

Direct Action Protest Management

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In the past five years, mass protest activities in Seattle, Quebec, Cancun and Miami have taxed criminal justice resources beyond their limits. The aftermath of these large protests and the subsequent criminal justice responses have been closely scrutinized and often criticized in the media and the courts. Research regarding these incidents is useful in planning the law enforcement and correctional responses to future events that draw large numbers of widely varied types of protesters. Criminal justice awareness of evolving protestor tactics is paramount in dealing with these historically violent, large-scale events. Many protestors have become highly adept and well trained in their methods, the criminal justice realm must respond in kind.