



SPECIAL COVERAGE: Occupy Wall Street

October 2011

Mass gatherings associated with public protest movements can have disruptive effects on transportation, commercial, and government services, especially when staged in major metropolitan areas. Large scale demonstrations also carry the potential for violence, presenting a significant challenge for law enforcement.

Background

The Occupy Wall Street (OWS) movement is a loose coalition of ongoing peaceful protests taking place in cities across the United States. The OWS movement began with demonstrations staged in New York City’s financial district, where protesters have taken up residence since September 17. The protests focus primarily on issues of economic justice, including corruption in the financial system, the government’s handling of the global financial crisis, wealth disparity, and the role of corporate money in the U.S. political system. As a self-identified “leaderless resistance movement,” OWS lacks an official set of demands and has co-opted support from participants seeking to bring attention to a wide range of social, economic, political, and environmental issues. The movement has drawn inspiration from recent protests in Europe and the Middle East, specifically citing “the Egyptian Tahrir Square uprising” and recent demonstrations in Spain. The first day of the protest drew approximately 1,000 protesters to Wall Street and the movement has grown considerably since, with an encampment of protesters occupying nearby Zucotti Square in Lower Manhattan. The OWS protests continued to gain momentum in the following weeks, sparking smaller demonstrations in major cities nationwide. Although the protests have been mostly peaceful, hundreds of arrests have been made by local police forces, mostly for trespassing, disorderly conduct, and obstructing traffic.

Sources: Occupytogether.org; Occupywallstreet.org; [Bloomberg](http://Bloomberg.com); [The Guardian](http://TheGuardian.com)

Sector-Specific Impacts

Financial Services

The financial services sector has served as the focal point of the OWS movement, with protesters holding protests and camping out in the financial districts of cities such as Boston, New York, Chicago, and San Francisco.

New York:

- Protesters have staged numerous marches and rallies on Wall Street and the areas surrounding the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). On October 5, roughly 200 protesters attempted to storm police barricades blocking protesters from the area. (Source: [New York Daily News](http://NewYorkDailyNews.com))
- On October 14, protesters once again attempted to breach the barricades blocking access to Wall

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Street and the NYSE after learned they would not be evicted from Zucotti Park. (Source: [CBS News](#); [Associated Press](#))

- On October 5, the “hacktivist” group Anonymous vowed to “erase” the NYSE from the Internet on October 10. NYSE’s Web site suffered a brief interruption of service October 10, but there was no indication of a cyber attack. (Source: [CNN](#))

Chicago:

- Protesters from Occupy Chicago have camped outside of the Chicago branch of the Federal Reserve Bank since September 23. (Source: [Chicago Tribune](#))
- On October 10 and 11, demonstrations targeted the Chicago Board of Trade and meetings of the Mortgage Bankers Association and the Futures Industry Association. (Source: [WLS-TV 7 Chicago](#); [Reuters](#))
- On October 11, five women were arrested after dumping garbage taken from a foreclosed home owned by Bank of America in the lobby one of the bank's branches. (Source: [Reuters](#))

San Francisco:

- On October 12, roughly 100-200 members of the Occupy SF movement marched in the city’s financial district and blocked the entrances of Wells Fargo Corporate Headquarters, leading to 11 arrests. (Source: [Reuters](#))

Commercial Facilities

Movement organizers have used public parks and plazas, as well as private property, as areas of public assembly for OWS-linked protests. In many cases, these protests have been staged without permits, leading to arrests. These large gatherings have had a major impact on surrounding business and retail districts. In some cases, commercial facilities have been targeted directly by OWS demonstrations.

New York:

- The encampment at the privately owned Zucotti Park has become the focal point of the movement, providing a gathering area for protesters, a logistical center for communications, and the distribution of food, water, and medical supplies. (Source: [New York Times](#))
- On October 1, OWS in New York staged a “Millionaires March,” marching from Zucotti Park to demonstrate outside the homes of some of the city’s richest residents. (Source: [MSNBC](#))
- On October 8, protesters marched from Zucotti Park to occupy Manhattan’s Washington Square Park for a general assembly meeting. (Source: [CBS News](#))
- On October 14, New York City and Zucotti Park officials emboldened protesters by postponing a planned clean up of the park that would have required a temporary evacuation. (Source: [New York Daily News](#))

Chicago:

- On October 10, 3,000 protesters in Chicago gathered outside of the Art Institute of Chicago where a reception for the Futures Industry Association was taking place. (Source: [WLS-TV 7 Chicago](#))
- On October 11, police arrested 16 protesters outside of the downtown Hyatt Regency where the

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annual conference of the Mortgage Bankers Association was underway. (Source: [Reuters](#))

Boston:

- On October 11, approximately 100 protesters were arrested by Boston police after migrating from nearby Dewey Square in Boston's financial district, to the Rose Kennedy Greenway, where they had been warned not to congregate by Boston Police. (Source: [Boston Globe](#))

Seattle:

- On October 10, Seattle Police urged protesters to relocate from Westlake Park, located in the center of the city's downtown shopping district, to a location near city hall. (Source: [New York Times](#))

Transportation

Taking place primarily in downtown areas, the OWS demonstrations have had a significant impact on transportation, causing widespread traffic jams, road closures, and suspension of public transit.

New York:

- On September 30, New York Police arrested 700 protesters for blocking the roadway during a march across the Brooklyn Bridge. (Source: [Huffington Post](#))

San Francisco:

- On October 12, Occupy San Francisco protests forced the suspension of cable car service in the city's financial district. (Source: [Bay Area News Group](#))

Portland, Oregon:

- On October 6, a gathering of 10,000 protesters caused TriMet, the public agency in charge of mass transit in Portland, to temporarily suspend service and forced police to block-off several roadways. (Source: [Portland Oregonian](#))

Emergency Services

The OWS protests have placed a considerable burden on emergency services personnel to control crowds, protect critical infrastructure, and maintain public order. Although there have been hundreds of arrests made, most have been for minor offenses and confrontations between police and protesters have been rare. Police departments have sought to minimize these types of incidents, enhance security, and heighten awareness through public-private information sharing.

