Council Public Safety Chair Alondra Cano - [REDACTED] on - [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]
- Minneapolis City Council Intergovernmental Relations Chair A [REDACTED]
- Hennepin County Commissioner Marion Greene - [REDACTED]
- Hennepin County Commissioner Irene Fernando - [REDACTED]
- Hennepin County Commissioner Angela Conley - [REDACTED]
- Senator Klobuchar – Gov or LG should have
- Senator Smith – Gov or LG should have
- Congresswoman Omar - Gov or LG should have
- Rep. Davnie – [REDACTED]
- Rep. Gomez – [REDACTED]
- Rep. Hassan – [REDACTED]
- Sen. Torres Ray – [REDACTED]
- Sen. Hayden – [REDACTED]

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**From:** Hormann, Madeline L (GOV) <[REDACTED]>  
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All, a draft tick tick is attached with timing Kristin laid out for the Guard announcement at 11:00 and the faith leaders event at 1:00. Timing on additional calls TBD.

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I think Torres Ray should be called since it is her district and is it Davnie or Wagenius?

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**Subject:** RE: Calls this morning - one update

Thoughts on this list for this morning? I'm open on the Governor/Lt. Governor breakdown to some extent. Or are they making these calls together.

Governor and Lt. Governor calls:

- Mayor Frey (Governor)
- Council President Bender (Governor)
- Council Vice President Jenkins (Lt. Governor)
- Minneapolis City Council Public Safety Chair Alondra Cano (Lt. Governor)
- Minneapolis City Council Intergovernmental Relations Chair Andrew Johnson (Lt. Governor)
- Hennepin County Commissioner Marion Greene (Lt. Governor)
- Hennepin County Commissioner Irene Fernando (Lt. Governor)
- Hennepin County Commissioner Angela Conley (Lt. Governor)
- Senator Klobuchar (Governor)
- Senator Smith (Governor)
- Congresswoman Omar (Governor)

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**From:** Loyola, Migdalia (GOV) <[REDACTED]>  
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**Subject:** RE: Calls this morning - one update

See attached.

-MLM

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**Cc:** Hormann, Madeline L (GOV) <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Calls this morning

Hi All!

Sasha and I talked and we started the attached draft talking points – please review. More calls will be added.

-MLM

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**Cc:** Hormann, Madeline L (GOV) <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: calls - African American faith leaders

Adding Maddie for the email below.

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Looping in Sasha

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**Subject:** calls - African American faith leaders

Here is a list to start with I will keep adding (and please add anyone else you think should get a call)→

#### *Faith leaders*

- Rev Billy Russell, Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church [REDACTED]
- Alfred Babington-Johnson "Mr Babington Johnson" or "Babington", CEO Stairstep Academy/His Works United [REDACTED]
- Reverend James Thomas- [REDACTED]
- Dr. Morgan @ Union Gospel (Carol/Admin) [REDACTED]
- Rev. McAfee [REDACTED]

#### *Others*

- Justin Terrell, CMAH [REDACTED]
- Valerie Castile (Mother of Philando Castile) cell [REDACTED]
- John Thompson community leader (close friend of Philando Castile and Governor) [REDACTED]

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## RE: Curfew - Urgent Time Sensitive CS request

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**From:** Mike Freiberg <rep.mike.freiberg@house.mn>  
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**Date:** Fri, 29 May 2020 16:24:52 -0500

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Thank you for the quick reply, Emily. I understand many of these decisions have no easy answer. I do have a follow up question -- I contacted the mayors and city managers in other cities I represent and got a question from Robbinsdale. If they do end up having a problem there, will the National Guard provide backup in the suburbs as well, or is their authority limited to Minneapolis and St. Paul at this point? If so, how would they request assistance? Please let me know, and thank you again for the quick responses.  
Mike

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**From:** Lefholz, Emily (GOV) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 4:18 PM  
**To:** Mike Freiberg <Rep.Mike.Freiberg@house.mn>; Greg Bergstrom <Greg.Bergstrom@house.mn>; Bergman, Sasha (GOV) [REDACTED]; Nguyen, Hue (GOV) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED] nsitive CS request

Rep. Freiberg,

The EO has already been signed and made public. Expanding it beyond Minneapolis and St. Paul would have likely faced legal challenges in scope. Cities are generally the entities that issue and enforce curfews and both Minneapolis and St. Paul have both also issued their own to ensure legal validity.

We are facing many of the same issues with communication and coordination. I'm sorry I don't have a better answer during these challenging days.

Best,

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**Subject:** RE: Curfew - Urgent Time Sensitive CS request

Thank you for the quick reply, Emily. According to Mayor Harris, "it's not that simple to quickly coordinate with numerous suburbs, issue news alerts & expect immediate public cooperation on short notice. The issue is that there's been no coordination with Minneapolis or the state on any sort of curfew or impact of a curfew on our cities." His preference is that there be a metro-wide curfew issued at a state level. Is that possible? Thanks again.  
Mike

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**From:** Lefholz, Emily (GOV) [REDACTED] >  
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**To:** Greg Bergstrom <[Grea.Berastrom@house.mn](mailto:Grea.Berastrom@house.mn)>; Bergman, Sasha (GOV) <[REDACTED]>; Nguyen, Hue (GOV) <[REDACTED]>  
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**Subject:** RE: Curfew - Urgent Time Sensitive CS request

Greg,

The Executive Order will state that local jurisdictions that are not included may implement their own curfews as well. Bloomington is also considering this.

Thanks

Emily

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**From:** Greg Bergstrom <[Greg.Bergstrom@house.mn](mailto:Greg.Bergstrom@house.mn)>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 3:52 PM  
**To:** Bergman, Sasha (GOV) <[REDACTED]>; Lefholz, Emily (GOV) <[REDACTED]>; Nguyen, Hue (GOV) <[REDACTED]>  
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Hi all:

Below is a concern being expressed by the Mayor of Golden Valley. He does not want any curfew to be limited to MPLS/St. PAUL. He wants it metro wide for the reason he articulates below. Can you tell Rep. Freiberg and I what the plan is for a possible curfew and if consideration has been given to the concern expressed by the Golden Valley mayor?

Thank you.

