



ASIS Offers Resources on Civil Disturbances

ASIS International offers resources to address topics like civil disturbance. There has been a major redesign of their website so many resources have been removed, however, articles in Security Management, their magazine remain available to nonsubscribers. The following resources provide a guide on ways to prepare for unexpected disruptions to normal business operations.

"Preparing for Protests," is the title of an article in *Security Management*, September 2015 by author Lilly Chapa, Assistant Editor. During the 2014 World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, global business leaders identified protests, civil unrest, and collective violence as the most significant risks facing governments and businesses in the years ahead.

Bill Schieder, the new head of physical security and fraud risk at T. Rowe Price, faced those factors head on. Protests in Baltimore, MD, grew violent near the organization's global headquarters following the arrest of Freddie Gray, who subsequently died while being transported via police van. The article details how Schieder dealt with the incidents and the aftermath. Upon reflection, he makes the following points:

- A security oversight committee of key strategic corporate leaders was invaluable in evaluating the needs of the firm as well as coordinating and sharing intelligence with external organizations, including law enforcement.
- The best way to stay on top of protest-related information was through social media, but the information had to be vetted to ensure its veracity.
- The company enacted its continuity plan that gave nonessential employees the option of teleworking or working at an off-site office.

Schieder notes that the protests did not reflect the pulse of the entire Baltimore community. But "you never really let your guard down because peaceful rallies can turn ugly really quickly." The article is available at <https://www.asisonline.org/security-management-magazine/articles/2015/09/preparing-for-protests/>

Other articles include:

- As U.S. Protests Escalate, Global Demonstrations Spread, Claire Meyer/Security Management June 1, 2020, see <https://www.asisonline.org/security-management-magazine/latest-news/today-in-security/2020/june/us-protests-escalate/>
- Protests, It's in the Details, September 2017 Security Management, <https://www.asisonline.org/security-management-magazine/articles/2017/09/protests-its-in-the-details/>

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