New York:

- The extra manpower needed to police the protests are also placing a financial burden on emergency services, costing the New York Police Department (NYPD) \$1.9 million mostly in overtime as of October 10. (Source: [MSNBC](#))
- The NYPD has kept banks in the loop about protester activity by sending out email blasts to its Lower Manhattan Security Initiative and Midtown Manhattan Security Initiative. The emails tell landlords and occupants in those areas, including large banks, where protesters are headed and whether there are any unusual risks. (Source: [Reuters](#))

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A distinct feature of OWS is how it was born from online organization and continues to use social media to spread its message, organize further protests, and keep protesters connected. OWS and the broader Occupy Together movement that organizes protests in other cities use services such as Twitter, Tumblr, Meetup, and Facebook to this end, as well as having set up a live video feed of the OWS encampment in New York. Announcements, videos, and images are all collected and disseminated via these social networks as well as on the OWS Web site.



- On September 24 and October 5, NYPD officers resorted to pepper spray to subdue protesters. The September 24 incident is under investigation. (Source: [DNAinfo.com](#))
- On October 14, protesters wielding brooms and throwing bottles and garbage clashed erupted with police as protesters attempted to breach the barricades blocking access to Wall Street and the NYSE, leading to 14 arrests. One protester was injured by a police scooter. (Source: [CBS News](#); [Associated Press](#))

Boston:

- The Boston Police Department (BPD) has also reached out to protesters, issuing a notice which informed protesters of applicable laws and what to expect from BPD officers, as well as communicated with Occupy Boston's members via the movement's Twitter account. (Source: [Boston Globe](#); [MSNBC](#))

Government Facilities

OWS-inspired protests have also impacted government facilities, with protests staged at city halls and courthouses in cities such as Los Angeles, Portland, and Chicago, and marches staged in Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C.:

- On October 6, members from the Occupy D.C. movement marched near the White House and protested at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. (Source: [Washington Examiner](#))
- On October 9, approximately 200 Occupy D.C. participants and anti-war protesters forced the closure of the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum. (Source: [Associated Press](#))
- On October 11, U.S. Capitol Police arrested six people affiliated with Occupy D.C. movement at the U.S. Senate Hart Office Building for "unlawful conduct — demonstrating in a Capitol building." (Source: [Washington Post](#))

Denver:

- On October 14, police arrested 23 people and dismantled a protester encampment illegally erected on the grounds of the State Capitol building in Denver. (Source: [Associated Press](#)).

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Since the initial September 17 protest which drew 1,000 participants to Wall Street, OWS-inspired groups have staged protests in upwards of 70 cities across the United States, including most major metropolitan areas. The largest gathering to date came on October 5, when an estimated 15,000 protesters marched on Wall Street and the NYSE. In addition, Occupytogether.org, an OWS-affiliated Web site, lists over 1,500 geographically unique online communities in 25 countries seeking to participate in the demonstrations. As the movement has spread, it has garnered increased media attention, significantly expanded its demographic base, and co-opted support from labor unions, social action groups, and the “hacktivist” collective, Anonymous, among others.

Social media and the organic emergence of online communities have driven the rapid expansion of the OWS movement. In New York, OWS leaders have also formed ad hoc committees to organize protesters and manage communications, logistics, and security. The OWS encampment in Zucotti Park features a medical station, distribution point for food and water, and a media center complete with generators and wireless Internet. Organizers hold general assembly meetings twice a day and have established committees and working groups including an Internet Working Group and a Direct Action Committee, which plans protest activities and works to maintain peaceful and controlled demonstrations. This high level of organization has allowed OWS to sustain its operations, disseminate its message, and garner increasing levels of support.

The growing support for the OWS movement has expanded the protests’ impact and increased the potential for violence. While the peaceful nature of the protests has served so far to mitigate their impact, larger numbers and support from groups such as Anonymous substantially increase the risk for potential incidents and enhance the potential security risk to critical infrastructure (CI). The continued expansion of these protests also places an increasingly heavy burden on law enforcement and movement organizers to control protesters. As the primary target of the demonstrations, financial services stands the sector most impacted by the OWS protests. Due to the location of the protests in major metropolitan areas, heightened and continuous situational awareness for security personnel across all CI sectors is encouraged.

Sources: [Bloomberg](#); [The Guardian](#); [New York Post](#); [Time](#); [NYC General Assembly](#); [The Guardian](#)

Resources: Occupy Wall Street Online

[Occupy Wall Street Web site](#): News from the NYC protesters.

[AdBusters Occupy Wall Street Web site](#): Live video and Twitter feeds and other resources.

[Occupy Together Web site](#): Resources and news for the larger Occupy movement.

[@OccupyWallSt NYC Twitter account](#): OWS main Twitter account postings.

[#OccupyWallStreet Twitter tag search results](#): One of two main Twitter tags used to discuss the NYC protests.

[#OWS Twitter tag search results](#): Second of two main Twitter tags used to discuss the NYC protests.

[#OccupyWallStreet Tumblr account](#): Used to disseminate images, news, videos, and other content.

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Occupy Chicago Protest Continues Despite Arrests

The Occupy Chicago protests continued into Monday after 175 protesters were arrested early Sunday morning in Grant Park. Marching to their own beat, Occupy Chicago's protesters held posters Sunday that painted a picture of a movement that wants jobs and doesn't want tax cuts for the rich. After the weekend protests, police officials say they used Saturday's Occupy Chicago protest as a training session for two upcoming international summits. According to the Chicago Tribune, police were in constant contact with protest organizers during Saturday night's arrest of 175 demonstrators. They were working on dealing with protests without it reaching violence. Sunday's crowd was smaller than the 2,000 who marched to Grant Park Saturday night. The protesters were younger and the message was diverse. The Occupy Chicago movement crossed socioeconomic and racial barriers and attracted all ages. Several protesters that were arrested on Saturday, 15 October 2011, held up signs saying "arrested last night...but still here." The Occupy Chicago website said its mission is to "fight corporate abuse of American democracy in solidarity with brothers and sisters around the world." One organizer said "the group plans to take over a park in the city within the next two weeks." Source: FOX Chicago News / Chicago Sun-Times News

Special Events

Situational Awareness-Ongoing Protest / Rally / Demonstrations

001st 018th District –Spontaneous Protest via “Occupy Chicago Week of Action”

ONGOING Event

This group will be gathering at Jackson and LaSalle throughout the day and spontaneously March to Congress Parkway and Michigan Ave. to the “Horse Statue.”

