



June 2 Uptown Demonstrations Walkthrough

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department

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OVERVIEW

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OVERVIEW OF DEMONSTRATIONS

- More than 30 protests and demonstrations
 - Several demonstrations were peaceful including events with thousands of demonstrators
 - Riots took place 6 days in a row: May 29-June 3
 - At least 17 officers were injured from explosives, rocks, bricks, bottles
 - Injuries included burns, cuts, loss of hearing, shrapnel to the face and arm, stitches, concussions, broken ankle and hand
 - 133 arrests made; 23 people charged with weapons-related offenses
 - 25 weapons seized; 16 firearms including an assault rifle
 - More than a dozen businesses were damaged
 - CMPD deployed Riot Control Agents (RCAs) several times to disperse unlawful crowds, stop riotous behavior/activity and ensure public/officer safety



JUNE 2 WALKTHROUGH



OVERVIEW OF JUNE 2

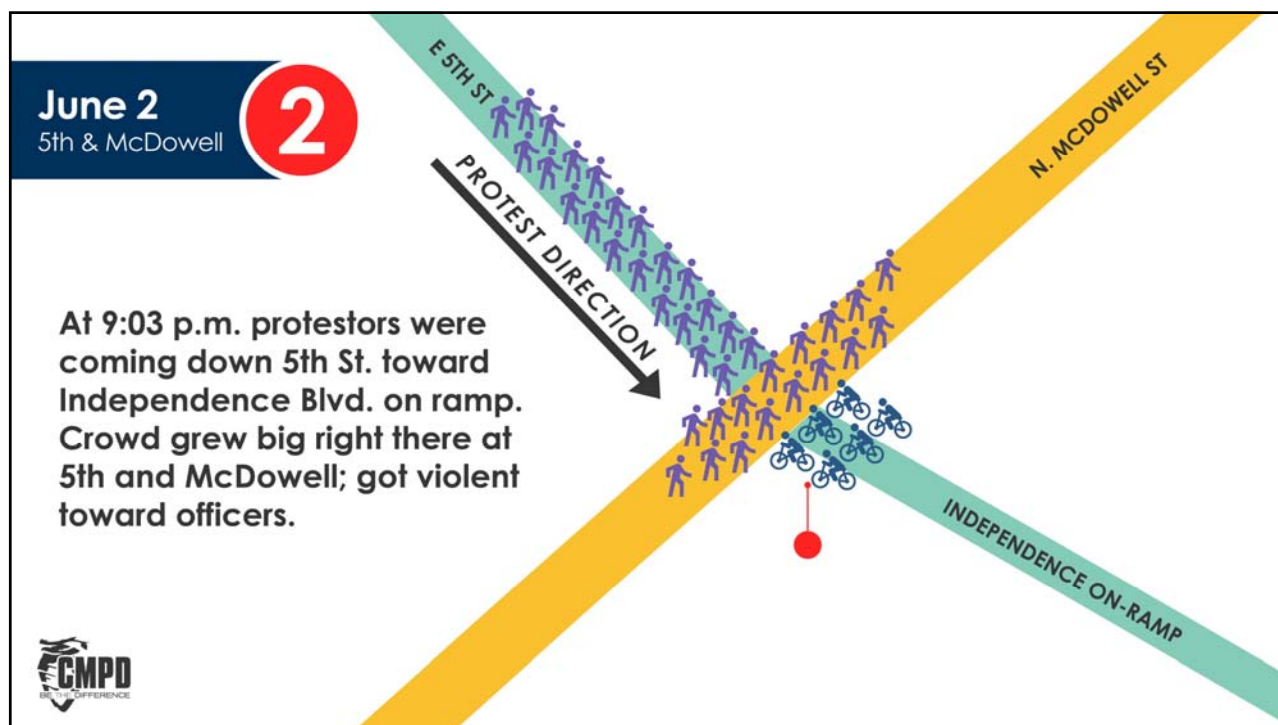
