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CHAPTER 227	RIOT AND UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY		
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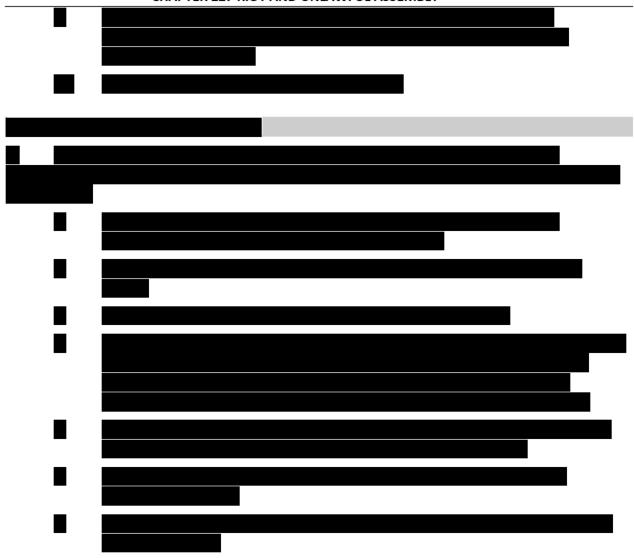
227.100 INTRODUCTION

This department establishes protocol for dealing with response to riots or unlawful assembly.

227.300 GENERAL INFORMATION

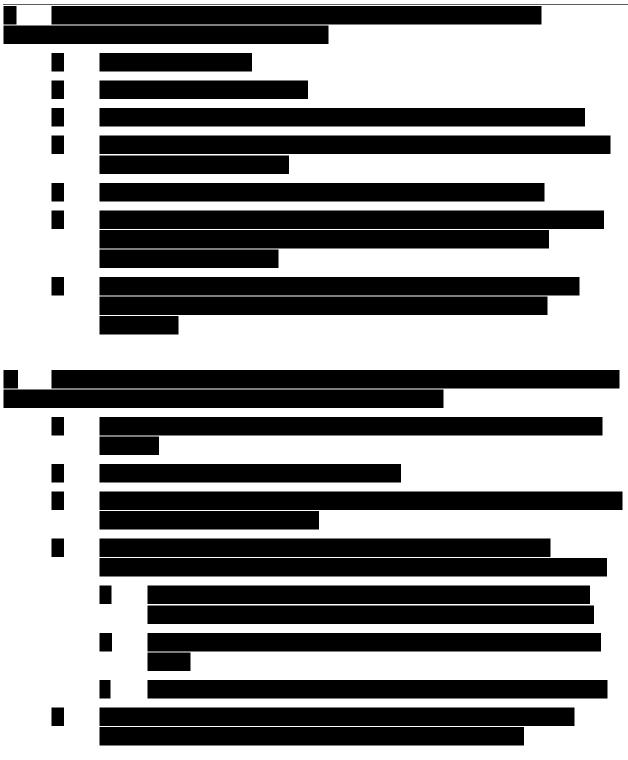
- A. *Crime of riot*. A person commits the crime of riot if, while participating with five or more persons, he engages in tumultuous and violent conduct in a public place; and, thereby causes, or creates a substantial risk of causing damage to property or physical injury to a person. Riot is a class "C" felony. [Ref. AS.11.61.100]
- **B.** Labor disputes. Unless criminal violations need to be acted upon, officers will not interfere in labor disputes without the express order of the Director, or designee.





- **B.** Guidelines for response. The response to a riot incident can have a significant effect on the severity of the incident. The following are guidelines that have been shown to reduce tensions:
 - 1. Maintain strict neutrality:
 - 2. Be calm, courteous, and firm when dealing with participants and witnesses;
 - 3. Do not discuss the situation with the public;
 - 4. Do not use unnecessary force or violence;
 - Handle mob situations firmly;
 - 6. Do not attempt to bluff anyone; and
 - 7. Maintain communications with tactical unit leaders including clear assignments.

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- **E. Recommended special orders.** The officer in charge of a riot or mob response may need to issue special orders to other officers. These may include orders:
 - 1. That no officer shall leave an assigned post or duty until officially relieved;
 - 2. That before going off duty, officer shall make complete field notes for use in the later preparation of reports; and

CHAPTER 227 RIOT AND UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY Specific direction on dealing with by-product crimes (such as arson, looting, or sniping).