Ø Monday, 17 October 2011

1330 hours – General Assembly
 1500 hours – Teach-Ins at the Plaza next to the Chicago Board of Trade (corner of LaSalle and Jackson, between Jackson and Van Buren) Topic: “The Assassination of Fred Hampton”
 1700 hours – March around the Loop
 1900 hours – General Assembly

Ø Tuesday, 18 October 2011

1330 hours – General Assembly
 1600 hours – Teach-Ins at the Plaza next to the Chicago Board of Trade (corner of LaSalle and Jackson, between Jackson and Van Buren) Topic: “Racism in Chicago”
 1700 hours – March around the Loop
 1900 hours – General Assembly

Ø Wednesday, 19 October 2011

1330 hours – General Assembly
 1700 hours – March around the Loop
 1900 hours – General Assembly

Ø Thursday, 20 October 2011

1330 hours – General Assembly
 1700 hours – March around the Loop
 1715 hours – Teach-Ins at the Plaza next to the Chicago Board of Trade (corner of LaSalle and Jackson, between Jackson and Van Buren) Topic: “On the Politics of Student Debt and the Need for a Radical Debt Movement”
 1900 hours – General Assembly

Ø Friday, 21 October 2011

1330 hours – General Assembly
 1700 hours – March around the Loop
 1900 hours – General Assembly

Significant Dates

October 17, 2001 Israel: Cabint s killed by PFLP
October 18, 2003 Indonesia: Imam Samudra sentenced to death for role in 12 October 2002 bombing in Bali
October 19, 2000 Sri Lanka: LTTE suicide bomber wounds 23, including three US tourists, in attack against town hall near Colombo
October 20, 1981 Belgium: Antrwerp synagogue bombed, killing two and wounding 99; bomber unknown
October 20 Jewish Shemini Atzeret (Assembly of the Eighth Day)
October 21 Jewish: Simchat Torah (Rejoicing in the Torah)
October 21, 2002 Israel: Car bomb explodes next to bus in Karkur, killing 19; PIJ suspected
October 22, 2000 Spain: ETA car bomb kills prison officer in Basque capital, Vitoria
October 23, 2002 Russia: Fifty Chechens seize Podshipnikov Zavod theater in Moscow, taking more than 800 hostages; all Chechens and 124 hostages, including one American killed during rescue

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175 Chicago protesters arrested after being told to leave Grant Park

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By Dawn Rhodes Tribune reporter

8:36 a.m. CDT, October 16, 2011

Chicago police arrested about 175 Occupy Chicago protesters in Congress Plaza just after 1 a.m. Sunday, about 90 minutes after police issued their first warning that the group was violating municipal code.

Police completed the last arrests and cleared the plaza of protesters at 3:30 am, more than two hours after arrests began.

The protesters will likely be cited with municipal violations and face fines, police said.

Occupy Chicago volunteers said they were taking bags and other belongings from people who were arrested to Grace Episcopal Church for people to pick up once they were released from jail.

With the din from supporters from across the street long since faded away, the participants were taken away in police trucks and [CTA](#) buses, often cheering.

"I did it!" one woman said, beaming. "Did you see what I did?"

Officers individually approached protesters, who had formed a human chain and sat on the ground, to give them the option to leave the park voluntarily or be arrested.

As of 1:30 a.m., at least 50 protesters had been hauled away, while about 150 others stood and continued their demonstrations from across the street on [Michigan Avenue](#).

The arrests were mostly peaceful, though many people shouted that the police "were the instruments of the one percent," referring to the movement's popular refrain.

One person chose to leave rather than be arrested while two men were seen refusing to stand and had to be carried away by several officers.

Many chanted "The whole world is watching," echoing chants during protests at the [1968 Democratic Convention](#) in Chicago, some of which took place in and around [Grant Park](#).

About 500 or so protestors -- down from 2,000 earlier in the day -- had pitched tents early in the evening. Police warned them at 11:30 p.m. Saturday they were violating a municipal ordinance which closes the park at 11 p.m.

As the arrests continued, other officers dismantled the two dozen tents and threw away some of the signs.

"I'd like to ask why (New York Mayor Michael) Bloomberg let the people stay in the park peacefully and clean up their own mess, and [Rahm Emanuel](#) won't let us do the same," said Joseph Eichler, 23, of Logan Square.

When a group of protesters sat defiantly in their tent and refused to leave, the officers dismantled the tent with the people still in it.

"I'm going down with the ship!" one man shouted, right before the group was arrested.

After police cleared most of the plaza, a group of about 60 protesters remained around 2 a.m., huddled together, shouting over the repeated warnings that they would be arrested if they didn't leave.

"It's our duty to defend our rights, our right to peacefully assemble," said Brit Schulte, 23, of Uptown. "This is our park, and they're trying to take it away from us. We shouldn't be arrested

right now."

Participants, expecting to be arrested, pledged to return to the plaza Sunday.

As arrests resumed, people chanted, "Shame on Rahm! Shame on Rahm!"

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Subject: Planned Event at Chicago, IL (Updated)

Updated Location Grant Park - Occupy Chicago has established new headquarter location in the area.

Incident Location:
Grant Park
Chicago, IL, 60605

Incident: Advisory
Incident Type: Planned Event
Severity: Minor
When this Happened: 10/15/2011 12:00 PM EDT (10/15/2011 09:00 AM PDT)

Description:
The activist group Occupy Chicago, a group aligned with the Occupy Wall Street movement currently ongoing in New York City, continued protests throughout the day.

Approximately 2,000 protesters participated in the "Global Day of Action" rally which began at 12:00pm with a march from La Salle St and Jackson St to S Michigan Ave and E Congress Pkwy. The group announced that Grant Park will be the new location for their headquarters and base camp.

Police officers are reportedly warning the group of an 11:00pm curfew for the park, but the participants are currently not planning on leaving the area. There are no reports of acts of violence or arrests. Expect possible traffic delays in the area.