Greg

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The Golden Valley Mayor texted me: "Golden Valley is hearing the Governor may issue an Executive Order for a curfew. We need help ASAP to make sure it's metro wide & not just Mpls-St Paul. Otherwise, the concern is more looters come here this weekend."

Can somebody contact the Governor's staff ASAP to get this message across and see if you can get any information about the details of the curfew that I can report back? Thank you in advance.

## RE: Draft statement from GTW and the Guard

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**From:** "Schmitter, Chris L (GOV)" <[REDACTED]> s>  
**To:** "Tschann, Teddy (GOV)" [REDACTED] >, "Bauer, Emmalynn (GOV)" [REDACTED]  
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**Cc:** "Beckmann, Kristin L (GOV)" [REDACTED], "Loyola, Migdalia (GOV)" [REDACTED]  
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Good, thanks

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**From:** Tschann, Teddy (GOV) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2020  
**To:** Schmitter, Chris L (GOV) [REDACTED] Bauer, Emmalynn (GOV) [REDACTED]  
Procaccini, Karl C (GOV) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** RE: Draft statement from GTW and the Guard

Chris, they were initially going to send this out to confirm they were "preparing." We are now going to sit on everything until an actual decision is made following the Gov's briefing.

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**From:** Schmitter, Chris L (GOV) <[REDACTED]>  
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**To:** Bauer, Emmalynn (GOV) [REDACTED] >: Procaccini, Karl C (GOV) <[REDACTED]>  
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Here's my take on the Guard's statement, inclusive of Karl's edits. But it still needs work. My over-arching question is timing. We are waiting on a plan before committing to using Guard. Yet this looks like they are already committed. I've re-worked it in case it goes out late morning, pre-commitment.

I would think once we've committed to using them and a plan, that will be announced by the Governor, Jensen, Harrington, following our tick tock.

Gov and LG have to approve this before it goes out.

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**From:** Bauer, Emmalynn (GOV) <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 10:25 AM  
**To:** Procaccini, Karl C (GOV) <[REDACTED]>  
**c:** Beckmann, Kristin L (GOV) <[REDACTED]>; Lovola, Migdalia (GOV) <[REDACTED]>; Schmitter, Chris L (GOV) <[REDACTED]>; Tschann, Teddy (GOV) <[REDACTED]>; Frosch-Taylor, Elizabeth (GOV) <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: Draft statement from GTW and the Guard

Got it. That sentence reads clearly to me. I will pass it along. Thank you Karl!

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On May 28, 2020, at 10:12 AM, Procaccini, Karl C (GOV) <[REDACTED]>:

[REDACTED]



# Re: FOR APPROVAL: Governor Walz Signs Executive Order Activating National Guard to Protect the People of Minneapolis

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**From:** "Beckmann, Kristin L (GOV)" [REDACTED]  
**To:** "Schmitter, Chris L (GOV)" [REDACTED], "Tschann, Teddy (GOV)" [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** "Lancaster, Claire (GOV)" <[REDACTED]> "Procaccini, Karl C (GOV)" [REDACTED]  
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Mayor Carter just asked for the guard and is sending a letter

Kristin Beckmann  
Deputy Chief of Staff for  
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**From:** Schmitter, Chris L (GOV) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 3:00 PM  
**To:** Tschann, Teddy (GOV) [REDACTED]; Beckmann, Kristin L (GOV) [REDACTED]; Lancaster, Claire (GOV) [REDACTED]; Procaccini, Karl C (GOV) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Governor Walz Signs Executive Order Activating National Guard to Protect the People of Minneapolis

Shouldn't we say protect people of MN, since it's not just about Minneapolis? Minneapolis made the request, but we're now coordinating with other law enforcement agencies and cities about using the Guard and State Patrol, is my understanding.

Also, I might make the last sentence more active: "The Walz-Flanagan Administration is committed to addressing the systemic inequities and discrimination that led to this incident and seeking justice."

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**From:** Lancaster, Claire (GOV) [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2020  
**To:** Walz, Tim (GOV) <[REDACTED]>; Flanagan, Peggy (GOV) [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] s.Gov@state.mn.us>; Car [REDACTED]; Leininger, Sophie (GOV) [REDACTED]; Nguyen, Hue (GOV) [REDACTED]; Schmitter, Chris L (GOV) [REDACTED]; Procaccini, Karl C (GOV) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Governor Walz Signs Executive Order Activating National Guard to Protect the People of Minneapolis

Governor and Lt. Governor,

Let us know if you have revisions to this release. Here are your quotes:

**"It is time to rebuild. Rebuild the city, rebuild our justice system, and rebuild the relationship between law enforcement and those they're charged to protect. George Floyd's death should lead to justice and systemic change, not more death and destruction. As George Floyd's family has said, 'Floyd would not want people to get hurt. He lived his life protecting people.' Let's come together to rebuild, remember, and seek justice for George Floyd,"** said Governor Walz.

**"The anger and grief of this moment is unbearable. People deserve to be seen. People deserve to be heard. People deserve to be safe,"** said Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan. **"While many Minnesotans are taking extensive safety precautions while exercising their right to protest, the demonstration last night became incredibly unsafe for all involved. The resources of the Minnesota National Guard will be used to protect the people of Minneapolis and avoid further injury to our communities."**

**"As Governor, I will always defend the right to protest,"** Governor Walz Continued. **"It is how we express pain, process tragedy, and create change. That is why I am answering Mayor Frey's request for**

Minnesota National Guard assistance to protect peaceful demonstrators, neighbors, and small businesses in Minneapolis.”



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May 28, 2020

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### Governor Walz Signs Executive Order Activating National Guard to Protect the People of Minneapolis

*Order will provide protections for peaceful protesters, help maintain safety in wake of George Floyd's death*

[ST. PAUL, MN] – Governor Tim Walz today signed Executive Order 20-65, activating the Minnesota National Guard to help protect Minnesotans' safety and maintain peace in the wake of George Floyd's death. Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey sent a formal request for National Guard resources late Wednesday night, after extensive damage to private property occurred and peaceful protests evolved into a dangerous situation for protesters and first responders.

**"It is time to rebuild. Rebuild the city, rebuild our justice system, and rebuild the relationship between law enforcement and those they're charged to protect. George Floyd's death should lead to justice and systemic change, not more death and destruction. As George Floyd's family has said, 'Floyd would not want people to get hurt. He lived his life protecting people.' Let's come together to rebuild, remember, and seek justice for George Floyd,"** said Governor Walz.

