

JUST CAUSE LAW COLLECTIVE

Legal Observer Checklist

- Detailed description of police misconduct incidents (verbal abuse, wrongful arrest, excessive force) including the exact date, time and location. Note failure to warn, refusal to allow dispersal, etc.
- Nickname and affinity group of the victim(s).
- Other witnesses' names, addresses, emails and phone numbers.
- Names and contact information for any journalists, videographers or photographers.
- Number of officers and law enforcement vehicles.
- Commanding officer's name, rank and badge number (make a note if officers refuse to supply this information).
- Name, rank, badge number, description and agency of each officer present (make a note if officers refuse to supply this information).
- License plate and ID number of police vehicles.
- License numbers of private cars moving through the demonstration.
- Police equipment and weapons: body armor, shields, batons, tear gas, pepper spray, tazers, rubber bullets, wooden bullets, bean bags, stingers, etc.
- Which police weapons were used and how: protesters drenched with pepper spray; tear gas canisters fired at persons (rather than onto the street); horses or vehicles run into people, etc.
- Routes taken by demonstrators and police.
- Statements made by police (particularly commanding officers) and civil officials. Whether orders or warnings were audible and/or intelligible.