Information Quality: Other
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NYC: Wall Street Is War Street- On the 10th Anniversary of U.S. War in Afghanistan

Sat. OCT. 15, 2011

NOON Rally at Wall Street & Broadway- In front of Chase Bank March to Occupy Wall Street Encampment Liberty & Broadway

Oct. 15 is a day of nationally coordinated antiwar actions in cities across the U.S., the 10th anniversary of the massively destructive and criminal U.S. war on Afghanistan.

When the U.S. government began its attack on Afghanistan 10 years ago, President Bush called it a "war on terror." It was followed by 8 years of U.S. war Iraq and now war in Libya and drone wars on Pakistan, Yemen, Somalia and Sudan under Pres. Obama. These are all wars for oil, resources and markets in the interests of corporate power. At the same time, the U.S. government is carrying out attacks on working people within the U.S., cutting back on health care and education while bailing out the Wall St. banks and insurance companies. Every time people call for money for social services, we are told there is no money, but the government always finds money for its wars. It is increasing repression on Muslims, on Black and Latino youth and on those who protest, as the FBI raids on anti-war demonstrators and the NYPD attacks on the peaceful Occupy Wall St. demonstrators show.

Join us in a march to demand an end to U.S. wars in Afghanistan & Iraq, an end to U.S. aid to Israel, and an end to U.S. bombing and destruction in Libya and an end to the growing repression at home.

We NEED Jobs, Health Care & Education NOT War, Racism & Repression

Called by: United National Antiwar Coalition (UNAC), www.UNACpeace.org

Followed by a 4 pm Solidarity Meeting organized by Committee to Stop FBI Repression with Carlos Montes, a speaker from the Victor Toro Defense Committee, immigrant rights and antiwar activists facing government attack and phony charges, and Cyrus McGoldrick from the NY Council on American Islamic Relations. At Judson Memorial Church, Washington Square South & Thompson St., NYC

Source: <http://www.worldcantwait.net/>

When Sat Oct 15 11am – 3pm Central Time

Where NOON Rally at Wall Street & Broadway In front of Chase Bank March to Occupy Wall Street
Encampment Liberty & Broadway ([map](#))

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Here is some information so far all that were in September have been peaceful with arrests but peaceful arrests, however the wallstreet occupation is still going on for the past 13 days and it appears that other cities are catching onto it and performing the same thing peaceful demonstrations so far, with them saying they will go on until the government puts things right.. Most of these occur at Federal Reserve Banks so if they are close to Federal property you will get some overflow traffic of protestors carrying signs, American flags and passing out literature but thus far all have been peaceful.

Occupy Wall Street has gained interest and spawned a larger national movement, including an effort called "**Occupy Michigan in Lansing and Detroit**," which boasts its own Facebook event page.

William Borch, the upstate business manager for the Ironworkers Local 25 in Zilwaukee, said he's been following the events on Wall Street closely.

"I think they're trying to make the public aware of some of the things... the financial industry has done in this country.. that put the whole economy in jeopardy and I think some of these events are locally catching on," he said.

Borch, an advocate for union rights, said he's unsure if the Saginaw County organization would mobilize residents to participate in Occupy Lansing or Occupy Detroit events.

"We're always looking at rallying for peoples rights or workers rights, but I think overall we're taking a little different direction and trying to work with the legislators that will work with us and making their constituent aware of what's going on," Borch said.

Scheduled to take place on Oct. 15 until Oct. 17 in Lansing, the Facebook page urges a "**peaceful occupation**" in Lansing and presents an "Occupy Michigan mission statement."

The page seems to **target the current Republican leaders**, including Governor Rick Snyder, claiming there has been "overt action to subvert our democracy and our system of representative government," that new legislation infringes on teachers' rights, there have been "attempts to punish poor people and the unemployed simply for being poor and unemployed."

The Facebook page also demands: "Out with emergency financial managers."

Due to laws that forbid overnight camping at the Capitol in Lansing, **the Occupy Lansing Facebook page** states: "If we are to occupy, and stay overnight then this would be an act of civil disobedience. **Civil disobedience is when you are peacefully breaking the rules**, and can be subject to arrest. If people are serious about this, then you must open yourself up to possibly being arrested and going to jail."

Several websites related to the Occupy Wall Street protest indicate the movement is an outcry by the "99 percent" — the common civilian — against the 1 percent — large financial institutions and governments — that they allege ignore the majority and trample their rights.

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When possible, can you gather more intel on these posttests. We have the one in Lansing, MI (at state capital) coming up that is scheduled for three days My concern is the US Courthouse 75 feet from that property! I am looking for info/intel that will justify the need for an FPS presence at our facilities. Please advise when possible

Thank you,

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Monday, October 31, 2011 9:29 PM

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Subject:

RE: Threat Management Division TELCON Brief To GSA Commissioner & Regional / Area Commissioners IRT "Occupy" Demonstrations

Have that document to the RD by 2PM November 1, 2011. Reach out to the respective Districts to fill in the blanks, if you need to.

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Importance: High

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Please put together a regional brief on the Occupy Protests that have been ongoing within the region. Have it to the RD by COB tomorrow, November 1, 2011. Consider this a priority tasking.

Thanks

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I have been checking the Occupy Detroit protestors almost daily on my way into the office updates below sir. I checked the group at Grand Circus Park directly across the street from the HIDTA / MIOC offices at 28 West Adams, Detroit, MI. It has been a peaceful protest throughout.

10/31/2011

Approximately 100+ tents; 200+ people over night rain; 49 degrees; no media; and no local police on scene currently.

10/28/2011

Approximately 0446 hours this morning: approximately 100+ tents; 100+ people; 33 degrees; clear weather overnight; protesters are peaceful; no warming station; no media; no local police on scene. Occupy Detroit Group planned protests:

1200 hours eastern, Hart Plaza, Detroit, MI with teachers union on class size increases and 1600 hours eastern, Detroit Transit Center, diagonally directly across the street at Cass and Michigan Avenue from Patrick V. McNamara Federal Office Building, (MI0131MC) 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226 to protect Department Of Transportation lay offs and bus route reductions.

10/27/2011

Approximately 0525 hours; 100+ tents; 200 people; 45 degrees; light rain overnight; protesters are peaceful; no media; no local police on scene.