**"The anger and grief of this moment is unbearable. People deserve to be seen. People deserve to be heard. People deserve to be safe,"** said Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan. **"While many Minnesotans are taking extensive safety precautions while exercising their right to protest, the demonstration last night became incredibly unsafe for all involved. The resources of the Minnesota National Guard will be used to protect the people of Minneapolis and avoid further injury to our communities."**

**"As Governor, I will always defend the right to protest,"** Governor Walz Continued. **"It is how we express pain, process tragedy, and create change. That is why I am answering Mayor Frey's request for Minnesota National Guard assistance to protect peaceful demonstrators, neighbors, and small businesses in Minneapolis."**

The National Guard Adjutant General will work with local government agencies to provide personnel, equipment, and facilities needed to respond to and recover from this emergency.

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# Re: Invite to Caucus Tonight

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**From:** Paul Cumings <paul.cumings@house.mn>  
**To:** "Nguyen, Hue (GOV)" <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Thu, 28 May 2020 21:15:04 -0500

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This was very helpful for caucus.

Rep. Mariani is taking the lead on legislation.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 28, 2020, at 6:43 PM, Nguyen, Hue (GOV) [REDACTED] wrote:

EO [https://mn.gov/governor/assets/EO%2020-64%20Final\\_tcm1055-433855.pdf](https://mn.gov/governor/assets/EO%2020-64%20Final_tcm1055-433855.pdf)

Some information you can share:

- We are going to be closing state offices and the capitol complex and surrounding buildings tomorrow through the weekend based on Commissioner Harrington's recommendation.
- National Guard is moving (might be there by time you caucus starts) 8 HUMVEEs out to Cedar St Armory in one convoy. They will be stationed on the drill floor and rotating making loops around the capitol. This is a security forces mission.
- We have been asked if there is a special number for businesses/community leaders call DPS or the Guard to report developing riots, there is not currently a place for those reports right now, but by tomorrow afternoon an incident command center will be set up to take these calls. We will get you the info when we have it.
- We have asked Commerce to work to identify insurance resources for business owners, hopefully will be ready by tomorrow.
- We know your members are working on proposals on criminal justice, we want to work with them, encourage them to review the report Ellison and Harrington released earlier this year with recommendations.
- We've received a lot of questions about the National Guard (please don't distribute this)
- How many are currently available?
  - There are currently 240 National Guard members available. They are currently in Arden Hills
- Wearing riot gear?
  - Civil Disturbance Gear will be available and issued as needed.
- Do they have de-escalation training?
  - The Civil Disturbance training does cover this.
- Diversity and inclusion training?
  - The MN National Guard has annual mandatory D&I training.
- What communities will they be coming from?
  - Mostly from units outside of metro area; goal was to avoid activating any folks who perform emergency response (e.g. police, fire, health care) in the metro area currently.

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I heard from Sean that it is unlikely anyone can attend tonight. Please let me know anything that can be shared. We just got info about the EO being sent which hopefully will be public by then.

Thanks,

Paul

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**From:** Paul Cumings  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 12:46 PM  
[REDACTED] Hue(GOV)Nguyen  
**Subject:** Invite to Caucus Tonight

Good afternoon,

The House DFL Caucus will be meeting tonight at 7:30PM.

We are wondering if there is someone from the administration who can join the caucus at 8PM to talk through what steps are being taken to deal with situation in Minneapolis or other updates from the

administration. This could be an update from the Gov, Lt. Gov., or Commissioner Harrington, or the head of the National Guard.

If a person is not available, we would be open to another type of update.

Regards,

Paul Cumings

## RE: Link national guard EO

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**From:** "Procaccini, Karl C (GOV)" <[REDACTED]>  
**To:** "Tschann, Teddy (GOV)" [REDACTED] "Beckmann, Kristin L (GOV)"  
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Here is the EO.

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<Communications.Gov@state.mn.us>  
**Subject:** RE: Link national guard EO

Yes, Claire is on it

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**From:** Beckmann, Kristin L (GOV) <[REDACTED]>  
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: #GOV Gov Communications <[Communications.Gov@state.mn.us](mailto:Communications.Gov@state.mn.us)>; Procaccini, Karl C (GOV)  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Link national guard EO

The release should go with the EO. Karl is going to send

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# STATE OF MINNESOTA

## Executive Department



## Governor Tim Walz

### Emergency Executive Order 20-64

#### **Activating the Minnesota National Guard and Declaring a Peacetime Emergency to Provide Safety and Protection to the People of Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Surrounding Communities**

**I, Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota**, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

On May 27, 2020, George Floyd died while in custody of the Minneapolis Police Department. Our state watched Mr. Floyd's humanity be erased. Our feelings of anguish, anger, and disillusionment are justified, and we must continue to seek justice and fairness. We must continue to examine and address the systemic inequities and discrimination that led to this incident and many others in the past.

Since Mr. Floyd's death, thousands of Minnesotans have expressed their frustration in a peaceful and constructive manner. Demonstrators have gathered in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and surrounding communities to protest Mr. Floyd's death. Peaceful demonstrations are a keystone of our democratic system. We must also allow those who wish to protest peacefully to do so safely.

Unfortunately, some individuals have engaged in unlawful and dangerous activity, including arson, rioting, looting, and damaging public and private property. These activities threaten the safety of lawful demonstrators and other Minnesotans, and both first responders and demonstrators have already been injured. Many businesses, including businesses owned by people of color, have suffered damage as a result of this unlawful activity.

The City of Minneapolis has exhausted its resources and called for assistance from mutual aid partners to ensure immediate response to protect life, safety, and property. These mutual aid partners have fully committed their available resources. The Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul have activated their emergency operations plan, and the Mayors of both cities have requested the assistance of the Minnesota National Guard to help provide security and restore safety.

The State Emergency Operations Center ("SEOC") is currently activated for the COVID-19 response and has implemented the Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan. State agencies are providing assistance to local governments. The SEOC will concurrently support both the



COVID-19 response and the City of Minneapolis, the City of St. Paul, and surrounding communities during this situation.