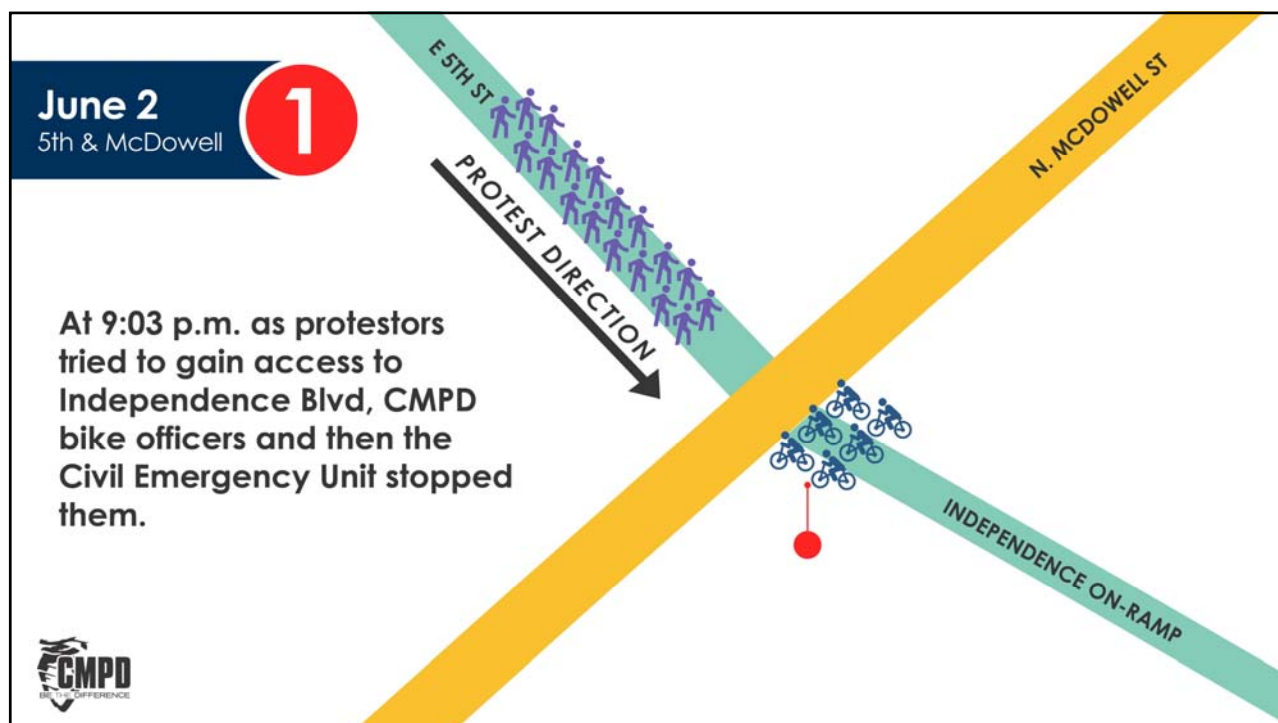
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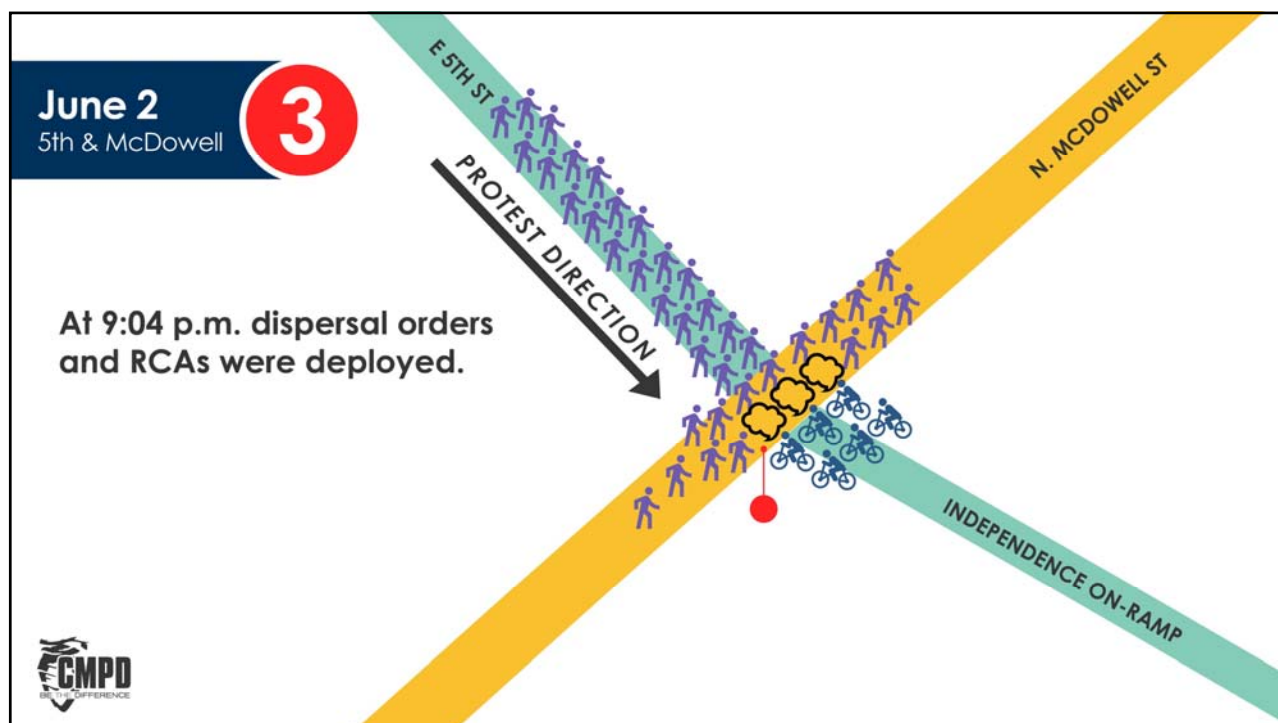
- Peaceful, permitted protest with thousands of demonstrators facilitated throughout the day; ended at 7 p.m.
- During the evening hours, at least 18 incidents of protestors throwing objects and launching explosives at officers over a 4-hour period
- 9 dispersal orders were issued
- 16 protestors were arrested
- 3 guns recovered including an assault rifle