10/26/2011

Approximately 0525 hours; 100+ tents; 200 people; 45 degrees; light rain overnight; protesters are peaceful; no media; no local police on scene.

10/25/2011

Occupy Detroit group is at Grand Circus, Detroit, MI park still, checked at approximately 0446 hours this morning, 100+ tents; 200+ peaceful demonstrators; warming center open; clear weather 50 degrees; no media; no local police on site.

10/24/2011

Operation Occupy Detroit in Grand Circus park across from the HIDTA MIOC 28 West Adams, Detroit, MI; Currently approximately: 100 tents; 150 people; warming station open; Weather 50 degrees and raining; No media; and no local police.

Occupy Detroit events:

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Monday morning 0440 hours, approximately 65 tents, approximately 100 protestors, peaceful, warming station open all night, local media Channel 4 and ABC Channel 7 TV on scene.

Tuesday morning 0440 hours, approximately 80 tents, approximately 150 protestors, peaceful, warming station open all night, local media Channel 4 on scene.

Wednesday morning 0450 hours, approximately 120 tents, approximately 250 protestors, peaceful, warming station open all night, local media Channel 4 and local police also on scene.

We also had the Occupy Lansing on the 15-17 at the state capital (we had one inspector and one Area Commander duty that weekend for it.

Occupy Lansing Operation (B11013089);
Burdett

7:30 am – 7:00 pm, 11.5 hours on 10/15/2011

7:30 am – 7:00 pm, 11.5 hours on 10/16/2011

5:00 am – 7:00 am, 2 hours on 10/17/2011

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7:30 am – 7:30 pm, 12 hours on 10/15/2011

7:30 am – 7:30 pm, 12 hours on 10/16/2011

5:00 am – 7:00 am, 2 hours on 10/17/2011

I sent the updates [redacted] and put them into [redacted] ir.

Thanks,

[redacted]

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Federal Protective Service
Region 5, District 3

Desk: [redacted]

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From:

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Subject:

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Friday, October 28, 2011 6:40 AM

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Occupy Detroit Update & their Demonstration: Peaceful/Planned-Spot Report-Region 5-11B033811

(b)(6),(b7)(c)

Approximately 0446 hours this morning: approximately 100+ tents; 100+ people; 33 degrees; clear weather overnight; protesters are peaceful; no warming station; no media; no local police on scene.

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Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2011 7:29 PM

Subject: Demonstration:Peaceful/Planned-Spot Report-Region 5-11B033811

Spot Report 11B033811

Battle Creek Megacenter

Event ID 11033811

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1. Crime/Incident:

DEMONSTRATION: PEACEFUL

2. Summary:

PSO (b)(6),(b7)(c) reported that approximately one hundred (100) demonstrators came within a block of this location, but remained off federal property. They blocked the exit to the federal facility for approximately forty-five (45) minutes. There was no violence reported and local media and local PD were on scene. FPS Inspector (b)(6),(b7)(c) was advised.

3. Date/Time of Incident:

10/27/2011 @ 13:56

4. City/State:

Detroit, MI

5. Point of Contact:

Inspector (b)(6),(b7)(c)

6. Case Control Number:

B11013599

7. Incident Activity Code:

1420

8. Building Name:

Ambassador Bridge Annex

9. Address:

3033 W Porter St., Bldg NO. 2

10. Agent/Officer Assigned:

(b)(6),(b7)(c) Inspector

11. Prepared By:

Operator (b)(6),(b7)(c)

(b)(6),(b7)(c)

12. Megacenter Notification:

10/27/2011 @ 19:07 Eastern

13. Authorized By:

SOP

14. Transmitted:

10/27/2011 @ 19:28 Eastern

15. Spot Report #:

11B033811

Battle Creek MegaCenter

877-4FPS-411

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Thursday, October 27, 2011 8:37 AM

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Occupy Detroit update

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To: (b)(6),(b7)(c)
Subject: Re: Occupy Detroit

We are not making any decision right now to move them out as of yet. However, I have been tasked with coming up with a exit strategy for us Sent on the Sprint(r) Now Network from my BlackBerry(r)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6),(b7)(c)
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2011 12:53:56
To: (b)(6),(b7)(c)
(b)(6),(b7)(c)
Subject: Occupy Detroit

(b)(6),(b7)(c)

I'm hearing in news that these are being broken up in California and Georgia. What is the plan for the Occupy Detroit group in Grand Circus Park? I have been checking and reporting daily and sending it up.

Thanks,

(b)(6),(b7)(c)

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From: (b)(6),(b7)(c)
Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2011 5:28 AM
To: (b)(6),(b7)(c)
Cc: (b)(6),(b7)(c)
Subject: Occupy Detroit

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Approximately 0510 hours; 100+ tents; 150 people; 59 degrees; light rain; two taken to local hospital by other protesters with a blood sugar and breathing issues according to protester I spoke to; peaceful; no media; no local police on scene.

Thanks,

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From: (b)(6),(b7)(c)
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 3:27 PM
To: Undisclosed Recipients
Subject: Occupy Detroit - activity for week of October 18, 2011

Please see below for an update on what is happening this week with the "Occupy Detroit" group.

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[Please share these Occupy Detroit events with FEB members:](#)

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From:

(b)(6),(b7)(c)

Sent:

Monday, October 17, 2011 11:53 AM

To:

(b)(6),(b7)(c)

Subject:

Operation Plan "Occupy Michigan"

(b)(6),(b7)(c)

Detail completed about 30 minutes ago, no arrests, all peaceful.

Thanks,

(b)(6),(b7)(c)

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)

Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2011 4:30 PM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)

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From:
Sent:
To:

(b)(6),(b7)(c)

Subject:

Occupy Detroit today at corner of Woodward and Jefferson

People are starting to assemble in front of the Spirit of Detroit statue at the corner of Woodward and Jefferson. You may want to remind your staff to avoid that intersection if possible on their way home.

The announced plan was for protesters to gather at the statue at 4:00 pm and march north to Grand Circus Park. Woodward avenue should be congested so an alternate route should be taken out of downtown today.

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From: NC4
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2011 11:49 AM
To: Undisclosed recipients
Subject: Planned Event at Denver, CO (Updated)

Colorado State Capitol- At least 23 arrests reported after troopers cleared out Occupy Denver camp.