For these reasons, I declare a peacetime emergency in the City of Minneapolis, the City of St. Paul, and surrounding communities and order as follows:

1. The Adjutant General will order to state active duty on May 28, 2020 the personnel, equipment and facilities needed to support emergency operations and response.
2. The Adjutant General is authorized to procure the goods and services needed to accomplish the mission.
3. The Department of Public Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will continue to coordinate the provision of on-site support and assistance to affected local government and assess the need for supplementary emergency assistance.
4. State agencies, in cooperation with appropriate federal agencies, will provide assistance to local units of government as they respond to and recover from this emergency.
5. The costs of this assistance shall be paid from the general fund as allowed by Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 192.52.

This Executive Order and declaration of peacetime emergency is effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 4.035, subdivision 2, and its duration is governed by Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 12.31, subdivision 2.

Signed on May 28, 2020.



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**Tim Walz**  
Governor

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**Steve Simon**  
Secretary of State

## RE: Talking points for PE team

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**From:** "Loyola, Migdalia (GOV)" <[REDACTED]>  
**To:** "Park, Patina (GOV)" <[REDACTED]>, #GOV\_Gov Public Engagement <publicengagement.gov@state.mn.us>  
**Cc:** "Leininger, Sophie (GOV)" <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Thu, 28 May 2020 12:29:06 -0500

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Hi all!

Patina – I will try to get an answer, but if you are asked that question directly, simply say you don't know at this moment.

As y'all use the TPs below, feel free to use what you find helpful. I think it's important to let folks know that the decision to call the guard has not been made, but we are preparing for that option. And that the primary purpose is to protect the first amendment rights and safety of all those who are making their voices heard.

Please let me know what else you need from me.

Thanks,

Migdalia

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 12:24 PM  
**To:** Loyola, Migdalia (GOV) <[REDACTED]> #GOV\_Gov Public Engagement <PublicEngagement.Gov@state.mn.us>  
**Cc:** Leininger, Sophie (GOV) <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: Talking points for PE team

Will the State Police continue to be present?

### Patina

#### Director of Tribal State Relations Systems Implementation

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**Cc:** Leininger, Sophie (GOV) <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Talking points for PE team

Hi everyone!

See TPs below. I am still trying to get additional TPs for y'all. Let me know what else would be helpful – a text may be a faster way to reach me (even if it's to tell me to read the email you sent me)

#### GENERAL TPs

- Our state watched George Floyd's humanity get erased. Our feelings of anger, anguish, and disillusionment are justified.
- As members of our community plan to turn their pain into action by joining a public demonstration, we want to ensure that they are able to do so peacefully and safely to protect your own health and the health of the people around you.
- Governor Walz is pushing for a full, fair, and expeditious investigation that will bring us closer to justice. We must continue to examine and address the systemic inequities and discrimination that led to this incident and far too many that have come before.
- We know our communities are hurting, especially the Black community.
- We recognize that the neighborhoods in Mpls where the events took place last night are home to many Black, Indigenous, Latinx, African immigrant, and other immigrant and refugee neighbors.
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#### SPECIFIC TO SAFETY/ RESPONSE

- We have seen over the past several days both peaceful protests of those exercising their First Amendment Rights, as well as unlawful looting and rioting.
- We must continue to protect everyone's freedom of speech and hear all voices loud and clear. But we cannot do that if the safety of demonstrators and others in our community are in danger.
- In order to ensure orderly and peaceful demonstrations, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey has requested state support in ensuring public safety.
- Governor Walz is exploring how the state can be helpful
- Last night, 68 state troopers were called in to help MPD. They are under state command and are trained in de-escalation and very judicious use of any kind of force.
- Governor Walz has also asked the National Guard to be ready to assist in the coming days if there is a need.
- The National Guard is a resource to help those who demonstrate peacefully do so safely. It will be under a centralized state-controlled command and the primary goal is to ensure the safety of our community as we work through this difficult and tragic situation.
- There are vigils, rallies, and other demonstrations planned in the coming days. We must ensure that everyone at these events is safe and able to make their voices heard.

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## RE: UPS Conversation: Curfew

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**From:** "Sobotka, Suzanne (GOV)" <[REDACTED]>  
**To:** kfiser@ups.com  
**Date:** Fri, 29 May 2020 15:37:55 -0500

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It is my understanding that our general counsel will be adding "travel directly to and from work" to the EO imposing the curfew tonight and tomorrow.

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**Subject:** RE: UPS Conversation

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Is National Guard involved?

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**From:** Fiser Kristal D. (SEA1KDS)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 10:59 AM  
**To:** 'Sobotka, Suzanne (GOV)' [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: UPS Conversation

Completely understand, the first part of my week is packed, but I have any time on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup>. Something work there for you.

Stay safe!

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Thanks so much for your work/input on this, I just downloaded the updated EO.

Appreciate we can operate to get our employees to and from work.

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**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 1:50 PM  
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Thank you!

Our employees do have safe passage letters due to the pandemic so they would be able to provide proof of employment if they were stopped.

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# TPs

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Maddie - TPs below. Can you send this out with the updated tick tock and draft EO

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## GEORGE FLOYD:

- The Governor wants a prosecution of the officers involved in the killing of George Floyd. He has been communicating with County Attorney Freeman to see this happen.
- The government failed George Floyd. We cannot continue to fail. We cannot continue to allow these senseless tragedies to continue, but we must first maintain safe spaces in our communities for demonstrations and healing.

## GENERAL TPs:

- We have overwhelmingly heard that people do not feel safe. There are few good options and the Governor has weighed many difficult decisions.
- As part of the state response to ensure public safety, the Governor is announcing a curfew today that will be enforced tonight (Friday) and tomorrow (Saturday) between 8pm and 6am.
- Demonstrations, vigils, rallies and all other everyday activities may occur between the hours of 6am and 8pm.
- We understand the many concerns with this strategy, but to ensure public safety we ask for your partnership in this effort.

