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**OPERATIONS ORDER**

**Date:** Sunday November 16, 2003 **Case#:** 03-109659  
**Time:** 1200 hrs.  
**Location:** STARC Armory / Camp Dodge Military Property, 6100 NW. 78<sup>th</sup> Ave Johnston, Iowa  
**Assisting Agencies:** Iowa State Patrol, Camp Dodge Security  
**Operations Freq:** STAR 2  
**Event:** Anti-War in Iraq protest  
**Pre-Event Briefing:** 1000 hrs.  
**On Post:** 1130 hrs.  
**Prepared By:** Captain Doug Phillips *DP*

**Mission:** Prevent Demonstrators from trespassing onto Federal Government Property. Demonstrators who commit a violation of State law will be arrested and transported to the Polk County Jail. There they will be booked and charged as necessary.

**Narrative:**

The Polk County Sheriffs Office was contacted by the Iowa National Guard regarding a scheduled protest that was planned at the STARC Armory on their complex. As the law enforcement agency responsible for state law enforcement at the National Guard Facility, We were asked to respond to the situation and prevent demonstrators from accessing military property. Information received through intelligence sources indicated that demonstrators were planning violate state and federal law and attempt to access the guard facility. Concerns were that this would disrupt operations at the facility. There was also a fear that some demonstrators could become violent.

After meetings with Military personnel and the supervisors from the Iowa State Patrol, A planned response was comprised to have deputies and state troopers on scene the day of the protest to maintain the security of the facility and the safety of those present. The personnel to be utilized were members of the Polk County Sheriff's Office HRT/Group III tactical team and members of the Iowa State Patrol Tactical Team. As a matter of protocol for the safety of team members, Group III would dress in official patrol uniforms, tactical ballistic vests and helmets. It has been our experience in past situations that protests can be unpredictable and become violent without warning. The safety of team members, as well as the safety of civilians and protesters remains a paramount concern for agency commanders. The best practice to help insure this scenario is to properly equip team members from the onset of the event. The event was slated to run from 1200 - 1630 hrs. ←

A total of 18 members of the HRT/Group III team and 8 members of the sheriff's reserve force will be assigned to the event. The Group III members will set a skirmish line to maintain the integrity of the facility property and affect any arrests necessary. The reserve deputies will man 2 transport vans that will be used for transporting any prisoners that are arrested. Reserve deputies will also man patrol cars to control traffic in the area should this become necessary. And finally, a reserve deputy will be assigned a video camera to assist in documenting the event for law enforcement.