

**RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE OR
ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR**

NON-VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS

Purpose: This directive aims to establish policy for the North Little Rock Police Department regarding the response to resistance or assaultive behavior in connection with non-violent demonstrations.

Policy Statement: It is the department's responsibility to preserve the peace while protecting the rights of individuals to assemble and exercise free speech peacefully. The department will intervene only when necessary and take the least intrusive action required to maintain the peace.

Summary of Changes:

Procedure:

1. Non-Violent Demonstrations

- 1.1 Officers responding to non-violent demonstrations will be mindful and protective of the rights of all participants in such demonstrations, as well as any on-lookers, bystanders, persons located in the vicinity, or owning property in the vicinity.
- 1.2 In connection with such demonstrations, the response to resistance shall only be permitted when necessary to protect individuals' rights or uphold the law.
- 1.3 Officers will enforce applicable state and local laws against physically barring an entrance or exit from a facility or location, which is the subject of such non-violent demonstrations.
- 1.4 In no event shall the response to resistance be more than necessary to achieve the lawful goals of the department.

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