## SUMMARY of EO:

1. On May 25, 2020, George Floyd died while in custody of the Minneapolis Police Department.
2. Thousands of Minnesotans have expressed their frustration in a peaceful and constructive manner. Demonstrators have gathered in Minneapolis, Saint Paul, and surrounding communities to protest Mr. Floyd's death.
3. Peaceful demonstrations are essential to our democratic system.
4. However, some individuals have engaged in unlawful and dangerous activity, threatening the safety of lawful demonstrators and first responders.
5. Much of the unlawful and dangerous activity has taken place under the cover of darkness. To restore peace and safety, we must implement a temporary nighttime curfew to ensure the safety of all.
6. I am imposing a curfew tonight and tomorrow night in Minneapolis and St. Paul:
  - a. Tonight's curfew begins at 8pm and ends tomorrow morning at 6am.
  - b. Tomorrow's curfew begins at 8pm and ends Sunday morning at 6am.
  - c. During this curfew, no one in Minneapolis and St. Paul is allowed to travel on any public street or public place.
  - d. Fire, police, security, and medical personnel, as well as other personnel authorized by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Minnesota State Patrol, or Minnesota National Guard, are exempt from the curfew.

- e. Individuals seeking emergency care, fleeing danger, or experiencing homelessness are also exempt from this curfew.
- f. I urge all of you to voluntarily comply.
- g. Willfully violating this order will lead to criminal penalties, a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days.
- h. Peace officers will be enforcing this curfew and arresting those who refuse to comply

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# UPDATED Talking Points

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Hi PE and TSR teams,

In case you haven't heard me say this enough, let me reiterate again how appreciative I am of all of you. THANK YOU for everything you are doing to be there for residents of Minnesota right now.

I have updated talking points for all of you now. Please use these instead of the ones I sent earlier. If you are doing tick-tock calls later today, I will let you know when those will start.

## GENERAL TPs

- Our state watched George Floyd's humanity get erased. Our feelings of anger, anguish, and disillusionment are justified.
- As members of our community plan to turn their pain into action by joining a public demonstration, we want to ensure that they are able to do so peacefully and safely to protect your own health and the health of the people around you.
- Governor Walz is pushing for a full, fair, and expeditious investigation that will bring us closer to justice. We must continue to examine and address the systemic inequities and discrimination that led to this incident and far too many that have come before.
- We know our communities are hurting, especially the Black community.
- We recognize that the neighborhoods in Mpls where the events took place last night are home to many Black, Indigenous, Latinx, African immigrant, and other immigrant and refugee neighbors.
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## SPECIFIC TO SAFETY/ RESPONSE

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Take a few seconds now to take a deep breath...

Warmly,

-Migdalia

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Hi Team,

Please see attached for the TSR update and see below for today's constituent report:

### **COVID-19 Tallies – 05/28/2020**

**Constituent Contacts via voicemail listened to and live phone calls: 1,958**

**\*\*Note: Our voicemail box reached capacity and we worked quickly with MNIT to open an additional voicemail box to forward overflow messages to. We currently have almost 5,000 voicemails. Calls were coming in more than 10 at a time and we were simply not able to keep up.**

<b>Common "Top 5" Tallies:</b>	In Favor	Oppose	TOTAL
Calling for justice for George Floyd			1,453
Deploy the National Guard	110	10	120
Thank you Governor Walz	28	61	89
Turn the dial more quickly—open the state and all businesses without restriction	65	12	77
MPD needs more anti-bias training			47

### **IQ Correspondence:**

- Incoming for today: 1,798
- IQ responses sent: 48
- Backlog: 52,096

Please remember to be kind to yourself and stay well.

Best,  
Taylor

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## 5/29 Press Conference Remarks + Q&A Summary

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### Press Conference Remarks + Q&A Summary

#### GTW Remarks

- Minneapolis and St Paul are on fire, and the ashes are symbolic of generations of pain, unheard
- When I talked to Valarie, she said first and foremost seek justice and fairness, and what the world saw last night was not that
- It was a visceral pain, a community trying to understand who we are and where we go from here
- I spoke to Reverend Jackson – this is the moment where we start, but every time we get to this place, we never start the process to make sure it does not happen again
- Back to the conversation of serving justice
- I want to speak to that community: the tools we need to secure to get control and to make sure that buildings do not burn are the very institutional tools that have lead to that grief and pain
- I am asking you to help us use humane ways to get the streets to a place where we restore justice so those who demand for justice are heard, not those who throw firebombs into businesses that our communities of color have worked so hard to build
- It is a shame on our state that we continue to admire by talking about it and not repairing it
- To open this space, speak justice and heal what happened
- My first and foremost responsibility is the safety and security of all citizens – I refuse to have it take away from the attention from the fundamental institutional racism
- There is not a person here that wonders how many times that camera is not there
- These are things that have been brewing in the country for 400 years
- Children of people who look like me run from to the police, other children run from the police
- Senator Torres Reyes fought her whole life on this issue, but what she understands is that none of us can attack these problems when anarchy reigns on the street
- The idea that a reporter would be taken while another police action is in play is inexcusable
- To create space where the story can be told
- We have got to ensure that there is a safe spot for journalism to tell the story
- If there isn't a reporter there – the assumption is that something is going to happen that they don't want to be seen
- Minnesotans – your pain is real. The chapter that has been written this week is one of our darkest chapters.
- This is a community that demands and expects more than words – they should expect results
- George Floyd's family is wondering where the One Minnesota is at – and that's on us
- Not pleading for their lives, but demanding changes necessary to ensure that no one else is put in that position
- If there isn't a reporter there – the assumption is that something is going to happen that they don't want to be seen
- It's time for us to clean our streets – I am going to ask for a lot of help today for those folks who want to see it
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- The desire to get back to normal is so overwhelming. The problem is that for so many of us, normal was not working for many communities, normal was not working for George Floyd pre-COVID-19, and it certainly isn't working now

Q: Not addressing the public these last two nights?

Gov Walz

- We were in a support role as state law shows
- I was directing the state to take over once the city of MPLS could not complete that
- It's not important to be on TV
- As it deteriorated, the decision was made to come in front of you
- Starting at 12:05 the state is the lead element
- It was important for me to get the data and the feedback
- When the 3<sup>rd</sup> precinct was abandoned

Q: Did you stay in the residence?

Gov Walz

- I stayed in the residence its where I have all my tools
- As the lawlessness was burning down the third precinct – that cannot happen

Q: millions of Americans walking. Almost a complete lack of visibility of local police. How could there not have been a clear mission for the national guard when they were called in?

Gov Walz

- An armed presence on the ground where there was violence can be seen as a catalyst

Q: Should there have been a national guard precinct on every corner as a deterrent?

