May Day Protests
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

May 1st is International Worker’s Day. Each year, rallies and marches are held at various venues in San Francisco to recognize the role of organized labor and union workers. This year, however, presented unique factors. First, it was announced that one of the sites scheduled for a labor demonstration was the Golden Gate Bridge, due to ongoing Bridge District labor issues. Second, Occupy SF activists had stated their intention to be present and engaged at various May 1st rallies, including a possible occupation of the Bridge. As a precaution, the Emergency Operations Center was partially activated to support field operations if needed. The Bridge demonstration never materialized and the planned rallies that did occur were generally smaller than anticipated and remained largely peaceful. The most significant incident occurred toward the end of the day, when about 200 people marched to a vacant building at 888 Turk Street and staged an occupation of the building. Early the next morning, the San Francisco Police Department made 26 arrests as part of the operation to clear the building of occupants.

The table below identifies the capabilities from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Target Capabilities List (TCL) that were able to be tested in this limited response situation, in addition to the overall performance with each TCL.

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<th>Target Capability</th>
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<td>1. Intelligence and Information Sharing and Dissemination</td>
<td>Web EOC was used effectively for the sharing of information among multiple organizational units. In addition to DOC and EOC communication, a third jurisdictional entity, or Multi-Agency Coordination Center, was activated by the Golden Gate Bridge District for this event.</td>
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<td>2. Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Management</td>
<td>The collaboration across EOC Sections and Branches was excellent and helped to facilitate full situational awareness.</td>
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The partial activation of the Emergency Operations Center was a successful opportunity to test response procedures and information coordination among responding agencies. Overall, the actions taken in response to this incident were effective and reflected a high-level of inter-agency coordination.