Incident Location:
USA - CO - Colorado State Capitol
Colorado State Capitol
Denver, CO, 80203-1776

Incident: Advisory
Incident Type: Planned Event
Severity: Minor
When this Happened: 10/14/2011 01:31 AM EDT (10/13/2011 10:31 PM PDT)

Description:
Occupy Denver protests are expected to continue throughout the day after Colorado State Patrol troopers moved into the park and removed all tents and protesters this morning. Governor John Hickenlooper issued a deadline at 11:00pm MDT stating that protesters were not allowed to protest between the hours of 11:00pm and 5:00am. Media reports indicate that 23 people were arrested.

Information Quality: Media
Source: Media
Updated Date: 10/14/2011 11:52 AM EDT (10/14/2011 08:52 AM PDT)

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From: (b)(6),(b7)(c)
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2011 5:40 AM
To: (b)(6),(b7)(c)
Cc: (b)(6),(b7)(c)
Subject: Operation Plan "Occupy Michigan"

(b)(6),(b7)(c)

Please handle and get back to (b)(6),(b7)(c) and me today.

Thanks,

(b)(6),(b7)(c)

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From: (b)(6),(b7)(c)
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2011 6:38 AM
To: (b)(6),(b7)(c)
Cc: (b)(6),(b7)(c)
Subject: RE: Operation Plan "Occupy Michigan"

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Please review and make the appropriate revisions...

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Once completed, please resubmit to DRD (b)(6),(b7)(c) as I will be on leave beginning next week.

Regards

(b)(6),(b7)(c)

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From: (b)(6),(b7)(c)
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 3:13 PM
To: (b)(6),(b7)(c)
Cc:
Subject: Operation Plan "Occupy Michigan"

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For your review, edit, and forwarding sir.

Thanks,

(b)(6),(b7)(c)

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Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 7:48 AM

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From: (b)(6),(b7)(c)
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2011 9:06 AM
To: (b)(6),(b7)(c)
Subject: FW: MI SAB-46-2011, Occupy Michigan Protests

FYI.

From: (b)(6),(b7)(c)
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2011 8:18 AM
To: (b)(6),(b7)(c)
(b)(6),(b7)(c)
Subject: FW: MI SAB-46-2011, Occupy Michigan Protests

SUMMARY

In September 2011, numerous individuals began an event known as Occupy Wall Street. This event is a leaderless resistance movement involving individuals who claim they are the 99% who will no longer tolerate the greed and corruption of the 1%. They feel the citizens need to play a role in the solution and can no longer afford to let "corporate greed and corrupt politics set the policies for our nation." In solidarity, other events in numerous cities across the U.S. have been scheduled.

Below is a list of the Michigan protest locations.

Occupy Detroit 10/21/2011, 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. Roosevelt Park at the Train Station, Vernor Highway

Occupy Detroit 10/21/2011, 1 p.m. Hart Plaza * SEE "OTHER INFO" BELOW

Occupy Lansing 10/15/2011, 10 a.m. – 10/17/2011, 12 p.m. Capitol Steps * SEE OTHER INFO BELOW

Occupy Flint Proposed 10/1/2011, 12 p.m. Flint City Hall * SEE OTHER INFO BELOW

Occupy Ann Arbor To Be Determined Federal Building proposed * SEE OTHER INFO BELOW

OTHER INFORMATION

Several Michigan-based social network sites have been created to organize the protest information. Occupy **Detroit shows over**

400 individuals attending and Occupy Lansing reflects over 300 attending. On the Occupy Detroit page, one individual proposed

the group do "flash protests" at various locations in and around Detroit. According to open source monitoring, no specific threats have been identified. Those posting comments to the sites acknowledge the locations they have proposed for protesting which may result in their arrest for trespassing. The MIOC will continue monitoring these events for threat information. Information cannot be collected or maintained solely on First Amendment protected activities or on the basis of any racial, ethnic, religious, political or other profile.

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Inspector

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PRE-EVENT BRIEFING

Date: 10/07/2011 Report Number: 05-PEB-001-2012 Source: Open Source Prepared By: Intel Res Specialist (b)(6),(b7)(c) Reviewed By: TMB Chief (b)(6),(b7)(c)	Dissemination List <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">(b)(6), (b)(7)(c)</div>
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OCCUPY LANSING, MI PROTESTS

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Event:

From the organizer’s website: “On September 17, 2011, people from all across the United States of America and the world came to protest the blatant injustices of our times perpetuated by the economic and political elites. On the 17th we as individuals of this great nation rose up against political disenfranchisement and social and economic injustice. We spoke out, resisted, and successfully occupied Wall Street. Today, we proudly remain in Liberty Square, constituting ourselves as autonomous political beings engaged in non-violent civil disobedience and building solidarity based on mutual respect, acceptance, and love. It is from these reclaimed grounds that we say to all Americans and to the world, Enough! How many crises does it take? We are the 99% and we have moved to reclaim our mortgage future.

“Through a direct democratic process, we have come together as individuals and crafted these principles of solidarity, which are points of unity that include but are not limited to:

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2. Exercising personal and collective responsibility;
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5. Redefining how labor is valued;
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“We are daring to imagine a new socio-political and economic alternative that offers greater possibility of equality. We are consolidating the other proposed principles of solidarity, after which demands will follow.”¹

¹ <http://occupylansing.us>

Details:

12 PM

October 15-17, 2011

315 West Allegan (Capitol Steps)

400 S. Capitol Ave.

Lansing, MI 48933

Anticipated crowd size:

(U) Unknown

Potential for Crowd Violence:

~~(U//LES)~~ Demonstrators may try to generate media attention by various tactics such as civil disobedience and/or trying to engage law enforcement personnel to provoke a response.



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PRE-EVENT BRIEFING

Date: 10/07/2011

Report Number: 05-PEB-014-11

Source: Open Source

Prepared By: Intel Res Specialist

Reviewed By: TMB Chief

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7. The belief that education is human right; and
8. Endeavoring to practice and support wide application of open source.