OVERVIEW OF JUNE 2

- Crowds were constantly on the move.
 - Violence on the move as well
- Once a crowd becomes violent, it is difficult to disperse a crowd.
- Protestors became violent at 7th and College at 8:44 p.m., and the violence continued until 1 a.m.
- Approximately 400+ protestors throughout the evening.

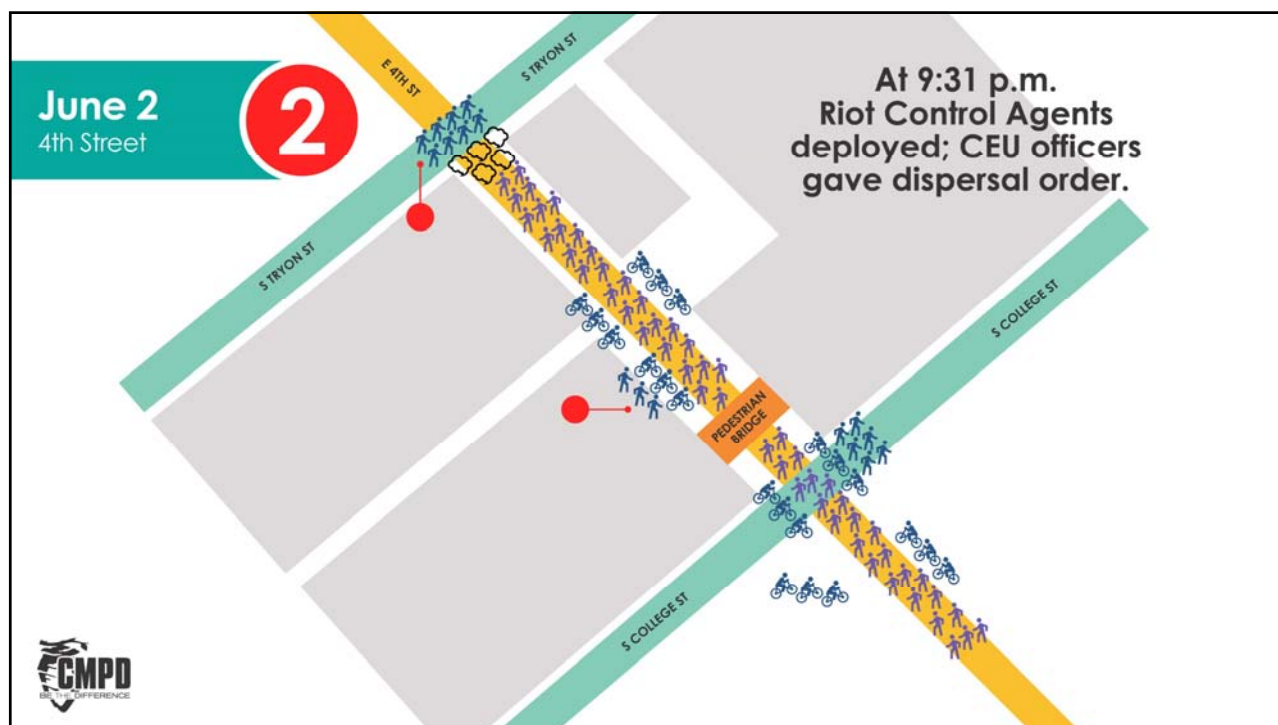
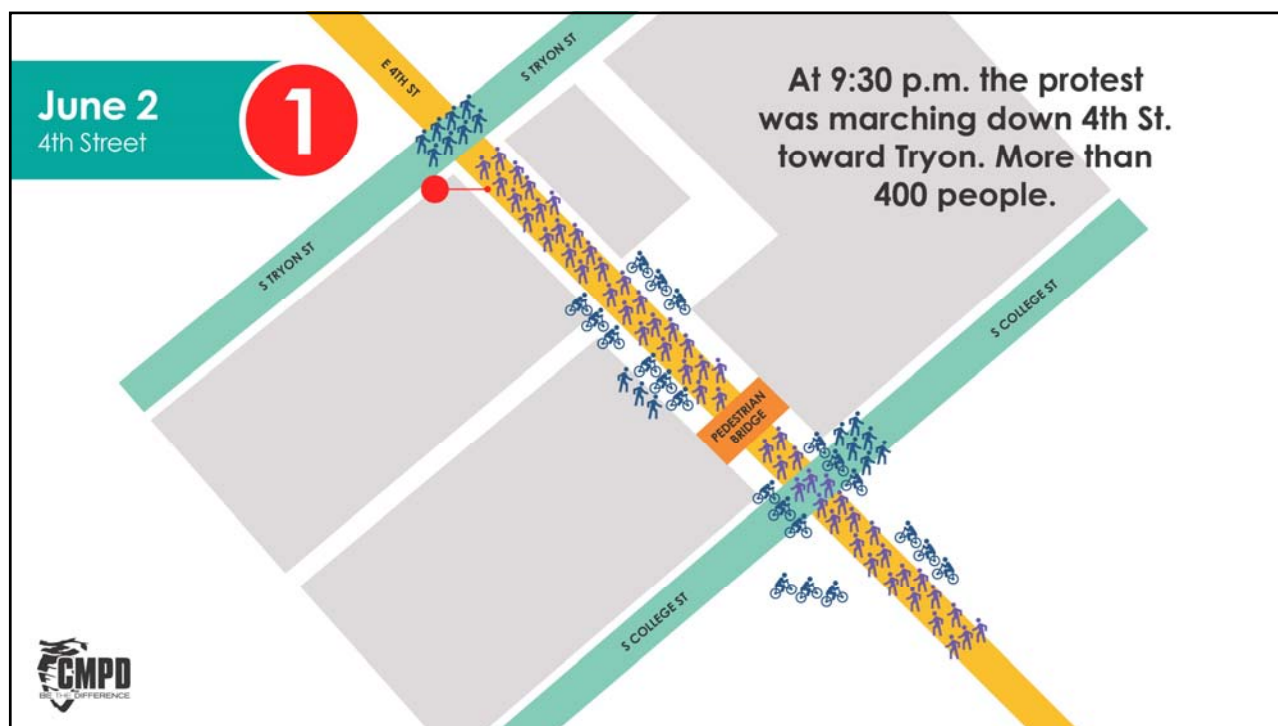