Gov Walz

- We saw the first nigh decisions were made up until 10:30 last night
- It's a valid critique and

Q: uncontrolled looting in St Paul at 2:00pm – why were decisions made at 10pm?

Gov Walz

- The leadership is in local communities
- If this had been executed correctly, the state would not be in on this
- This with the expectation of state troopers – order is to the local police and serifs
- General Jenson is not a police force
- As this unfolded, the request came for the guard to be activated at 5pm
- By 5pm, our guard troops were getting activated and we were prepared to carry out these missions

Q: lack of clarity on missions?

General Jenson

- County official negotiate with the national guard
- We are always in support of the local civilian leadership
- I have no authority to deploy the national guard anywhere in the State of MN
- If I'm not accomplishing their mission, we may fail the mission

Q: The plan was to let the protesters take over the 3<sup>rd</sup> precinct? Why did it take so long?

Gov Walz

- The commitment to hold the third was one I was not comfortable with
- Ask Mayor Frey

Q: Police in the 3<sup>rd</sup> precinct was told they would be evacuating at some point. What is your response to that tactic?

Gov Walz

- That's where we move in and that's why that area was taken back
- You can't have civil order deteriorate and then you have to ask if the force going in there would escalate it and harm civilians
- The state is not a police force

Q: Have you considered martial law, curfews?

Gov Walz

- Certainly, we have thought of those tools
- I spent 20 years in the national guard

Q: Why in this situation, wait for the ask to help? Why not a proactive approach?

Gov Walz

- If you're not second guessing, you're going about this all wrong
- I operate in real space and in real time

Q: It sounds like you are going to allow protests in violation with standing orders against allowing people to congregate?

- People saw what happened to George Floyd, people said to hell with staying home, im going out cuz this can't happen again
- The idea that we would break up expressions of grief and rage was ridiculous
- You're seeing holes in planning, that's for darn sure

Q: What's the rules for the rest of the days and tonight?

Gov Walz

- That's what is being planned right now
- There will be a presence out on the corners

- Those in pain, you need to help us create a space so that justice will be served
- We are trying to separate the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment from grievous people and those burning a store at 3am on lake street – George Floyd was the furthest thing from their mind

Q: We saw three television journalists get arrested on live TV. How many looters and arsonists have been arrested?

Gov Walz

- I am deeply apologetic that this happened
- It is wrong, it is unacceptable, we need to correct it

Comm. Harrington

- Arrests on burgherly, arson
- There have been folks incarcerated
- Most done in the last 24 hours
- Pharmacies have been decimated

Follow-up: a number?

Comm. Harrington

- I will get you a number

Q: Reaction to the President's tweets?

Gov Walz

- It's not helpful
- The city of mpls is doing everything they can – if mistakes are made and accountability needs to be had and we will do that
- He pledged his support in terms of supplies
- The tools of restoring order are viewed by so many as the things that oppressed in the first place

Q: Why did aren't the officers held in custody?

Comm. Harrington

- We are working with the country attorney
- We are still in the midst of an investigation

Q: This case is different than past cases.

Comm. Harrington

- From the point of view of the law, a man's life was ended
- We need enough proof for an arrest

Q: The state spent millions on helping businesses with COVID. Are you ready to help them? We have been moving people out of detention because of COVID – if there are arrests, where will you put them?

Gov Walz

- Getting back to the focus of George Floyd and community issues

- Coming back to the legislature on the 12<sup>th</sup> to figure out how to do this
- A community that has felt this tragedy

Q: What will the national guard members do on the streets? Are they armed?

Gen. Jenson

- Yes, they are
- There was a credible threat to the Guard, shared by the FBI
- Our guards maintain the right to self defense

Q: Protecting the state capitol – are they protecting the state capitol building? Decision on curfew?

- Hopefully 2pm
- Very symbolic targets
- The mission I'm asking for is the preservation of the capitol before the cities asked for what they needed

Q: Mayor Frey believes the agitators are not from the Twin Cities. Who are they? Where are they coming from?

Gov Walz

- The assumption is that folks are coming in
- We need to own this
- I don't think a lack of leadership – I think a lack of coordination and lack of understanding of what we needed
- The mayors are doing everything they can in an unprecedented situation

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# Minnesota House of Representatives

May 29, 2020

Commissioner Tim Walz  
Department of Public Safety  
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Dear Governor Walz:

We are writing to request that the case against the police officers who killed George Floyd, or may have been otherwise culpable in his death, be transferred to the jurisdiction of the attorney general's office. Unfortunately, our constituents, especially constituents of color, have lost faith in the ability of Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman to fairly and impartially investigate and prosecute these cases. Freeman's press conference on May 28th, in which he seemed ill-prepared and suggested that there was unseen exculpatory evidence that might exonerate the officers, further ruptured this trust.

Given the present circumstances, we believe that this case should be handled in a way that maximizes public trust and gives confidence to the public that justice will be done. Under the circumstances, transferring the case to the attorney general's office would be one of the most decisive actions that you could take to calm public anger and guarantee a fair process. Attorney General Ellison has earned goodwill of Minneapolis residents through years of service to the city, and is known and respected throughout the community. It is imperative to signal to our constituents, as strongly and quickly as possible, that the authorities are treating this case with the special attention it deserves, and to demonstrate that all Minnesotans are equal in the eyes of the law.

Sincerely,

Representative Fue Lee, 59A

Representative Ray Dehn, 59B

Representative Sydney Jordan, 60A

Representative Mohamud Noor, 60B

Representative Frank Hornstein, 61A

Representative Jamie Long, 61B

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# FW: MN National Guard Media Release ~ Minnesota National Guard Activated to Help Protect Minnesotan's Safety and Maintain Peace ~ (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Thanks,

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
May 29, 2020

St. Paul, Minnesota - Minnesota National Guard Activated to Help Protect Minnesotan's Safety and Maintain Peace

Governor Tim Walz signed Executive Order 20-64 yesterday afternoon at 4 p.m., activating the Minnesota National Guard to provide safety and protection to the people of Minneapolis, St. Paul, and the surrounding communities.

"Our troops are trained to protect life, preserve property and ensure people's right to peacefully demonstrate," said Maj. Gen. Jon Jensen, Minnesota National Guard Adjutant General.