“We are daring to imagine a new socio-political and economic alternative that offers greater possibility of equality. We are consolidating the other proposed principles of solidarity, after which demands will follow.”¹

¹ <http://occupylansing.us>

Details:

12 PM

October 15-17, 2011

315 West Allegan (Capitol Steps)

400 S. Capitol Ave.

Lansing, MI 48933

Anticipated crowd size:

(U) Unknown

Potential for Crowd Violence:

~~(U//LES)~~ Demonstrators may try to generate media attention by various tactics such as civil disobedience and/or trying to engage law enforcement personnel to provoke a response.

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DAILY INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING

11.8.11 – REGION 5

Occupy Protests Reporting

Illinois

~~(U//FOUO)~~ Chicago 11/8/2011 – No change

Group congregates daily in front of the Bank of America at the corner of Jackson and S. LaSalle, some stay overnight most depart and return daily. Chicago has denied their application for permit to stay in Grant Park.

Peaceful

~~(U//FOUO)~~ Chicago 11/7/2011 - The Occupy group joined a planned demonstration (Medicare Benefits Jane Addams Senior Caucus group) at the John Kluczynski Federal Building 230 S. Dearborn on the Plaza. A permit was granted for the Senior Caucus group for approximately 250 persons. The occupy movement group brought the 250 estimates up to approximately 1000 people total in attendance. Chicago Police arrested approximately 50 people for Civil Disobedience, arrests were Peaceful.

Indiana

~~(U//FOUO)~~ Nothing being reported by the District

Ohio

~~(U//FOUO)~~ Nothing being reported by the District

~~(U//FOUO)~~ Open Source reports: (From the web pages)

Cincinnati

Ongoing protest party

WhenTue, November 8, 10:00pm – Wed, November 9, 1:30am

WherePiatt Park and the surrounding streets

DescriptionWe're in the park until it closes at 10pm, and then we're taking it to the streets until 1:30am and beyond! Come join us and make your voice heard on the serious problems our nation faces!

Source: <http://www.occupycincy.org/events>

Columbus

Tuesday, November 8

All day

EVERY DAY! Ongoing Statehouse Occupation 24/7

All day

Election Day!

7:00pm

General Assembly

WhenTue, November 8, 7pm – 9pm

WhereOhio Statehouse Occupation

DescriptionThe next general assembly will be held Tues at 7pm. Please take time to vote and bring proposals/questions to the group.

Source: <http://www.occupycolumbus.org/>

Michigan

~~(U//FOUO)~~ Detroit 11/8/2011 – No change

Group is located at Grand Circus Park, directly across the street from the HIDTA / MIOC offices at 28 West Adams, approximately 100+ tents; 100+ people. **Peaceful**

~~(U//FOUO)~~ Lansing 11/8/2011 – No change

Group is located at Reutter Park, adjacent to the Ingham County Veterans Memorial Courthouse downtown, approximately 22+ tents; 50+ people. **Peaceful**

~~(U//FOUO)~~ Ann Arbor 11/8/2011 – No change

Group is located at Liberty Park, two blocks east of the Ann Arbor Federal Building downtown, approximately 3+ people. **Peaceful**

~~(U//FOUO)~~ **Open Source reports: (From the web page)**

Day of Action for the 99%

Kalamazoo, MI

November 17, 2011 04:30PM to 06:00PM

Event Description:

After votes by Congress to block the President's jobs plan, and on the eve of the Super Committee's recommendations to enact more job-killing budget cuts, Kalamazoo community members will declare an "Economic Emergency for the 99%" on Thursday, November 17 and march across the I-94 Business Loop/ E. Michigan Avenue Bridge, calling on Congress to create jobs, stop cuts, and make Wall Street banks pay.

The demonstration is part of a national day of protests at decaying bridges on November 17 against policies that have enriched the 1% and impoverished the 99%. People nationwide will gather at structurally unsound bridges and other sites in need of repair to demand that America be put back to work now. Protestors will call on Congress to create jobs, stop cuts, and make Wall Street banks pay.

Three years after Wall Street wrecked our economy, 25 million people are still unable to find full-time work and the gap between the 1% and the 99% continues to grow. But instead of creating jobs, Congress continues to ignore the concerns of the 99%, and focuses on job-killing budget cuts and tax giveaways for the rich.

Location:

I-94 Business Loop/E. Michigan Ave. Bridge (Across the street from the Rose Park Veterans Memorial)

Kalamazoo, MI

49007

Source: <http://local.we-r-1.org/weareone/events/show/4858>

Minnesota

~~(U//FOUO)~~ Minneapolis/St. Paul 11/8/2011 – No change

Group is located at the People's Plaza, which is about two blocks from the Minneapolis FCH. The local PD has a 24/7 task force monitoring their activity, approximately 12 people. **Peaceful**

~~(U//FOUO)~~ **Open Source reports: (From the web page)**

Join us Tuesday, November 8th in The People's Plaza (Hennepin County Government Center, 300 S 6th St. Minneapolis, MN) at 3:00pm as we rally and carpool together to defend the home of a family currently facing foreclosure and demand the bank renegotiate their mortgage to keep the family in their home.

3:00pm – Rally at the plaza and carpool

4:15pm – Set up tents and banners at the home (33rd and 6th St N, Minneapolis)

5:00pm – Rally at the home (33rd and 6th St N, Minneapolis)

7:00pm – General assembly to discuss strategy for organizing around and defending foreclosed homes

Bring your tents, sleeping bags, signs and banners to redecorate the yard! The owner has invited us to spend the night and to maintain an ongoing presence at her home.

More details to come, but for now we are maintaining the element of surprise for the action to prevent the bank from trying to evict the family before we mobilize to defend them.

We will release the address of the home the day of the occupation for people who want to meet us at the home.

We've shown that when we stand together we can fight and we can win.

We are the 99%.

Source: <http://www.occupymn.org/>

Wisconsin

~~(U//FOUO)~~ Madison 11/8/2011 – No change

Group is located at a auto dealership parking lot and using it as a camp for approximately 35 people, it is located approximately 2.5 miles from the nearest federal facility.

~~(U//FOUO)~~ **Open Source reports: (From the web page)**

Tuesday, November 8

7:00pm

Coordinating Committee

When Tue, November 8, 7:00pm – 8:30pm Where (meets after GA at site, may move to an indoor location)

Source: <http://occupy-madison.org/>

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The Occupy Movement...

