





### International Conference on Urban Violence

Policing new social movements in Spain

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Increase of different social movements.





# 1.Social movements. Current situation.

- Circumstances:
- Worldwide deep economical crisis
- High rate unemployement
- Lack of job stability





- Cutbaks
- Corruption
- Social lack of confidence on political class





- High number of mobilizations.
- Main concern of Police Forces: Safety and protection of the participants.



#### 2. New ways of protest. Difficulties and main features

- Non previously announced massive gatherings.
- Actions are taken as protests evolves, without previous plan.
- Violent groups hidden inside gatherings of pacific and ordinary people, using them as a shield.







 Exceptional confrontation happen with police forces (attacks and throwing objects) and after they sit-in inside a pacific mass.

- 3. Changes on police procedures. Tactics & technologies.
  - Intelligence.
- Gathering information reveals to be essential
- Permanently updated
- During the planning phase:
  - Monitoring social networks.
  - Having under surveillance the conflict.
  - Study of points of interest.



#### During the execution phase:

- Direct communication channel between Intelligence Department and Public Order Units.
- Control room to study, analyse and give useful operational information about social networks.

- New equipments and discipline.
- New equipment:
  - Less use of force
- Protection equipment









#### High standards of discipline

- Close control of any intervention by police mid-level commanders.
- Avoid individual decisions.
- Well prepaired and trained officers.

#### Recordings:

 Media to record police interventions and criminal behaviours of the troublemakers.

- Hand cameras
- Helmet cameras
- Cameras on police vehicles









 Procedures for adquisition and storing images or videos (Cientific Police and Judiciary)

## You Tube



#### Police officer Id.

 Every police officer carry a badge with the professional number to be identified by any citizen



Vest with bigger badge with organic ID number.



Vehicles also have id. numbers





#### Communications with the gatherings:

- Importance exchanging information with the mass.
- Inform about any incident during the protest.
- Keep permenent comunication route.
- Use loudspeakers.
- Experimental: SMS, Twitter...









#### Internet:



- Awareness campaigns in social networks where police has an account. In Twitter, the account "@policia" has over 1.000.000 followers.
- Requiring citizen collaboration in case of incidents.







#### Formal agreements with Press Associations

- Balance between the right to inform v.s requirements from police operations.
- Journalists wearing special vests with ID badge will receive a preferential treatment to make easier their professional performance.
- Avoiding "fake" journalists, who belong to protesters.





Identification Press vest

Identification Press card



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Thank you for your attention