Overnight soldiers supported multiple missions with Minneapolis Fire Station Six, provided security around the St. Paul Capitol Complex, and assisted the State Patrol with civil disturbance support.

Soldiers and Airmen of the 34th Military Police Company in Stillwater, 257th Military Police Company in Monticello, 1-151st Field Artillery Battalion headquartered in Montevideo, 147th Human Resources Company in Brooklyn Park, 224th Transportation Company in Faribault, and 133rd Airlift Wing were

directed to immediately report for State Active Duty in-processing and information briefings," said Task Force Commander Lt. Col. Troy Fink.

The in-processing of soldiers and airmen onto State Active Duty continued throughout the night, with nearly 500 soldiers and airmen in position to support rotating missions by morning.

The National Guard will provide support to civil authorities as long as directed in order to ensure the safety of people and property.

For more information, contact the Minnesota National Guard Public Affairs Office at 651-282-4410 or [mn.ng.web@mail.mil](mailto:mn.ng.web@mail.mil).

- About the Minnesota National Guard -

Established in 1856 and headquartered in St. Paul, the Minnesota National Guard has more than 13,000 soldiers and airmen who serve in 61 communities across the state. The citizen-soldiers and airmen of the Minnesota National Guard are 'Always Ready' to fight the nation's wars, protect the country, respond to state emergencies and contribute to local communities. For more information about the Minnesota National Guard, visit <https://MinnesotaNationalGuard.ng.mil>.

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Hello,

I'm reaching out on behalf of NBC National News – we're seeing reports that Governor Walz's office has been communicating with the Mayor Frey, who has requested assistance from the state patrol and the National Guard.

Would you be able to confirm this? If so, would you be able to provide a statement regarding this?

Please **REPLY ALL** with your response, or give us a call at (212) 664-5222.

Thank you,  
Colin

## NG release

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**From:** "Bergman, Sasha (GOV)" [REDACTED]  
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Anyone have concern with this? They are trying to get this in morning news cycle. I don't know what the deadline is for that.

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**To:** Beckmann, Kristin L (GOV); Bauer, Emmalynn (GOV)  
**Cc:** Bergman, Sasha (GOV)  
**Subject:** Fwd: MN National Guard Media Release ~ Minnesota National Guard Activated to help protect Minnesotan's safety and maintain peace

TAG approves,

We are seeking your approval to release now.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

V/r,

[REDACTED]  
Minnesota National Guard

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**From:** "Jensen, Jon A MG USARMY NG MNARNG (USA)" [REDACTED]

**Date:** Friday, May 29, 2020 at 5:43:08 AM

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Re: MN National Guard Media Release ~ Minnesota National Guard Activated to help protect Minnesotan's safety and maintain peace

Approved with Gov Office concurrence.

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**Date:** Friday, May 29, 2020 at 4:28:26 AM  
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**C:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** MN National Guard Media Release ~ Minnesota National Guard Activated to help protect Minnesotan's safety and maintain peace

General,

As of midnight we had an audience of 1 billion to our story, 63 News programs last night spoke of the "Minnesota National Guard" and all the stories were

different - some had us preparing to activate, others told of 500 troops in the streets.

With your approval, and Gov office support, I recommend this media release be sent when the 0500 news programs begin.

Please note, the Executive Order is 20-64. The Gov office release stated it was 20-65

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  
May 29, 2020

St. Paul, Minnesota - Minnesota National Guard Activated to help protect Minnesotan's safety and maintain peace

Governor Tim Walz signed Executive Order 20-64 Thursday, activating the Minnesota National Guard to provide safety and protection to the people of Minneapolis, Saint Paul, and the surrounding communities.

"Our troops are trained to protect life, preserve property and ensure people's right to peacefully demonstrate," said Maj. Gen. Jon Jensen, Minnesota National Guard Adjutant General.

Overnight soldiers supported multiple missions with Minneapolis Fire Station Six, provided security around the St. Paul Capitol Complex, and assisted the State Patrol with civil disturbance support.

Soldiers and Airmen of the 34th Military Police Company in Stillwater, 257th Military Police Company in Monticello, 1-151st Field Artillery Battalion headquartered in Montevideo, 147th Human Resources Company in Brooklyn Park, 224th Transportation Company in Faribault, and 133rd Airlift Wing were directed to immediately report for State Active Duty in- processing and information briefings," said Task Force Commander Lt. Col. Troy Fink.

The in-processing of soldiers and airmen onto State Active Duty continued throughout the night, with nearly 500 soldiers and airmen in position to support rotating missions by morning.

The National Guard will provide support to civil authorities as long as directed in order to ensure the safety of people and property.

For more information, contact the Minnesota National Guard Public Affairs Office at 651-282-4410 or [mn.ng.web@mail.mil](mailto:mn.ng.web@mail.mil).

- About the Minnesota National Guard -  
Established in 1856 and headquartered in St. Paul, the Minnesota National Guard has more than 13,000 soldiers and airmen who serve in 61 communities across the state. The citizen-soldiers and airmen of the Minnesota National Guard are 'Always Ready' to fight the nation's wars, protect the country, respond to state emergencies and contribute to local communities. For more information about the Minnesota National Guard, visit <https://MinnesotaNationalGuard.ng.mil>.

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## RE: Final Tick Tock and TPs

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Folks are getting a lot of questions on the role of the National Guard. Please see the below answers. The attached outlines rules for use of force **but it is NOT for distribution beyond this group, it is just for your reference.**

- Will they have weapons?
  - This is dependent on the Governor/TAG authorizing this. This is currently not included in the EO. Without Governor explicit approval it is not Authorized.
- Be in regular uniform?
  - Yes, duty uniform (Camouflage with COVID protection)
- Wearing riot gear?
  - Civil Disturbance Gear will be available and issued as needed.
- What will they be doing?
  - This is dependent on the taskings given by our civilian Chain of Command (The State- Governor, or his representative organization)(Usually the Incident Commander- MPD/Hennepin Cnty?)
- What are the rules for use of force?
  - This is a Variable item. **It is outlined in the attached document but is NOT for public distribution. Just for your reference.**
- Do they have de-escalation training?
  - The Civil Disturbance training does cover this.
- Diversity and inclusion training?
  - The MN National Guard has annual mandatory D&I training.
- Experience working with diverse communities?
  - There is not a uniform answer to this question.
- What communities will they be coming from?
  - Mostly from units outside of metro area; goal was to avoid activating any folks who perform emergency response (e.g. police, fire, health care) in the metro area currently.