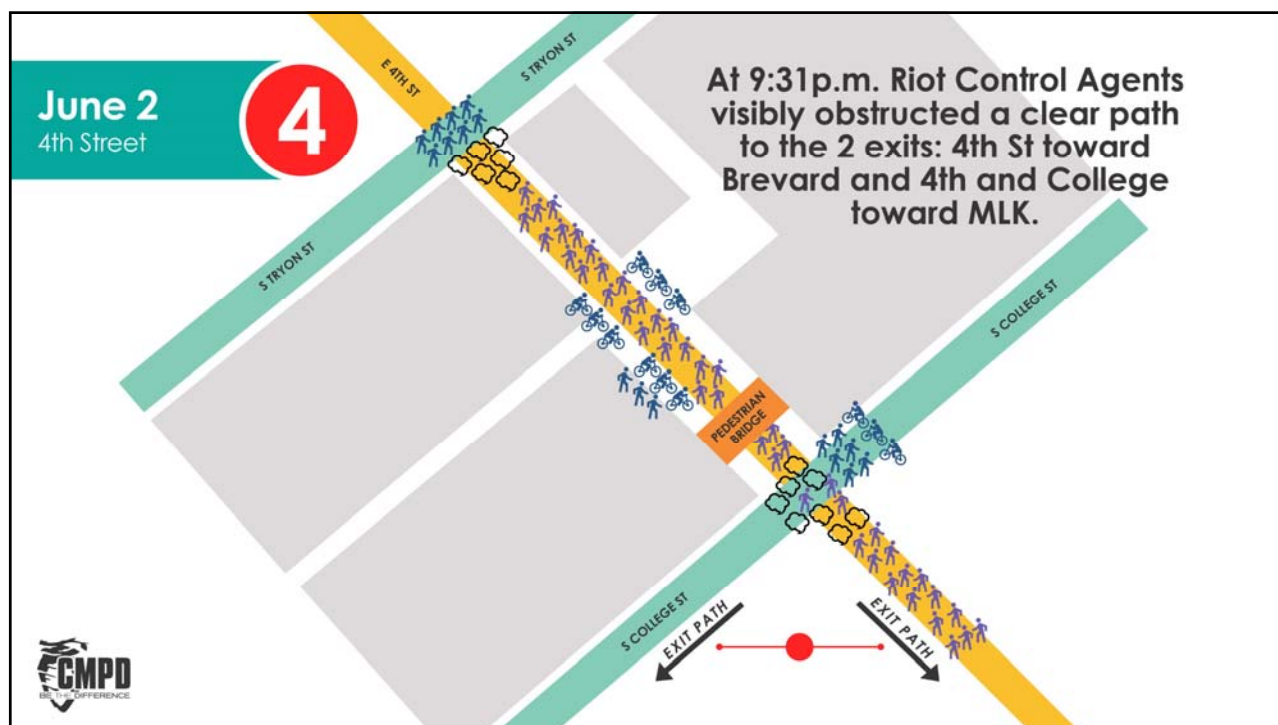
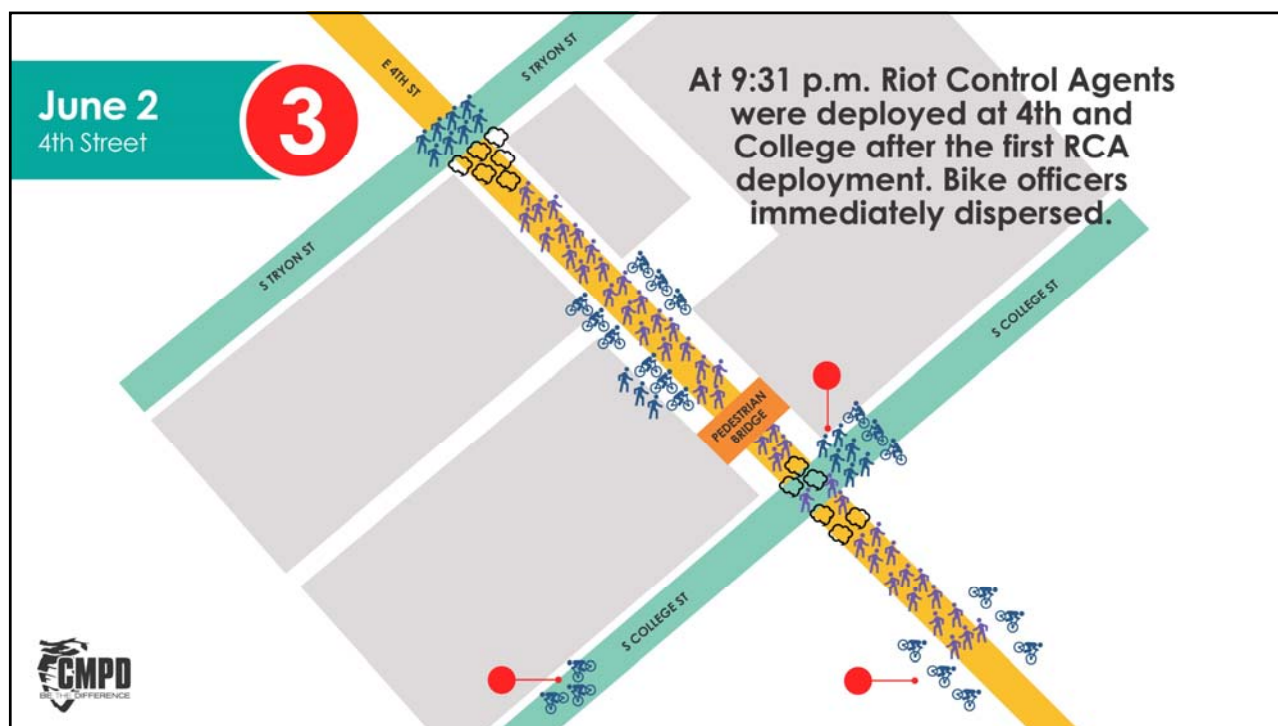