The "Occupy Movement" began with a demonstration that took place in Manhattan's Liberty Square (Financial District) on September 17, 2011. This demonstration was named "Occupy Wall Street" (OWS) and since then, the "Occupy Movement" generated steam and began creating spin-off demonstrations within various cities throughout the world. According to the OWS website, their goal is "...fighting back against the corrosive power of major banks and multinational corporations over the democratic process, and the role of Wall Street in creating an economic collapse that has caused the greatest recession in generations. The movement is inspired by popular uprisings in Egypt and Tunisia, and aims to expose how the richest 1% of people are writing the rules of an unfair global economy that is foreclosing on our future."¹

Their slogan is "We are the 99%". This is in relation to the above quote, where they state that the richest 1% of the population are the ones responsible for creating a unfair global economy which restrains the remaining 99% from being able to achieve certain economic opportunities. They state that they will "No longer tolerate the greed and corruption of the 1%."²

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Throughout the country, the majority of these demonstrations have been conducted peacefully without arrests. However, some demonstrations have led to arrests for non-violent civil disobedience and other crimes. On Tuesday October 25, Oakland (CA) police deployed tear gas and rubber bullets in an effort to disperse a group of protestors. This resulted in numerous injured protestors and minor property damage caused by protestors in response.

Region 5 Implications...

In all six Region 5 states, there have been no arrests of individuals who are associated with the Occupy Movement by FPS law enforcement personnel. Most demonstrations, occurring in these states, have been conducted peacefully and off of federal property.

The largest Occupy action currently taking place in Region 5 is located in Chicago, IL. It is being held at the Federal Reserve Bank building at Jackson & LaSalle. This demonstration has been conducted peacefully and usually includes marches up and down Chicago streets. Occasionally, these demonstrators cross onto federal property at 77 West Jackson and 203 S. Dearborn St. There have not been any reports of criminal activity on these federal properties associated with the Occupy Movement.

¹ <http://occupywallst.org/about/>

² <http://www.occupytogether.org/faq/>

Analysis...

At this time there is no known credible threat to federal facilities by individuals linked to the Occupy Movement. Most demonstrations are taking place off of federal facilities. The most likely encounter that demonstrators will have with federal property is when they are marching from one place to another.

Due to the popularity of the Occupy Movement, I assess that these demonstrations will continue to occur for the foreseeable future.

Locations of Occupy Movement Actions in Region 5...³

The following list shows current demonstrations occurring in Region 5 states.

Occupy Aurora	Illinois	Aurora	(b)(7)e	
Occupy Carbondale	Illinois	Carbondale		@OccupyCdale
Occupy Champaign-Urbana	Illinois	Champaign-Urbana		@occupycu
Occupy Chicago	Illinois	Chicago		@OccupyChicago #occupychi
Occupy Kankakee	Illinois	Kankakee		
Occupy Normal	Illinois	Normal		
Occupy Peoria	Illinois	Peoria		
Occupy Rockford	Illinois	Rockford		@OccupyRockford
Occupy Springfield	Illinois	Springfield		
Occupy Anderson	Indiana	Anderson		
Occupy Bloomington	Indiana	Bloomington		
Occupy Columbus	Indiana	Columbus		
Occupy Elkhart	Indiana	Elkhart		

³ <http://www.occupytogether.org/actions/>

Occupy Evansville	Indiana	Evansville	(b)(7)e	
Occupy Fort Wayne	Indiana	Fort Wayne		@OccupyFortWayne
Occupy Indianapolis	Indiana	Indianapolis		
Occupy Kokomo	Indiana	Kokomo		
Occupy LaFayette	Indiana	LaFayette		
Occupy Portage	Indiana	Portage		
Occupy Smalltown Indiana	Indiana			
Occupy South Bend	Indiana	South Bend		
Occupy Valparaiso	Indiana	Valparaiso		
Occupy Ann Arbor	Michigan	Ann Arbor		
Occupy Brighton	Michigan	Brighton		
Occupy Detroit	Michigan	Detroit		@OccupyDetMI
Occupy Flint	Michigan	Flint		@OccupyFlint
Occupy Grand Rapids	Michigan	Grand Rapids		@OccupyGRmedia
Occupy Kalamazoo	Michigan	Kalamazoo		
Occupy Lansing	Michigan	Lansing		occupylansing
Occupy Michigan	Michigan			
Occupy Muskegon	Michigan	Muskegon		
Occupy Saginaw	Michigan	Saginaw		

Occupy Saline	Michigan	Saline	(b)(7)e	
Occupy Southeast Michigan	Michigan			
Occupy the UP	Michigan	Marquette		
Occupy Traverse City	Michigan	Traverse City		
Occupy Alexandria	Minnesota	Alexandria		
Occupy Menneapolis	Minnesota	Minneapolis		
Occupy Minnesota	Minnesota	Minneapolis		@OccupyMN
Occupy Rochester	Minnesota	Rochester		
Occupy Twin Ports-Duluth	Minnesota, Wisconsin	Duluth, Super		
Occupy Akron	Ohio	Akron		@OccupyAkron
Occupy Athens	Ohio	Athens		
Occupy Canton	Ohio	Canton		@OccupyCanton
Occupy Cincinnati	Ohio	Cincinnati		@OccupyCincy
Occupy Cleveland	Ohio	Cleveland		#occupycleveland
Occupy Columbus	Ohio	Columbus		@Occupy_Columbus
Occupy Dayton	Ohio	Dayton		@OccupyDayton
Occupy Defiance	Ohio	Defiance		
Occupy Findlay	Ohio	Findlay		

Occupy Kent State	Ohio	Kent	(b)(7)e	
Occupy Toledo	Ohio	Toledo		
Occupy Youngstown	Ohio	Youngstown		
Occupy Appleton	Wisconsin	Appleton		@OccupyAppleton
Occupy Green Bay	Wisconsin	Green Bay		
Occupy La Crosse	Wisconsin	La Crosse		
Occupy Madison	Wisconsin	Madison		@OccupyMadison99
Occupy Milwaukee	Wisconsin	Milwaukee		@OccupyMilwaukee
Occupy Saint Croix Falls	Wisconsin	Saint Croix Falls		

Contact...

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