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**Subject:** Final Tick Tock and TPS

Team,

Attached is the final tick tock and talking points for today's release. Please review and begin your calls at 3:45 pm, prioritize those you need to, and make your way through the list as best as possible. If you don't reach folks before the release goes out still follow up with them.

The draft executive order is attached for your reference as well. Thanks all for your quick work.

Best,  
Maddie

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**Cc:** Bergman, Sasha (GOV); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Draft holding statement for GOV office approval (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Good morning,

Here is our draft holding statement for the Governor's team approval this morning.  
We have a number of media inquiries in the queue.

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"The Minnesota National Guard has received initial request from the Governor's office to activate National Guard assets in support of the city of Minneapolis. We are currently in process of assigning and mustering units.

Our first activations will come from units assigned as the quick reaction force, with potential additional support from units assigned to the ready reaction force and other units. The Soldiers assigned to these units are regularly trained to support civil authorities during times of civil unrest.

We will post additional information on our Minnesota National Guard Twitter page as more information becomes available."

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

V/r,

[REDACTED]

Minnesota National Guard

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**From:** [Hormann, Madeline L \(GOV\)](#)  
**To:** [Nguyen, Hue \(GOV\)](#); [Bergman, Sasha \(GOV\)](#)  
**Subject:** DRAFT Update on State Response: City of Minneapolis  
**Date:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 3:45:01 PM

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Members of the Legislature,

Our state watched George Floyd's humanity get erased. Our feelings of anger, anguish, and disillusionment are justified. We know our communities are hurting, especially the Black community. As members of our community plan to turn their pain into action by joining a public demonstration, we want to ensure that they are able to do so peacefully and safely to protect your own health and the health of the people around you. Governor Walz is pushing for a full, fair, and expeditious investigation that will bring us closer to justice. We must continue to examine and address the systemic inequities and discrimination that led to this incident and far too many that have come before.

We have seen over the past several days both peaceful protests of those exercising their First Amendment Rights, as well as unlawful looting and rioting. We must continue to protect everyone's freedom of speech and hear all voices loud and clear. But we cannot do that if the safety of demonstrators and others in our community are in danger. In order to ensure orderly and peaceful demonstrations.

Today the Governor signed an Executive Order mobilizing the National Guard to protect the Twin Cities Metro Area while protecting peoples' first amendment rights to peacefully protest. The National Guard is being mobilized as a resource to address broad public safety concerns across the Metro. The Guard is a resource to help those who demonstrate peacefully do so safely. It will be under a centralized state-controlled command and the primary goal is to ensure the safety of our community as we work through this difficult and tragic situation. The Guard is trained in de-escalation and are being mobilized to maintain peace. The National Guard Adjutant General will work with local government agencies to provide personnel, equipment, and facilities needed to respond to and recover from this emergency.

Additionally, at the request of the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD), the Minnesota State Patrol will assist in public safety efforts for the next several days. Approximately 200 troopers will work with state, county, and local community and public safety partners. State Patrol helicopters and fixed wing aircraft will also be available to assist law enforcement officers on the ground. This Executive Order also declares a peacetime emergency, which activates the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) to help coordinate the state's response. As the SEOC is already activated due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it will concurrently support the COVID-19 response and the City of Minneapolis and surrounding communities during this situation.

There are vigils, rallies, and other demonstrations planned in the coming days. We must ensure that everyone at these events is safe and able to make their voices heard. Thank you for your partnership.

Best,  
Maddie

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**To:** [Bergman, Sasha \(GOV\)](#); [Johnson, Aara \(GOV\)](#)  
**Subject:** Follow up question--curfew information in multiple languages?  
**Date:** Friday, May 29, 2020 2:24:29 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Sorry to forward another ask—is there curfew information available? If so also in multiple languages?

Sincerely,  
Michelle

**Michelle C. Rivero**

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**From:** Bergman, Sasha (GOV) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 1:37 PM  
**To:** Johnson, Aara (GOV) <[REDACTED]>; Rivero, Michelle C [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: is there a community liaison with the national guard?

Hi Michelle and Aara,

Hope you're well. I have reached out to the MN National Guard and asked them to connect. You should hear more from them shortly.

Thank you,

Sasha

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**To:** Rivero, Michelle C <[REDACTED]>; Bergman, Sasha (GOV) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: is there a community liaison with the national guard?

Hi Michelle,

Thanks for reaching out. I'm including Sasha Bergman who covers the Guard and can answer your question.

Thanks,  
Aara

Sent from my iPhone

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**Subject:** is there a community liaison with the national guard?

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Hi aara,

Sorry to ask this question out of the blue—but wondering about this subject.

Please let me know.

Sincerely,

michelle

**Michelle C. Rivero**

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**Subject:** brief update

Council Members -

Many of you have asked for an update on the security plan for the city as we head into the evening. With this message, I'll do my best to share what I am able, that also doesn't compromise the security of our residents.

Under a unified command structure, the MN Department of Public Safety/MN National Guard is working as lead public safety agency in coordination with Minneapolis, St. Paul, Bloomington, Met Transit, Anoka County, Hennepin County, Ramsey County, U of MN and other partners to restore peace and security for the residents of the region. The State will oversee resource allocation and overall strategy as a part of unified command structure. Under this structure, both Minneapolis and St. Paul are now operating at the direction of the Guard. Minneapolis Police Department policies such as not requiring proof of immigration status remain in effect. MPD remains the jurisdiction primarily responsible for work in the City.

The support we expect extends beyond the public safety agencies and includes the DNR, MNDOT, Met Council, and other law enforcement partners. During the curfew put in place by the Governor, and reinforced by both Mayor Frey and Mayor Carter, we can expect our partners to help by clearing the streets of trash and abandoned vehicles, directing traffic, and protecting essential infrastructure especially critical during this pandemic.

In addition, we expect that hot spots will be monitored throughout the night and morning hours, and as activities change, so will the activity levels of the various jurisdictions.

Thanks,  
Gia

**Gia Vitali**

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