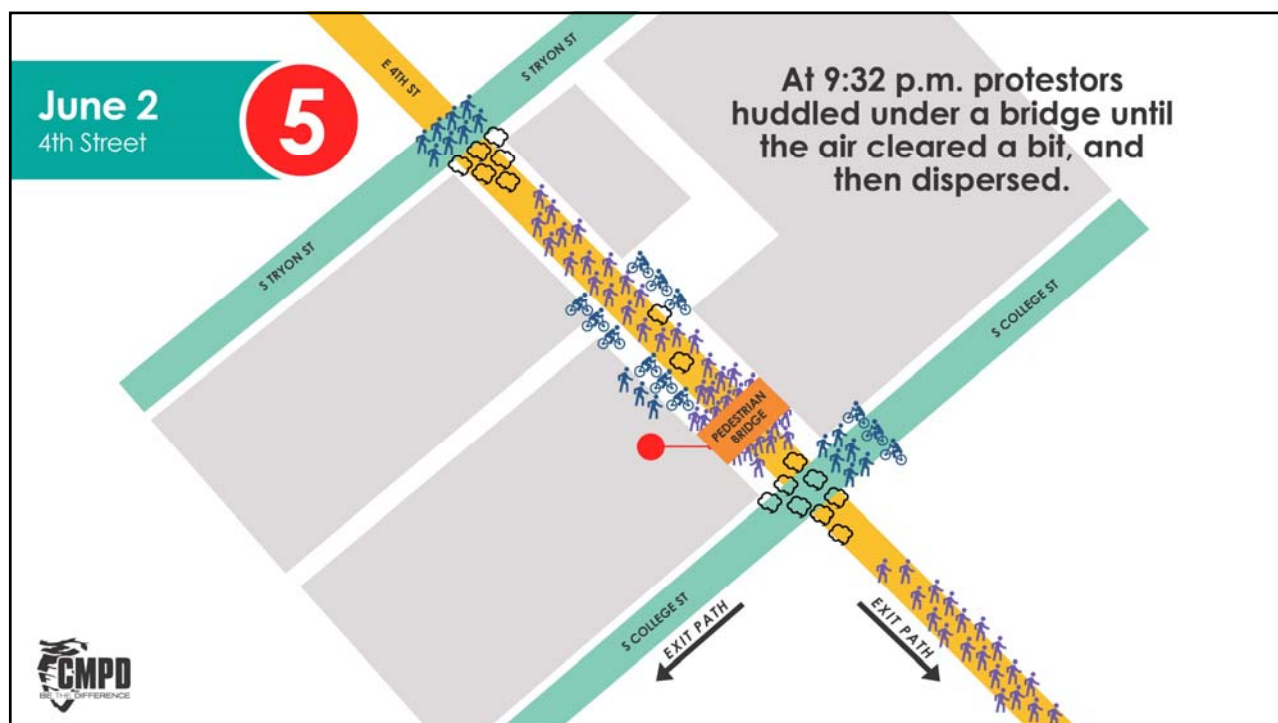
THE CROWD MARCHED ON

At Alexander and Trade at 9:19 p.m., protestors moved a barricade into the street to impede traffic.

At 4th and Davidson at 9:21 p.m., protestors threw more objects at officers.







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- Revised the CEU Standard Operating Procedure regarding dispersal orders. From the SOP --- "If a dispersed crowd reassembles at another location after a lapse in time, additional dispersal orders must be given, absent exigent circumstances."
- Communicating dispersals --- "When a dispersal order is given, the dispersal order and avenues of escape will be audibly communicated repeatedly, loudly and clearly to the crowd."
- Corraling or containing crowds --- "RCAs will not be used to intentionally corral or contain crowds. When RCAs are deployed during the same dispersal at a location, subsequent or simultaneous RCAs will not be intentionally deployed to hinder or prevent routes of egress from that location."



NEXT STEPS



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- Continuing to review policies, procedures and tactics to improve
- The Civil Emergency Unit is conducting after-action assessments following all major deployments. These assessments will analyze and critique operational plans and tactics to determine their effectiveness as well as to identify areas for improvement.
- The CMPD's Internal Affairs Bureau is conducting an investigation (standard procedure) to determine whether the CMPD's policies and procedures were followed during the June 2 incidents as well as for all deployments.



NEXT STEPS

- BWC mounts (about 300) for CEU scheduled to arrive in August.
- Reviewing BWC policy to ensure alignment with CMPD's high standards of accountability and transparency.
- Petitioned the courts for release of the 4th St. and Tryon/College St. incident. Video includes the helicopter, building cameras, body-worn camera and traffic cameras.
 - The court still needs to set a date for in-camera review of the videos, and then a hearing date will be set before a superior court judge. The judge will issue an order granting or denying release of the videos.

